

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday May 26th, 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-yes, Ms. Myers-Yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal-yes.

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

Council President asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2022. A motion was made Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Engstrom. ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox-No, Mr. Huff- Abstain, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn-yes, Mr. Zucal- No.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Mark Haney:**

- Street Dept took the fountain seal to Fenton's. Waterpark is up and running. Thanks to the Street dept for working 12 days straight to get it running. Missing an umbrella but will have it after holiday. Dawson Security came and added some cameras and we will have free Wi-Fi for the park from Smartway.
- **More Vandalism** there is a \$1000 reward for any lead to anyone we can convict.
- **Basketball Court** lights up and 2<sup>nd</sup> court going to be poured. Next week backboard going up.
- **E. 11<sup>th</sup>** next project in next week or two
- **New mini** came in and will be out and about
- **Uhrich St.** they will be using a road saw on to cut and seal it.
- **New KMH hotbox** was tested with infrared technology. It was tested in the city and possibly would like to buy this with some money from things we have sold.
- **Dump Truck** here and trailer is here.
- **Paving Bids** are here waiting on Joe to check, Newton Asphalt awarded Paving contracts.
- **Mowing** guys are out mowing
- **Police Cruiser** we did have one get into an accident, it is not inoperable. It was not our fault. Estimates to get fixed are out.

? - **Mr. Zucal-** paving- will we get a list? Answer: yes- it was sent out already with a street index. Bids were down more than they thought. Final bids next week. Johnson Drive is on there but not sure it will be one to be fixed.

Alleys- Papa Johns' and 11<sup>th</sup> Street Church of God. Answer: we are also looking at the cemetery area on 8<sup>th</sup>. We have an added list of alleys for scratch paving. Send an email or text myself or Jeff of what you have. Mr. Zucal- consider you've been notified.

**Ms. Mann-** Spoke with the Mgr. of Family Dollar and was wondering if there was anyway to put a 10mph limit sign in the alley that was just repaved. Answer: I know we don't have any 10mph ones, but I can look into it and get one ordered.

**Ms. Myers-** How much was the hotbox? Answer- \$46,000 w/radiating Unit. Sell the mini hoe, sell the old hotbox. Use 2<sup>nd</sup> ARPA funding possibly, equipment wise we would be good, just some dump trucks in the future.

- Injury in the Police accident- Answer: no – officer was not injured.
- Thank you to the street dept. for work the past few weeks at the waterpark.

Mayor- Also we do have them on 4 -10 hour shifts Mon-Thurs. with on call, thru Columbus Day and then 8's due to Snow. This is more efficiency with summer projects.

- Paving- how do you pick? Answer: \$250,000 budget, I may do some only a block and look at what needs storm sewer projects and combine. We look at traffic load and cost per load. We look at what the County will help with also if we do part of it.

**Mr. Engstrom-** Thank you to the Service Dept. Especially the water fountain work. Took a tour of everything, they are doing a great job.

**Mr. Fox-** new hot box- didn't we just buy one? Answer- we bought a used one 3 years ago though GovBids.

- Did we fill up the pool yet? Did we use the hydrants? Answer- yes, its full, no we fill with a 2 in hose and takes about 3 days.
- How do we bill for that? Answer- Only water, no sewer. Auditor Carpenter: \$14,500 roughly and it is spread over 12 months
- Mayor- Trash cans this week they will be bolted down 30 gal with dome lids.
- Ms. Myers- Phila 3 strikes you're out for nuisance properties- can zoning/Jim take a look at?
- Mr. Fox- Lockers at WP- are we replacing or fixing? Answer- I wonder if we shouldn't take them out. Mr. Fox- could we do vending machines? Mayor: I will review that again. FYI we are sold out on all the Party spots. We are expecting to be very busy this weekend.

