

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday April 14th, 2022**

Council President Robert Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Due to technical difficulties with Zoom.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff-yes, Ms. Myers-Yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Jen Wright

Swearing in of Councilman Terry Engstrom by JJ Ong.

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

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Special Meeting Minutes from March 21,2022. A motion was made Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Mann. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff- Abstain, Ms. Myers, Ms. Mann-Yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Mark Haney: Absent**

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

- Street Patching holes West McCauley and Gardner.
- Wood Electric Quote for lights at Westside Park. Includes one pole, 100 meter amp panel, push button to control lights, 1 time ECOBA inspection. \$5494.00 come out of ARPA funds.
  - Motion made to approve the Wood electric quote by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Engstrom. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff- yes.
- ODOT Salt Participation Quote \$22,000 to cover for 2022. Resolution 1914.
  - Motion Made to approve the quote by Ms. Mann, seconded by Mr. Engstrom. ROLL CALL: Ms. Mann-yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes.
- Questions:
  - Mr. Fox- since we approved the Wood electric, when will it start? Belle- we have to connect with AEP first and then it will be soon. There are no basketball courts at that park right now either, sooner we get lights then we can get the courts worked on.
  - Mr. Fox- why was the basketball hoops taken down over at the parks this week, it was spring break week. Belle- Wood electric is expected in there to move poles and concrete is going to be poured so they are preparing the work area.
  - Mr. Zucal- Did we make the Tree City USA deadline, I know the ceremony is next week. Belle- I have not received anything on that. Mr. Zucal- I know Belle answers to the Mayor, but I am very disappointed that we missed out on the state demolition funds deadline. He hopes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round doesn't get missed. Belle- We were not emailed any public notifications. Something was said at a Mayor's meeting that Mayor Haney missed. Scott Reynolds stated that we could do a late entry but then stated we

couldn't. Mr. Zucal stated he hopes that when there is free money available we try to get it.

- Ms. Myers- Email regarding Vacant lots- it wasn't to list with a realtor it was to get them sold and out of the city's name. Most of them are non-buildable, can we try to do now to own on them or something? Belle- I have been working on this list, it is a case by case basis. I have been going out and speaking with homeowners trying to get lots taken care of. JJ Ong differentiated the difference between Public bid and land reutilization on city lots.
- Public Sale for Vacant lots will go through the council via sealed bids and an approved council list. Flood zone property is not able to be in this (FEMA). Amy and Jim will be on the committee and JJ will draft up legislation.
- Chick Fil A- no date set yet at Moose.
- Mr. Fox- 3 new businesses into town were talked about at last meeting.
  - Belle- Meals on Wheels, Boutique/Spa, N. Wardell area
- Mr. Zucal- can you tell me the activity at 615 W 4<sup>th</sup> St. It looks industrial. Belle-High end aluminum castings/cruise ships. Jim- there is no signage, are they paying city income tax? Belle- yes and companies are not required to have signage.
- Mr. Zucal- Property on Main St with white siding. Belle- that is being addressed by the Fire Marshall. Jim- do they have a permit? Belle- it is being addressed by the Fire Marshall and it has changed ownership.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Ordinance 5-22 Waterpark Debt- we do this every year. It is "refinancing" the bonds.? - Ms. Myers- do you know how much long we can renew the bond
- Resolution 1913- Amended Annual Appropriations with corrections due to exceeding expenditures
- Property cleanup
  - Outside of home- junk, vehicles, Police can cite and goes to court
  - Inside of homes- utility shut off/deplorable conditions, health dept no longer coming out. City has no authority over this. Chief Beal is involved with this trying to address this issue.
  - Demolition of homes- Health Dept used to be involved. City doesn't have anyone qualified to say the house needs to be demolished. Other municipalities are using outside agency to determine. List given to Service Director Belle. Question will be if tax delinquent property and go through land reutilization first.

**Auditor Becky Carpenter:**

- JJ will reach out regarding the Bond question
  - **Mr. Fox-** are you able to tell us how much it is going to cost us for not having the Budget done on time. Becky- That will come from REA and Assoc. and they are going to start the Audit, so they will be the ones who determine. Matt- Can you have that by the next meeting. JJ- you probably won't have that by then, the Audit takes a little while and we may just have a citation or notation.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- No

**Committee Reports**

**Mr. Zucal-** nothing

**Mr. Goshorn-** nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Next Finance Committee meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Special recognition committee met tonight April 14 @ 6pm. Minutes were turned in. Motion to approve them made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Engstrom. Mr. Zucal thanked Ms. Myers for all her hard work on this committee for the Johnson Ave. renaming. ROLL CALL: Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes.  
Mr. Huff- nothing  
Mr. Fox- nothing

#### **Old Business:**

**Mr. Zucal-** Alley vacation on 11<sup>th</sup> and Parrish. Not heard from Mr. Meese, more documentation is needed and I would like a letter for specifics and requests. JJ and Belle responded- JJ stated this started back when Terry Culbertson was in office. Belle stated he came into the office and at that time he didn't own the property that is up for discussion now. He now owns it and that is why it has come up again. There are also some other alleys up for vacating around the city. The alley he is talking about is possibly between both the properties he owns. We don't know if he has given any specifics. Pres. Cottrell- Can you ask him for a letter with specifics. Belle- yes.

