

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday March 10th, 2022**

Council President Robert Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. due to some technical difficulties.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-Yes, 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.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from February 24th,2022. A motion was made Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Goshorn. ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox-Yes, Mr. Huff- Yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Special Meeting Minutes from March 2,2022. A motion was made Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff- Yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes.

President Cottrell asked for an Executive session for "1. To discuss with the Law Director regarding the Lawsuit filed against the City of Dennison and to review negotiations with Public employees considering their compensation with other terms and conditions of their employment." Outcome is expected. **Motion made** by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Zucal. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers- Yes, Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-Yes.

President Cottrell stated: When we go into executive session we ask that everyone not even be in the hallway, if you have to go to your car or Mark's office please give us your phone number and we will let you know when we are out of executive session. Becky we just ask you to be available if we need you. Thank you.

Executive Session In: 0704pm

Executive Session Out: 834pm per President Cottrell, Mr. Huff made the motion and Ms. Mann seconded it. Councilwoman Myers took Roll Call: Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes. (Council Clerk was not present for this)

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Mark Haney:**

- Had a meeting with Belle, Al Kohler and Katie Phillips from AEP, for the program where they will purchase our street lights and turn them over to smart controls. They will meter them and we will have one controlled price. That will happen over the next couple of years. New Philadelphia and Uhrichsville are the first interested in the program. They will put smart controls with LED lights and they will be able to control, it will save us about 60%. If they take over the Water St. lights, we can still put the Christmas Decorations on them but we will have to pay what they call a waiver to do that. They will maintain the lights and service them. This is a long term program. Once in place we can talk to them about what area needs lit more and what needs less. Not a quick process. It is on a tariff program.
- Met with Wood Electric this week, went to the Waterpark and looked at repairs that are needing done. Also walked the westside basketball court to see about getting some estimates for that.
- Met with PAHC board about the basketball court at the waterpark. They are going to help us move light poles. Wood electric will help us with getting them hooked up. We might build another

court because we have room too. I am going to have Newton Asphalt come and look at the westside park to see if we can grind up the court and top it instead of completely fixing it

- Next week- Meeting with Thrasher re: Future Projects including the Waterpark and City Building upgrades.
- New Street Dept hire starts Monday and new Police Officer starts March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor's have been looking at Heritage Ohio and I am looking at Ohio Main Street Program, I have already reached out to some business owners to sit on that committee for us to start that program. I may come back to you in the future regarding Downtown reutilization.
- Trash cans- copy handed out to council. Looking at purchasing for the downtown area and park area. 10-15 total
- ? - None

#### **City Services Director Belle Everett:**

- Filling Potholes
- Flood: Conference call with Alex McCarthy re: EMA 2017 mitigation Plan. One home ok to be sold, possible more homeowners to be added. This is down on 4<sup>th</sup> St. A lot of time has been spent on this.
- Vacant Lot- Deed to be signed over for Tax Foreclosure awarded to Engstrom.
- List for Tax foreclosures- 4 properties so far
  - 1<sup>st</sup> St is the #1, JJ: the neighbor is interested in purchasing the property, she is asking council to front the \$2500 under the Land Reutilization and then if the city gets the property she is willing to purchase it from the city.
  - JJ: explained the Land Reutilization program to the new council members.
  - **Motion to Authorize the Tax Foreclosure sale of the 521 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.** Property Made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Goshorn. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers-yes.
  - Questions:
    - Mr. Zucal stated Thank you, anytime we can improve the community
  - Mr. Fox had a question about the house on 4<sup>th</sup> St., the picture in the paper was on 12<sup>th</sup> St. that flooded. Belle: The home I spoke about was on 4<sup>th</sup> St. Chief Beal: that was just a picture of the flood. Belle: there are other homes in the flood plain that could be added to this, the plan is in draft and we should know by May what homes could qualify if they so choose.

