

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday May 12th, 2022

Council President 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. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Cottrell.

Motion was made to Excuse Mr. Huff. 1st- Ms. Mann 2nd – Mr. Goshorn. Roll Call- Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Mr. Engstrom- Yes, Mr. Zucal- yes.

Council President asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2022. A motion was made Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Engstrom. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Zucal - Yes, Ms. Myers- Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Street Dept working at Waterpark, expect to put water in next week. Electrical is almost done in pump house. Test fountain next week. New employee meeting with Brenda. Auditor was there to help with paperwork.
- **Basketball Court** 1st hoop is up. Next week lights up and lines to be put on.
- Last Saturday the new scoreboard at Jackson Field was dedicated. No games due to rain. It is a nice addition to the field. Old scoreboard will go to Dennison field.
- **Paving** street crews are out and patching. New dump truck is in. Mini hoe here in June.
- **E. 11th** next project- 4 catch basins and pipe to be put in to Uhrich St. It will be the 1st street to be done in the Paving Contract.
- **First Federal** Letter read and submitted.
 - President Cottrell read a letter requesting that this be submitted to the Finance Committee and that interest rates be looked at and that Dover Phila Credit Union be looked at also.

? - **Mr. Fox-** Clean up at waterpark, chairs and pressure washed also, have we looked into the locker situation at the waterpark? Answer- Fountain next week, chairs next week, pressure washing after slides are done, fence company is coming to look next week. We don't want to disturb concrete.

Can Handicap parking spots be made available by the ballpark and park. Answer- yes, it is being looked into already to have designated areas.

Stone entrance at park, have we looked into this? Answer- yes, Civiello Construction is going to donate his time and do this because Buckeye was unable to do this before the end of the year and he offered.

Mayor- The other issue while on the subject of the park is the multiple incidents of vandalism. I have spoken with Chief Beal and if we catch the kid, we will deal with the parent. The vulgarity and what we are dealing with is ridiculous. This is the warning. We are investing in cameras which is more money. We are adding cameras because this is ridiculous. Do you have any ideas?

Mr. Fox- Make sure the WIFI is working, also with extra Police officer, have them do more rounds.

Ms. Myers- Street Painting? Answer- after paving is done we are planning on it, possibility evening. We don't have the paving list. Garage Sales are same as Dennison's.

Idea for fundraising for Waterpark- Business of the day- charge to have an announcement during breaktime for a certain amount.

Water pipes- winterizing didn't get done correctly due to automatics being installed.

Thank you for the free library and donating to the Car Show.

Who is Patty Sensbach? Answer- she is the new Admin. Assistant, the previous person got accepted into a program for advanced college programs, which would put her gone for 4 days out of the week.

Brownfield Grants? Answer- Brownfield is different. I will let Belle Explain.

Mr. Zucal- Paving, can we see a list? Answer- Yes- you can, we take the lists that you all submit and compile them to one list and prioritize. We bid out more than we can that way we can plan ahead. This year is going to be different because of price increases.

Signage on W.7th, there are signs that aren't legible by the schools, are we able to take a look at them and possibly replace them. Answer- we can look at removing them and replacing some.

ODOT limiting their mowing, new way of doing business, off ramp 36 and McCauley Drive. We need to look at that. Answer- last year we did mow that area. ODOT did spray a vegetative retardant. Tom Sprowls started this year to help with mowing and our other college student starts in 2 weeks.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- Applied for Demolition grant, 4 properties, 3 which are priorities. We had already approved 521 E. 1st. 417 Cross, 133 W. 3rd and 521 E. 1st, Started Foreclosure already. Submitted paperwork.
- Met with Larry Limburgh on properties that haven't paid taxes on. Currently the properties in the City \$379,130.16 in delinquencies.
- Personnel Policy with Zashin and Rich, they are finishing it up and then it will be presented to Council.
- Attended Buckeye Adult Education Advisory Board Meeting
- Landlord Fees- we have started filing delinquent fees with the courts. We split them up in 3 batches.
- Evaluations and have them for Executive Session.

