

UHRICHVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday January 27th, 2022

Council President Robert Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-No, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Jen Wright.

Prayer was led by Councilwoman Mann. She is going to try and set up a preacher to come, if a council member has someone they would like to have come please let Jen know.

Excusal of Mr. Miller from the 1/13 meeting- Ms. Myers 1st, Ms. Mann 2nd. Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Miller- abstain, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

Excusal of Mr. Huff from tonight 1/27 meeting. Mr. Zucal 1st, Ms. Mann 2nd. Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from January 13,2022. A motion was made Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Goshorn. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann-Yes; Mr. Miller- sustain, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers- yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Resolution 1886 regarding authorizing selling of property for internet auction. Any questions please call Mayor or Belle.
- Spending policy, lengthy discussion with JJ, nothing found. Missing minutes and resolutions, may want to think about offsite cloud storage so this is doesn't happen in the future.
- Like to thank the Fire, Police and Street departments for all their hard work the past storm. We used around 100 ton of salt working > 16 hrs. at some points. Mayor did come out to work a few days to help plow. Main roads are done 1st, secondary ones done next. Priority are EMS/Fire routes.
- Intel facility in Licking County will be good for this area and increase business here in Tuscarawas County. Been in touch with other Mayors.
- No Union Contracts tonight, hoping to have them next meeting.
 - **Question from Ms. Mann:** Son goes to Intermediate Building, There used to be a Uhrich's Mill Sign by the Bridge that is gone, Mayor stated that it is in our hands and is going to be refurbished and hopefully put back up.
 - The Prescription drug lawsuit settlement, do we know the amount and what we would use it for? Mayor: it will go towards Drug Prevention and Narcan programs
 - Clay Museum grant fund. Is the money going into there from the city or from the grants? Can I look at the amounts to see how it is spent? Mayor: yes, that is in as a line item, we are holders, we write the checks but they can spend how they want. Ms. Myers: The Auditor can help with that and get you a copy.
 - Question from Ms. Myers re: Are we able to review Bargaining contracts before next meeting. Mayor Haney- Yes, we will get those to you beforehand.
 - Has the street sweeper been out? Mayor- it is working but it can't be used when below a certain temperature. It is working and has been out.

- In reference to the Resolution and Spending limit, back in 2020 there was in minute notes, we have to set an example, we are leaders for the community, if we don't follow the rules, how can we expect the community to follow them. We need to set the example, just cautioning in the future. Bring it to council. Mayor: We are unable to do that now. Ms. Myers: Call Buck and have him do a special meeting. President Cottrell: I asked you to do anything over 2,000 dollars make a list and bring it to council. We need to bring it to Finance and say this isn't working. Mayor: This was the year that Terry couldn't buy tires for the firetruck when it slid. President Council: It's back in finance and hope they will come up with something. Mayor: I will be discussing it more with JJ also.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- Internet Policy was requested by myself April 2020 implemented in Sept 2020, had to be in place for GovDeals to sell.
- Found a codified ordinance to spend up to \$10,000 for emergencies for our citizens, example: firetruck tires.
- 3rd Street Bridge: SOQs- 4 applications scored- Richland Engineering, Engineering Associates, MS Associates, Thrasher. Thrasher has scored higher for this project. Recommended to ODOT.
- Trenton Ave. Project- Small city grant \$764,398 total. 600,000+ small city grant, we have to come up with \$148,000 we have applied for OPWC for a match so that is taken care of for that project.
 - Questions:
 - Ms. Mann: Thank you to all who have worked on cleaning up the streets. Trenton Avenue around the school is there anyway to help around that area? Mayor: The school is responsible for their area around the school
 - Is there a way to get salt from the city for the sidewalks? Mayor: no, we are not able to do that.
 - Amy- W. 3rd St- is there a loan? Belle: no- it is 95% funded by ODOT and projected for 2025 and Trenton is 2024
 - Matt- Thanks to the street guys for plowing. Out of the 4 quotes, did you get any references from the other two? Belle: yes- Thrasher did do the bridge design and got a better score this time. Mayor: you call around and get honest answers and you look at how close they are, their budget and if they stay within budget.
 - Bridge on N. Water St. – had calls because some people almost got hit. Can we look at getting it cleared off so no fatalities.
 - Mr. Zucal- Thank you to the Mayor and DOCS- the W. 3rd St and Trenton Ave Projects are awesome. Those are great projects. Safety and service guys thank you for everything during the storm. Can we get with Lola Lewis about the Tree City USA forms? Belle: We don't have any paperwork in the office. Mr. Zucal: I can help if you need me too, I can try and get the worksheets.
 - Mr. Fox- Storm sewers on Water St ext. by High School? Mayor: I know we have had to put a pump station out there. The road we are going to have to berm the road and fix it. That road is on the list to be fixed. It is going to have to be ground down. It is a big project.
 - Mr. Zucal- Any Trail/ ODOT grants for N. Water St Ext? Mayor: ODOT Trails is being looked at. Erin looks at all the grants when things are available. Belle: Thrasher keeps us up to date on any grants available. We are also looking at a pedestrian area at McCauley Drive. We have lots of pictures of wheelchairs and people walking out in that area. It is all in discussion with a TAP grant.
 - Ms. Mann- Mayor you had spoken with Ms. Smith about a community garden. Mayor: We did say she could look at the area and use it if she maintains it. Belle: If you and Diana want to bring in plan to show us, that would be great.