**Mr. Goshorn-** nothing

**Ms. Mann-** Nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Thank you Belle and the Moose for the Chick fil A truck

**Mr. Huff-** nothing

**Mr. Fox-** comment re: Jim about the zoning inspector to help take off pressure from Police dept and Administration

#### **New Business**

**Mr. Zucal-** International Property Maintenance Standards, Zoning Inspector- comprehensive overhaul of properties is needed look at hiring someone and getting into a committee. Building permits should not be for home replacement items but for things like fencing not roofs and windows. Wendy Mann stated she has heard of other cities not charging for certain things. President Cottrell stated he will look into this and have an answer by next meeting.

**Mr. Goshorn-** Nothing

**Mr. Engstrom-** nothing

**Ms. Mann-** nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Welcome to Terry Engstrom. Thank you to Ron Miller for years of service on council.

**Mr. Fox-** Nothing to report.

#### **Visitors:**

- Rita McPeck- See attached letter; Would like questions answered in the letter in a timely manner. Public Works and Economic Development Committee will help with the questions. The Clay museum will need a new liaison and Terry Engstrom will fill that position.
- Gayle Mick- support for Rita.
- Chief Beal- 495 calls, new officer started
  - ? - Mr. Fox- flat tire on cars in parking lots, do they get citations for expired tags? Chief- more tickets have been issued here recently for cars parked in street being worked on, that have flat tires, noticeably disabled vehicles. They have been checking on expired tags on any of these cars.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

- 03-22: Ordinance to Establish Line Item usage for Landlord Registration funds 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

- Motion made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Goshorn. Discussion: Mr. Zucal- keep focus on what the goal of the landlord registration was for. JJ explained the original Landlord Registration that has been going on the past few years. ROLL CALL: Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes.
- 05-22: **Ordinance for Waterpark Bond**
  - Motion to suspend made by Mr. Zucal and seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- Yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Mr. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes.
- Motion to approve made by Mr. Zucal and seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox- Yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Mr. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes.
- Resolution 1913: Amended Annual Appropriation for The City of Uhrichsville.
- Motion made by Mr. Zucal and seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Mr. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

- President Cottrell asked the Finance committee to revisit putting on Law Director Ong on Full time and would like the contract revisited.
- Mr. Zucal- questioned the committee assignment of his committee with Mrs. McPeek.

### **Other Discussions:**

Mr. Zucal- Litter and ODOT mowing practices. Litter on 77 and US 250 area. Spoke with David from Tusc/Stark/Wayne Joint Solid District, Litter Deputy with Tusc. Co. Sherriff Dept, Chris Aubihl County Commission, Dave Glaser Tusc. Co. ODOT Supervisor, regarding the amount of litter in this area. Challenge the other areas to adopt resolutions to help improve the way these areas look. I was told by ODOT that the because of the pollinators, birds, bees and wildlife they will no longer mow the highway and right of ways until October 1<sup>st</sup>. They will spray a vegetative retardant to keep them down a little bit this month. Can we mow our own right of ways? 10cent refunds on bottles and cans, talk with State representatives. Right of ways not mowed, Safety is main concern. Belle- for safety we did mow for concern, some right of ways for sight distance. We risk liability for putting them out on the highway. We can look into things.

Mr. Fox- Garner St. behind Bellstore /KFC is it a city street and on paving list? Is Newton coming in to town to finish? I think some other areas are more important right now, like the welcome sign leaning against the street building or some striping coming into the city. Belle- stated it was a patching area that turned into a bigger project than we expected. We needed to get it taken care of since it was a city street. We still serve those people that live there, that is part of the city. The sign will be address will be at some point this summer. We are just trying to keep up on the streets.


- President Cottrell asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20pm to consider Employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, emotion or conversation of a public employee or official, no outcome is expected. Mr. Zucal made the motion and Ms. Myers seconded. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers- Yes, Mr. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- Yes, Mr. Huff- no.
- This will just be Council and JJ.
- Executive Session Out 8:40pm. Motion made by Mr. Huff and seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom-yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- Yes, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes.

Motion to adjourn 8:44pm



---

Jen Wright  
Clerk of Council



---

Robert Cottrell  
Council President