? - **Mr. Fox-** Down by Family Dollar it looked like we were paving not filling potholes. I feel like our guys are not a paving crew. Answer- That is actually called blade patching. We cannot subcontract that work out that we have equipment to do or else there will be grievances filed. They do an excellent job. We have had calls from residents regarding alleys saying thank you for fixing. We do fix alleys. Mayor- there is one down on your end by Domino's, Gorley and Shamel. I instructed them to blade patch, it is something we can do in house and solves problems in the meantime. We can do something to maintain them for a few years. Next week we will be testing a new piece of equipment with our hot box.

Mr. Zucal- Thank you, I think what we need to do is put a list together from Council. Answer- yes- we have to remember we do things with our business community too not just our residents.

Lola Lewis- if you reach out to her, she will take care of the final steps for the Tree City USA.

Mr. Engstrom- the property 328 E. High, letter from neighbor. I went up to check out that property. The door was open, the windows are busted out. There are also some other properties that needed taken care of. 408 E. High. Answer- I spoke with the owner and told them they had to get it off the property after

the fire they had. Thank you, Terry, for serving, he met with myself and Thrasher about the 3rd Street Bridge. We are looking for some extra funding for sidewalks and tie ins.

Mr. Fox- Foreclosures- we have budgeted money to start on that. Answer- The houses I submitted are only good for that grant money. We have to wait for that money to come it. This is a new process from the State for the county. Mayor- we are looking at other properties also. JJ- Ohio Building Demolition Program is what Belle is speaking about, Brownfield is more Commercial. With OBDP, the property owner agrees to teardown if funding is available. JJ explains the difference between these and options for the city. What to do with these properties and how to go about these in the future. President- Is there a list that we can look at for Delinquencies? Belle- yes. Mr. Zucal- the previous list from Mr. Harmon is a good start and we should use this. JJ- Agree- maybe have 4-5 houses every year and go from there every year.

Law Director James J. Ong: Nothing new

Auditor Becky Carpenter:

- Conversation with Kathleen and Kip Wahlers for the Bond. May 24th and May 25th are the dates. June 15th the payment for last year will come due.
- The Auditors have been in everyday, we have been given a month extension. I have been able to produce all the documents they have asked for.
- Waterpark Applications- I went through the paperwork and I wanted to be there to get things all together.
- First Federal Bank agreement- My thoughts are it's a good move, due to being in our back yard.

-? - **Mr. Fox-** Whose decision was it to move to First Federal? Answer- it was mine, they have invested in the city. It's convenient for me- I can walk and they pay payroll taxes to the city.

Ms. Myers- thank you for all you do and new suggestions and ideas. I appreciate them.

President Cottrell stated thank you for reaching out and I feel that DPCU deserves to have a chance in this. I just wanted to make sure to have it run into all the channels. Answer- Becky- would they be able to handle the city issues, I will be happy to check it out.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- None

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox- nothing

Ms. Myers- Finance Meeting minutes read and submitted. Next Finance Committee meeting is May 26th @ 6pm. Motion made for Finance Meetings by Mr. Zucal and Seconded by Mr. Goshorn. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes.

Ms. Mann- Nothing

Mr. Engstrom-nothing

Mr. Goshorn- nothing

Mr. Zucal- Attended May Cemetery meeting. Planning, zoning and annexation met at 6pm tonight. We will be pushing for some ordinances to go to JJ. JJ- I need to have an Ordinance meeting so maybe that can be tied in together. So, get with Mr. Huff.

-? Mr. Fox- did they hire anyone to do summer mowing at the cemetery? Answer- yes, they have made some changes and I am going to look into that.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Cemetery meeting 1st- Ms. Mann, 2nd- Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Planning meeting 1st- Ms. Mann, 2nd- Mr. Engstrom. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Enstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Ms. Myers-yes. Minutes will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox- Social Media policy- just want to make council aware of it.