Law Director James J. Ong:

Auditor Becky Carpenter:

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Ohio Ethics Commission- Follow up on new incumbents
- Ohio Municipal League- Updating new officials

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox- Nothing to report

Ms. Myers- Nothing to report

Mr. Miller- Nothing to report

Mr. Zucal- Nothing to report

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Update funding westside park- Mayor: talk to TCYBL about helping and concrete and get things funded. Donation of concrete and light poles. Mr.Fox: Shed behind field and building to help clean up the equipment? Mayor: We just had that discussion about clean up, Due to area and what is underground you are limited on what can be there. Mr. Fox: Banners on ballfield. Mayor: they kept them up for 2021 due to the season in 2020 and they were paid by the sponsors, the city provides the flags.

Ms. Myers – nothing to report

Ms. Mann- Can the Youth Center be revisited, yes

Mr. Miller- nothing to report

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing to report

Mr. Zucal- nothing to report

New Business

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report

Ms. Myers – Celebration this past Saturday at the HS for the 1981 HS Girls BB Team. The team sold shirts and \$2 for every shirt went to Breast cancer awareness. Congrats to them for this accomplishment. Also – copies of vacant land to Wendy and Bill. Thank you to Street dept for their work

Ms. Mann- Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller- Nothing to report.

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal- I appreciate Mr. President and Ms. Mann the prayer before the meeting.

Visitors:

- Fire Chief Edwards: 1577 calls we ended the year. 1235 in 2020. Ahead of last year.
- Ms. Myers, Mr. Zucal and Mr. Miller Thanked them for what they do.
- Ambulance vs. Deer- 4am on 250, NFPD did come to transport pt to hospital. We do have some estimates, just waiting on when it can go in and not sure how long it will be to fix due to parts.
 - Questions:
 - Ms. Mann- Do we have access to the Overdose hotspot that the Ohio Addiction TASC force uses? Chief Edwards: I usually just call Wes Halter at NFPD he is my point of contact. Ms. Mann- there is a counselor through Judge Hillyer's court.
 - President Cottrell: Thank you for EMS and your leadership. It was one of the greatest things we did here. Along with Chief Beal and Street Dept, please come here with anything you need.

- Chief Beal: We had 4,899 calls in 2021. That is average for us. The waterpump went out in the Tahoe, it was under warranty, towed and fixed the next day. We didn't receive the body worn camera grant. Jail contract- there are some changes. We will have to cover pre-arranged medical costs and guarding that prisoner. Had an officer on sick leave since November 2021.
 - Questions:
 - Ms. Myers- Body Camera- Since you didn't get the grant, we will have to use the original money planned? Mayor/Chief: yes- the ARF Grant will have to be used.
 - Chief Beal- we do need another officer, sooner than later would be great.
 - Talking roads- Jaycee Drive- the ruts and standing water around Holiday and Gatchell. Mayor: I agree and have been in discussion with Aleris. We have had Jeff down there to try doing some blade patching. Also agreeing with the chief, he has done a great job with scheduling being an officer down. Chief: We could have a study done, I spoke with the afternoon Sgt., He stated he was on a call and had to have Dennison come over and handle a call for us. Mr. Fox: do we assist them in return? Chief: yes, usually we assist them, we don't usually do a full call for them, but occasionally it does happen. Belle: Addt'l officer could be funded through the ARF funds. This is a serious problem. Mr. Fox: I would like to see more people on the street dept, where it is short too. Belle: We can use gasoline tax for the hiring of another street person. The police dept doesn't have the independent funding to do that and hire someone. Mr. Fox- What about the training, pension and everything in the long run? Belle: we could budget for that, we could use the ARPA funding for the study, that way you would have the study before you. Mr. Fox: Do we need to spend \$10,000 on the study? Ms. Mann: It would be an investment in the community. President: We probably do need it if we are questioning if we don't need one. I have put it into finance committee a few times that we do need to add a cop that may turn into a detective. I am going to put it into the finance committee to look into. The other funds we can look at for the street dept. The police dept does need help. Mr. Fox- I thought the Gas Tax was specific for paving, sidewalks. Mayor: It goes to the street dept for any thing to run it, maintenance and personnel. Chief: The License plate tax also. Ms. Mann: I am 100% in agreement with needing more police. I feel like the \$10,000 would be an investment long term in the community if we have it. Chief: To me the \$10,000 is expensive when it is something we already know, we aren't getting any extra grant money from this. If some of you are in doubt that we need this, then yes, we need to do this study. Spending \$10,000 is not spending wisely if everyone is in agreement we need another officer. If any member is truly not in agreement then we should spend the money and have the survey done. Mr. Zucal: 100% behind needing more officers. Trying to get creative to find the money. Lack of growth is a concern. Street dept needs more people, the Fire dept is doing an outstanding job. We have to think about all the extras. The inflation costs with fuel, tires,etc. The study gives us the answer we all already know. I think we just need to be cautious and creative with our spending. I would like to see a good solid look at our finances to move forward. Ms. Mann: so, we don't need a study? Chief: we don't, it is an unneeded expenditure if we all agree we need another officer.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:


- See Attached

Other Discussions:

- Mr. Fox- Any damage to new plow on Truck- coming down 11th St.? Mayor: it is designed to be a breakaway piece. We are going to get a backup piece and then try to have one fabricated.
- **President Cottrell:** Motion to Adjourn Mr. Zucal, Mr. Miller.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09p.m.


Jen Wright
Clerk of Council


Robert Cottrell
Council President