#### **Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Ordinances and Resolutions submitted for consideration tonight.
- Tax Foreclosures W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, with a dilapidated garage, Law Enforcement and Mayor have not been able to get any action out of the person who owns. Do we want to criminally charge or try to go after the property for Tax Delinquency? Then we can get it under tax foreclosure. There is no address, just a parcel number. Mayor do you know where it is located at? Mayor: it is around 4<sup>th</sup> St. and North St. It is around the corner from the Flood Mitigation house, you make the turn and it is a 3 stall garage on the left, roof is falling in. We have tried reaching out and the lot is deep. JJ: Parcel No. 41-00141.000 owned by Richard A. Brown. Belle: that garage could possibly be demolished by the city.
  - **Motion Made to move forward with Tax Foreclosure for Parcel No. 41-00141.000** by Mr. Zucal, second by Ms. Myers. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers-yes Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Miller- yes.
  - JJ: so, the process on that will be the City Service Director will get the check to my office and we will remit it to the County Prosecutor's office and they will initiate the Tax Foreclosure process on both the properties you made motions on tonight.
- Alley Vacation from Charles Meese, 215 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St, purchasing property from Connie Young, 1106 Parrish St. Alley runs between, purchase land installment form years ago. He was under the

impression that it was already vacated. JJ explained to Mr. Meese the process and is asking council to refer this to committee if we can proceed with the vacation. President Cottrell referred it to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

- **Confirmation on Council behalf:** President Cottrell, Council is wanting Mayor Haney to reach out to the three Unions and ask for a 30 day extension on contract negotiations. Our 30 days is up on the 16<sup>th</sup>, if you could ask for that extension tomorrow and get back to us. If there is no agreement then Council will have to vote on the proposed contracts at that point. I would ask that Mayor would notify the Unions that a Special Council Meeting is established for March 21, 2022 to again discuss those Union Negotiations so that they know Council is moving forward ask the Mayor to advise the Unions that Council has just recently been provided with financial information so as to make an informed decision on that. Is that the desire of the Council Mr. President? President Cottrell: It is, Mayor can you do that? Mayor: what time is that Special Meeting? President: 5:45pm. JJ: I sent out an email earlier about that. So, it will be 30 days from today.
  - **Mayor:** The address from that 1<sup>st</sup> foreclosure is 521 E. 1<sup>st</sup>
- We had discussion in Executive Session regarding pending litigation, of course we can't talk specifics about that, but I am asking Council to make a motion on how we wish to proceed with legal representation on the pending litigation.
  - **Mr. Huff:** I would like to make a Motion Authorizing the Administration to spend up to \$25,000 and hire Ice Miller regarding the Dennison Tax Issues. **Ms. Mann Seconded it. Discussion:** Mr. Zucal- I will be voting NO, I believe the city deserves a second opinion on that. The Ice Miller letter if you check for record does not have a personal signature on it and I feel that puts the city in jeopardy. I always do what is best for the City of Uhrichville but I think we need a second opinion to get a good objective look at this. Thank you, Mr. President. **President Cottrell:** Anyone else? Mr. Miller- In my opinion I was at one time good for a second opinion. But Ice Miller has put all this time into this and they already made that decision so I feel we should go with Ice Miller. Zucal: Buck in a matter of discussion, I'm not the legal person for the city, but for public record for the media we have a letter again for fact that can be checked that just has Ice Miller and does not have a signature. President Cottrell: that is correct. Anyone else? **Roll Call:** Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- No, Mr. Fox-for the record my vote is no and my reason is also because we should have a second opinion that is just a letter with their opinion so my vote is no., Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers-no, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Miller- yes.
  - **JJ:** Mayor I would ask that you reach out or I can or we both should to get the answer filed timely. President Cottrell: anything else? JJ: nope that's it.

#### **Auditor Becky Carpenter:**

- Last 3-4 weeks have been spent working on the budget. On the debt schedule. We are close and I think the finance committee is going to make a recommendation.
- **Ms. Myers-** Thank you for your hard work for getting all the information. Ms. Mann- thank you for everything and the position you've been put into, you're doing a great job. President Cottrell: yes, thank you.

#### **Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Yes- Dept. of Commerce- Ohio Dept of Liquor License. It is a proposed transfer to get the Alpa Lanes into R. Feisters name. No opposition and will be changed.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Mr. Zucal-** No reports

**Mr. Miller-** none

**Ms. Mann-** Couple of questions about signs and paint? Mayor: paint is here, the sign order will go in a few weeks. We will inventory here to see what we have.

**Forms?** Is there any update on them- I saw that there was for the Departments and Mayor, but I didn't see any forms? Mayor: you can click on the link and it will email, the forms are coming up, we haven't had time yet to work on them.

**Ms. Myers-** Finance committee met 2/24 minutes read and submitted and 3/3 read and submitted.

**Motion to accept Finance Meeting minutes 2/24.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Mann. Roll Call: Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes.