Ms. Myers- Nothing

Ms. Mann- Mr. Zucal- regarding litter control, there is an application you can fill out and do "adopt a highway". Our leaders for Fire and Police deserve a raise and to put that into Finance committee just delays the process and I would ask for it to be brought back out. JJ- if I understand correctly there was not a first reading on them, so there would need to be a motion to bring them back out of finance. Ms. Myers- there was not because they were left blank. We were following protocol and needed to have evaluations and then they could be reviewed and retroactive to January 1st. Belle- I had the evaluations here and filled out at that meeting to go over with you. Ms. Myers- I had asked and no one made the motion for the Executive Session because the Mayor wasn't here. Belle- it was also because JJ wasn't here and that was stated in the minutes, that you wanted the Law Director here. Ms. Myers- I had asked for a motion for an executive session last meeting and no one sitting up here made a motion. JJ- Why don't we have it tonight that way it will take care of Wendy's request and we can review the evaluations and go from there.

Mr. Engstrom- Nothing

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing

Mr. Zucal- Zoning Inspector hired. If not, use a local company to hire. Can the Mayor or DOCS reach out.

New Business

Mr. Fox- Nothing

Ms. Myers- Welcome Twin City Kids LLC. Memorial Day May 30th ceremonies. Clean-up, Gospel Road- non profit July 10-14th, they will be cleaning up in Tuscarawas County. Hosted by Sacred Heart and St. Mary's, maybe get a hopper in the area.

Mr. Engstrom- Nothing

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing

Mr. Zucal-nothing

Ms. Mann- nothing

Visitors:

- Nate Barnabi- observing
- Bryce Murry- observing
- Milana Borovich- nothing
- Rita McPeek- Zoning Map on City Website is "unofficial" is it correct. Is that map also city limits? Answer- yes. Zoning building job description not listed, Not needing to be ICC certified for the City. Can we write up a Job Description for the position? I will be happy to write up a draft and get it to the Mayor. Code Ordinances clarity. Gospel Road- how to contact. Ms. Myers has. Yard Sales-June 3 & 4th, yard sale fees are waved these dates. Community Clean up day- spoke with Mayor Haney- I am happy to help with organizing this, financially and set up. Land Reutilization explained in-depth from JJ. Requested addresses for Demos again. Is there still an inventory of Panhandle Passage trail, the one by the Buckeye House is damaged. Plan to get minutes on the website.
- Mr. Fox commented about community clean up start up early and get it going.
- Ms. Mann spoke with Grace Church about helping some local residents.

- o Edward Beitler- TNR program and have yet to update ordinance to coincide with TNR program. We need major updates to these ordinances. Asking Council to update the ordinance that way it will include family pets and include cats. Answer- refer this to Ordinance Committee
- o Shawn- observing
- o Nathan Crouse- observing and show support to Ms. Mann regarding raises
- o Chief Beal- Felony Stats from last year given out- 508 calls for April.
 - o ? Mr. Fox- PIN Notices- only 14 for the month- Answer: there is listing for trash and littering-there are separate notices from the PIN
 - o Ms. Mann- thank you for this. Noah's Hope-speaking with them and what they help with in the twin cities. They had 22 cases last year.
 - o Mr. Fox- anything on the break in on the Westside. Chief – he was a transient from Washington DC. We dealt with him 2 times prior. We have a felony warrant for his arrest if he comes back through.

President Cottrell says there is \$2800 from the Moose for Donation for purchase of another Taser for the Police Department.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None

Other Discussions:

8:55pm President Cottrell asked for an Executive Session to Discuss Employment Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Emotion or conversation of Public Employees, no outcome is to be expected. Law Director is asked to participate with Mayor.

Executive Session motion made by 1st Ms. Myers 2nd Mr. Zucal ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes.

9:44pm Motion made by Ms. Mann and 2nd by Mr. Goshorn to come out of Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn 9:46pm.


 Jen Wright
 Clerk of Council


 Robert Cottrell
 Council President

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Myers roll call showed Mr. Goshorn and Mr. Zucal in attendance. Also in attendance was Auditor Carpenter.