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

- Foreclosures- Deersville Ave – 7 parcels and Frank Pietro, combined owe over \$14,000 in delinquent taxes. Fair/Cecil take out of Demolition Fund and wetlands get them off the books.
- Street light contract AEP \$18,000 pay up front to maintain and maintenance. JJ will look over.
- Paving Machine- \$22,000 from the Bucket truck which went into the equipment fund and if we sold the hot box we would put that money in also
- Alleys we have grindings for use.
- Personnel Policy is almost finished, will bring it when done.

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**Mr. Zucal-** Thank you, with those 8 parcels are there any structures on them? Answer- No, it is all vacant land. Mr. Zucal- is it designated wetland? Ans: I can say it isn't designated wetland but it doesn't have to be designated to be a wetland. Mr. Zucal- So if the foreclosure goes through, then we accept those properties? What do we gain? Ans: Yes, we do, we would gain the ability to help and not keep billing these properties. Mr. Zucal- I can see if there was a structure on there. Belle: you would just let it be nature- you wouldn't build on it. Mr. Zucal- I am worried about enforcing codes down in that area. With mosquitoes and overgrowth. If there was structures we could tear down and then auction it, and then habit for humanity could come in or something like that. I just have mixed feelings about that. Belle: I acknowledge that. JJ is in support of this. There are people who are deceased who own these properties. We are just trying to work with the County Auditor and Treasurer just trying to work to get the money off the books. Mr. Zucal- well- the county needs to do a better job of that. Belle- well, we are part of that. Mr. Zucal- But most property tax goes to the school system. Belle- speaking of which- I did contact Lola Lewis, I do expect to hear back from her by phone or email.

Ms. Mann- You were speaking of Wetlands, there used to be a rest area up by Dover at Schneider's Crossing and Buckeye Career Natural Resources Class maintains that as a class. That may be an option to partner with.

**Mr. Fox-** you said we had \$22,000 for the bucket truck we sold. Where did that money go back into?  
Answer: the street dept equipment fund. Mr. Fox- Because the paper I just go for the end of May doesn't show anything in there, maybe I am just reading it wrong or just don't understand it. Auditor Carpenter: Excuse me- that money just came in May, that Report is April. Everything is a month behind. Mr. Fox- so there is nothing in there before that money goes in, is that correct. Belle: probably not. The Police have money in theirs but they sell property they confiscate and the police cruiser they sold. Mr. Fox- so the police care they sold went into the street equipment fund? Belle: no, it went into the Police Equipment fund.

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

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

- Considered DPCU, documents were provided and they are not an institute that the city can invest in.
- More information about First Federal, the interest rate is significantly higher. We met at finance committee and I am going to extend an invitation to 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank and ask them to draw me up something so we can do a comparison.
- Waterpark Transactions happened we need to budget for 2022-2023 \$330,000. Which is more than we budgeted for this year.
- **Ms. Myers-** Finance Meeting- we invited 1<sup>st</sup> National to come in and give us information, we are going to compare in the next finance meeting in 2 weeks the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in June to decide on if we are staying with 1<sup>st</sup> National or are switching to First Federal. Also, the Waterpark, the attorneys from Ice Miller go and negotiate if we should stay in bonds or not. We still owe 2.4 Mill on the waterpark, they have done a great job to help us budget it. Mr. Zucal- Amy that will be an additional \$35,000 next year. Answer: Correct.

-? - **Mr. Fox-** Amy and Becky- I appreciate the information but I wish I had more information to compare, you said you were going to get it and have a finance meeting. Answer Ms. Myers- yes, we will provide it before the next meeting. We are going to be fair and be transparent with everyone. We are comparing both apples to apples, you will have that before the next meeting and then the finance committee meeting will recommend staying or switching.

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

- I appreciate you allowing me to speak, I was unaware of this wanting to switch. I will say it is easier with my job as Treasurer to see the accounts on a daily basis and I am not going to speak tonight due to conflict of interest.
- Pres. Cottrell: Is there the visitors list. I will come back to this after we do a few other things. I will remind everyone that there is a 3 min limit and if you want a couple of you to speak on behalf of the bank that is fine, but no more than 2.