**Motion to accept Finance Meeting minutes 3/3.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fox. Roll Call: Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

**Next finance meeting 3/10.**

Budget meeting was held before tonight's meeting, we did get the Budget together.

JJ: I'll prepare an Ordinance to prepare budget. Ms. Myers: I think it has to be a Resolution. JJ: are you doing a resolution for Permanent Appropriations? Becky: Yes.

**Mr. Fox-** Waterpark Meeting was on 3/2 minutes were read and submitted.

**Motion to accept Waterpark Meeting minutes 3/2.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Zucal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Mann. Roll Call: Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox- yes.

President Cottrell: Do you need a motion or is that going through the Parks committee? Fox: I was going to make a motion tonight but I think I already gave it to the budget; did I already give it to you? Would I have to make a motion to approve that? JJ: for those expenditures? Ms. Myers- some of those have already been figured in. Mr. Fox: yes, they have been figured in, I don't know what the difference would be. Ms. Myers: we had also spoke about using the ARF funds for some too. JJ: do you have any written estimates for those? Mr. Fox: No. JJ: You probably want to get those and then submit those. President Cottrell: yes, get those. Is that it Matt? Mr. Fox: yes.

Mr. Zucal- If I may, I make **Motion for the Mayor and City service director to get 2 quotes for those repairs.** We are dealing with electrical. Mayor: we are dealing with commercial, not residential. 2nd my Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff-yes.

**Mr. Goshorn-** nothing

#### **Old Business:**

**Mr. Zucal-** nothing

**Mr. Goshorn-** nothing

**Mr. Miller-** Nothing

**Ms. Mann-** Nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Letter from Rita McPeck read and submitted on behalf of Clay Museum. Dennison Rotary is doing a Veteran Banner program for the Water Street Banners, they are replacing the banners

**Mr. Huff-**nothing

**Mr. Fox-** nothing

#### **New Business**

Mr. Zucal- Mayor if you could go with me out to Mr. Meese's property to look at it. Mayor: yes, I have looked at it and I can go.

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing

Ms. Mann- Met with 4 ladies who are opening up a Boutique in the first federal building

**Mr. Fox –** Nothing to report

**Ms. Myers-** Brought the Bargain Hunter about the Clay Museum. Ms. Mann: regarding the Coffee shop, are they subleasing? Mayor: I am not sure, I can reach out to Wendy Zucal.

**Mr. Huff-** nothing to report

**Mr. Miller-** Nothing to report.

#### **Visitors:**

- Capt. Nathan Crouse- observing
- FF/Medic Lynch- observing
- FF/Medic Dillon- observing
- Chief Judd Edwards-

- Any questions about the Rush Twp. Resolution?
- February: 155 calls, 126 were EMS as of 2/28 we were at 316
- Thank you to Auditor Becky for your hard work and a treat to work with.
- Star of Life May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at State Transportation Building in Columbus.
- JJ: Resolution if that passes tonight, we can give you a copy tonight to get to Rush Township Trustees.
- Moose donation for Radio Mics- donation was \$4100. Thank you for that. I just had an incident at the fire this week where my mic got turned down and they couldn't hear me when I was inside.
- Chief Beal:
  - 413 calls, investigations ongoing
  - Questions:
  - New police officer starting week of March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mr. Zucal: we discussed in Finance tonight about the funds for a detective, there is support. Auditor Carpenter shared with us that the finances are tight but we are looking at that in the future. Chief Beal: I appreciate that, it would be well utilized. Mr. Zucal: if we had the money we would move on that too. Ms. Mann: thank you for looking into the detective, we really need it and thank you for looking at it.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

President Cottrell: Before we start I am going to assign Ordinance 2 and 3 to the finance committee since we just get the rates. Ms. Myers: thank you for doing that but we discussed it in Finance and went over it in depth with Mark and Auditor Carpenter. So that is not necessary.