Mr. Zucal asked Auditor where the city stands financially, he has some concerns and if she could let us know with the income tax compared to this time last year, wants to know where we are with the Tree City Program, since we budgeted money for that and it may have been dropped, over all concerns with the state of the city doesn't feel we are in good shape with the economy. Chairman Myers looked at the current reports and nothing has been out of the Tree City USA line item and Auditor Carpenter doesn't think anything has been spent.

Mr. Goshorn asked what is JED, Joint Economic District, Mr. Zucal explained, you can partner as a group with surrounding cities and villages to bring economic stimulation in the area and create a district which everyone can benefit. Auditor Carpenter mentioned that Rush was a big deal but nothing has happened, it was tied to oil and gas.

Auditor Carpenter says the city is on track, just finished March, and give her time she is still in training. She will try to get us the information that has been requested. Chairman Myers said we appreciate her and if she wants to email us that's fine, she doesn't expect an answer tonight.

Chairman Myers mentioned on the agenda is we are to discuss increasing the law director's salary another \$6000, which would bring his total salary to around \$46,000. Chairman Myers said this was assigned to the Finance Committee before and the priority was the budget. Auditor Carpenter will look into that.

Chairman Myers said the next item on the agenda was that Auditor Carpenter wants to hire an assistant Auditor, full time with benefits. Auditor Carpenter is now receiving both the Auditor and assistant auditor salary since she has been doing both jobs. Council had increased the assistant position when Auditor Carpenter was previously the assistant to \$13.00 per hour, and that Auditor Carpenter has done some research and the position should be full time with benefits between \$15 to \$22 per hour and she believes the works is here and this assistant may end up being the Auditor, maybe not 40 hours but maybe 30 hours, or hire 2 part-time people. The maximum allowable hours per week is 32 as part-time, Chairman Myers will ask Law Director Ong to make sure. Chairman Myers asked where is the money? Auditor Carpenter will look to see where, Chairman Myers said if you come back and say yes and certify the funds are available the Fin Comm would make that recommendation and thank you for looking long term.

Chairman Myers discussed that the last Council meeting we had discussed hiring a company for human resources, Clemens and Nelson, and asked Mr. Zucal to explain. Mr. Zucal that Law Director Ong was an advocate of that, and he appreciates what the Auditor is doing, human resources is a specialty operation and it is only a retainer, maybe \$10,000 per year, basically if anyone has a question they have hot line and telephone calls are free, if you have a legal matter they would help you and assist, we should be doing this and JJ was going to talk to some firms that specialize in this and would keep of out of legal situations.

Chairman Myers asked how much we have spent on the American Relief Plan money; Auditor Carpenter will check.

Chairman Myers asked if the Shelley and Sands Bill was paid, and the large one was, the were here with a punch list but the final has not been paid.

Auditor Carpenter spent the day with working on the waterpark. Rea and Associates was in and that went well and is asking for an extension, and that is on the agenda for tonight's council meeting.

Chairman Myers said there is an ordinance on tonight's agenda as an emergency for the summer help in the service department at \$12 per hour, did we budget for that? Mr. Zucal asked what the minimum wage was, approx.. \$9.40; he thought we had discussed a \$1 more that minimum wage. Auditor Carpenter said last year we paid \$10 per hour.

Chairman Myers asked any other questions no one had any. Mr. Zucal wanted to thank Auditor Carpenter for all she does, and most offices have a support staff, he also feels the Director of City Services should be full time. Mr. Goshorn had nothing to add.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucal to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Myers, Finance Committee Chair

COUNCIL MEETING

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DATE 5/12/22

NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC SPEAKING ABOUT
Nate Barnahi	6610 Wolf Run Rd	
Bryce Murray	5917 Wolf Run Road	
Milana Borgjovich	901e N. Water St.	
Rita McPeak	223 N Water St	MULTIPLE TOPICS
Nicholas McWilliams	WTUZ Radio	
Edward J. Bestler	124 N. Wallace	Animal at Large
Shaosna Bestler	124 N. Wallace Str.	
FAFP President NATHAN ROUSE		
Zachary Lynch		
Sean Luce		
Wes Dillon		
Travis Ballentine		