- 01-22: **Ordinance to increase Mayor's Spending Limit-Emergency- 2nd Reading**
- 02-22: **Ordinance to Establish rate of Pay for the Waterpark manager for 2022 and thereafter declaring an emergency.**
  - **Motion to Suspend the Rules** 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Myers- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Zucal. Roll Call- Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes.
  - **Motion to Adopt 02-22.** 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Myers- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Zucal. Roll Call- Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes
- 03-22: **Ordinance to Establish Line Item usage for Landlord Registration funds**
  - **Motion to Suspend** 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Myers- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Zucal. Roll Call- Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-no, Ms. Myers-no, Ms. Mann-no, Mr. Miller-no. JJ: Mr. President- this will be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading then tonight. President Cottrell: Because it has to pass by 5 correct. JJ: yes.
- 04-22: **Ordinance establishing the rate of pay for the Uhrichsville Waterpark for 2022 and thereafter**
  - **Motion to Suspend the Rules** 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Myers- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Zucal. Roll Call- Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes.
  - **Motion to Adopt 04-22.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Zucal - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Huff. Roll Call- Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes.
- Resolution 1907: Resolution to enter into agreement with Rush Township with Uhrichsville EMS.
  - Motion to adopt: 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Zucal. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox-yes.
  - JJ: Mr. President I will have the Mayor sign this and have him give it to Chief and he will obtain the signatures on it and then will return it. Clerk: I have one. JJ: keep that copy with your records.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

- See Attached

**Other Discussions:** none

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

  
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Jen Wright  
Clerk of Council

  
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Robert Cottrell  
Council President

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers roll call showed Mr. Zucal and Mr. Goshorn in attendance. Also in attendance were Auditor Carpenter and Mayor Haney.

Auditor Carpenter handed out the proposed budget for the general fund for 2022. Auditor Carpenter said the carryover from 2021 is \$726,000 approximately. The committee went through each page with any questions or discussion. According to Auditor Carpenter, the following was added to the budget, a police officer, increased the amount to hire a zoning inspector, Mr. Zucal suggested that the Mayor contract that out with one of the local engineering firms, Chairman Myers suggested an increase for legal fees, Mr. Zucal suggested increasing the amount for mosquito spray. Chairman Myers asked the Auditor why the line item for the Claymont City Schools payment was blank and asked if she was going to pay it, she replied no as we have a legal opinion. The Mayor mentioned there will be in the capital fund an additional firefighter. Mayor explained he is requesting \$250,000 or more for the paving fund. Chairman Myers asked Mr. Goshorn if he had any questions or concerns, he did not. Chairman Myers asked the Auditor to provide by next meeting any information on vehicle payoffs, maybe with the carryover we can pay off some debt.

Chairman Myers asked the landlord fund, the Ordinance Committee was responsible for that legislation, Mayor Haney said yes but the ordinance doesn't include what the money should be used for.

Chairman Myers asked Mayor Haney to provide in writing the wish lists for all departments by next meeting.

Mr. Zucal asked for reports of the last 3 years of revenues and copes of W2's.

Chairman Myers thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman Myers – the next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 3 @ 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucal to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned: 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Myers, Finance Committee Chair

## Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Myers roll call showed Mr. Goshorn and Mr. Zucal. Also in attendance were Auditor Carpenter and Mayor Haney.

Chairman Myers said follow up from last meeting, she will ask Law Director Ong to prepare legislation to use the money from the Landlord ordinance to pay for the zoning inspector.

Chairman Myers asked Auditor Carpenter if she had received her email and had added her requests to the budget. Auditor Carpenter said she hadn't because our carryover is not what she thought it was and not sure what the final carryover is. She and the Mayor explained they spent the week looking for invoices that hadn't been entered into the system, such as the paving invoice which if \$500,000.

Mr. Zucal wanted to thank Auditor Carpenter for stepping in and wanted to explain his public records request and that it was in no way directed at her personally. He also said that he and Mr. Fox and Ms. Myers have been portrayed as not thinking the city needed another police officer and that is not true, that they wanted to make sure the city had the funds because we didn't know where we ended up financially for 2021.

The committee reviewed the general fund and capital funds with reports provided by the Auditor. Mayor Haney handed out the wish lists for the police and fire departments and verbally reviewed for the service department. Some are the items added to the budget are:

Recycle fund: park benches, trash receptacles, park benches

Street department: part time or seasonal employee; \$500,000 paving invoice

Park levy: west side park expenses

Ambulance and Ems levy: one new EMS employee

American Rescue Plan; we should receive \$278,000 for 2023

Capital Fund: \$30,000 for new restrooms for the city building; new mini backhoe;

Waterpark fund: minimum wage increase; there was a discussion regarding the pump house and Mr. Zucal asked the Auditor to add \$75,000.

- Police department: new police officer; Chairman Myers asked the Auditor to add for a police detective and also a copy of the estimate to upgrade one of the Tahoe's to a K9 unit.

Auditor Carpenter asked why we can't start working on the budget in November instead of February. Chairman Myers said that is an excellent idea that at least the Auditor, Mayor and Finance Chair should start that this year.

Chairman Myers – the next Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 10 @ 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Goshorn to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned: 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Myers, Finance Committee Chair



### Water Park Meeting 3-2-22

The Uhrichsville Water Park Committee met on March 2, 2022 in Council chambers. In attendance were councilmen Goshorn, Huff Fox and Miller who was just visiting. The meeting started at 5:35 p.m. The committee had discussed several areas of the park that needs upgrading before the season opens Memorial Day. Councilman Fox had brought Councilman Goshorn up to speed with the recent works that have been done to the park. Mayor Haney had gotten 2 quotes from Bantum Painting last year for work to be done on both slides. The yellow slide would need repairs made and repainted at a cost of \$46,000. The green slide would also need the same repairs and painted at a cost of \$23,000. We are hoping the weather will better this year than last in order to get the work done. Mayor Haney had performed a walk through at the end of 2021 and found that the mechanical room that houses all of the electrical for the pool had been under water. This is something that must be addressed ASAP. There is potential for a fire or someone getting electricuted. Councilman Huff had agreed that this should be a #1 priority for the park and set a cost for repairs at \$75,000. Both Goshorn and Fox agreed with Mr. Huff. Mr. Fox had mentioned about expanding the carryout window space on the side of the concession stand. If we doubled the size of concrete and added 4 picnic tables, this would created a larger area for customers when they are waiting on their food. There would be less congestion in front of the concession area and better service would be created. The fence would have to be moved out farther as well. The estimated cost for this was around \$2,800. Mr. Fox had mentioned about the dump buckets as well as the decking on the play set area. The fiberglass needs repaired and the buckets need repaired and repainted. The committee estimated this work at around \$2,000.

The area under the slides will also need repair work done. The posts that hold up the roping will need replaced or repaired. It was also noted that the netting is in disrepair and we should look at installing a new chain link fence. This would help secure the area better and would be safer for our customers. All 3 councilmen agreed this would cost around \$4,000. The purchase of a refrigerator was discussed last year. It's purpose would be only for those employees who bring a lunch to work. We estimated a cost of \$400 for this purchase.

Councilman Huff had done the estimated calculations for the repairs and upgrades for the water park and we came in at around \$153,200. This being an estimate for work to be done for the health and most importantly the safety of our customers.

After Councilman Goshorn, Huff and Fox agreed on this amount, the meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilman Fox - Ward 1

February 2, 2022

To: Mayor Mark Haney, Council President Buck Cottrell, and Uhrichsville Council Members:

On behalf of the Clay Museum Advisory Committee, I would like to take an opportunity to follow-up on questions raised at the recent Uhrichsville Council meeting regarding the Clay Museum's Capital Budget grant for \$300,000.

This money is earmarked solely for the Clay Museum, and therefore cannot be used for any other project. The dollars cannot be accessed by the Dennison Depot Museum or the Dreamsville Downtown Association or any other group. It has been granted specifically to cover construction and related costs primarily on the first-floor level of the new museum. The project is in motion, and recent work funded by these dollars have covered the installation of all new glass windows, mullions and doors on the front and side exterior of the new site. Wood Electric will soon be installing new exterior light fixtures at the front entrance. This includes electrical updates to complete that task. Next up: We will be focusing on restrooms on the first-floor level. Functioning restrooms will help move us toward public access to the building.

The overall project cost of this phase is \$450,000 of which we are required to match \$150,000 to the \$300,000. We do not receive the state money up front. We do not have any of those dollars in our hands. Rather, we pay all the invoices, and submit them to the state, at which time they must approve the expenditures and then reimburse us the state percentage. As part of my commitment as a Volunteer Advisory Board member, I oversee all the required paperwork at the state level requesting reimbursement, in tandem with Wendy who pays the invoices from the Clay Museum checking account. The state funds are under the oversight of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

I hope this helps clarify the process. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have. We are excited to be moving into a new phase of work at the Clay Capital Heritage Center. Please note the Advisory Board has voted to begin using a new name for the facility that we think will better reflect the building's purpose and place in the community. We have also adopted a new logo, which I am also happy to share. Please see the attached. Thank you for your ongoing support.

I hope this answers your questions. It is our goal to be open and transparent as the Clay Capital Heritage Center grows. We welcome further questions at any time.

Regards,

Rita McPeak  
Advisory Board Member  
Clay Capital Heritage Center