#### **Correspondence:**

- None

#### **Committee Reports**

**Mr. Fox-** nothing

**Mr. Huff-** nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Finance Meeting met tonight. Minutes will be presented next meeting. Finance Meeting next meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> @6pm. We are recommending rate increases and the part time service position tonight to be voted on.

**Ms. Mann-** Lines on Indian Hill, N. Water St., I checked with the Mayor and it is on a scheduled listed to do. Mr. Fox: do you know what that list is Mayor? Answer: We do no line striping until after paving is done. Mr. Fox- so you are saying for the past 2 years we haven't don't any striping? School is out and we

should throw some paint out there because people are swerving to miss pot holes, they are going to go over the lines. I just think it is a safety issue and we could throw something out there. Mayor: We do stripe a lot of streets every year, I am not sure what streets you are driving on, we start with the school zones first due to the concern for our kids that walk to school. As far as N. Water St., it is not cheap to pave it as you can see. I have had discussions with National Stone and Sidwell Stone about their trucks using that street and when I see them using that I call their dispatch and tell them to put them on the highway. I am thinking about putting up "No Thru Truck" signs and if they aren't delivering there they can't go through there. We do stripe streets, we have a timeline, it is a nighttime job, some is ODOT and not all ours. Ours start right at the turn. Mr. Fox- where there isn't anything, no marks, nothing. Mayor: I am pretty sure we striped it last year. Mr. Fox- I couldn't tell you Mark, but you can tell there is nothing out there. Liability issues if there is an accident. I mean I guess the choice of words is wrong, not striping, but some of the spots around the schools, if we are putting paint down for those, why can't we put some out there. Mayor: last year we went to glass bead painting. We have already been buying due to the shortage of paint. We usually do switch the guys to nights for a week that way people don't go over and track across new lines. Mr. Zucal- I have much reservation about debating this on council floor, we need a Traffic committee and safety committee, recommendations should be made to Administration. We are losing most of N. Water Street and we have talked about it. I think the committees need to be more active and make recommendations, whether it be a traffic sign, no truck sign, speeding issue or paving issue, striping issue. I know Matt is frustrated he has been talking about it for 2 years. That is what I think Mr. President. Ms. Mann- so just to clarify- you are saying to have a Traffic Committee? Mr. Zucal- yes- I think maybe we could have some council as a whole committee, looking at maybe having the president assign and get people involved. This would save a lot of time on Council floor debating. President Cottrell: I agree and will work on that.

**Mr. Engstrom-**nothing

**Mr. Goshorn-** nothing

**Mr. Zucal-** read the minutes from the planning and zoning meeting. Minutes were submitted. Next Meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm. Motion to approve the minutes for the Planning and Zoning meeting 1<sup>st</sup>- Ms. Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ms. Mann. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom- yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Fox- Nothing

Mr. Huff- Nothing

Ms. Myers- Belle can you give an update on Jason Hammond and what he is doing? Answer: Applied for Resilience grant for downtown area, worked with him for the demolition process. I haven't spoken much with him recently; I know he is working on that Grant. Speaking of the Brownfield is having a 2<sup>nd</sup> round and a "match", we are looking into that. Ms. Myers: I thought he was looking into Commercial vacant properties. Belle: he is uploading them into Zoom prospector. Amy- can we invite him to a meeting in the near future? Belle: yes, he was in town and I had met with him to take him out to McCauley Dr. Amy: I had called him about Habit for Humanity. Belle: yes- I had met with Aaron Brown from Habit for Humanity. Amy: Canton was awarded millions of dollars for Habitat, they are looking for satellite store. Belle: yes- I didn't know what you had called him about but I can shoot him an email.

Mr. Engstrom- Nothing

Mr. Goshorn- Nothing

Ms. Mann- Nothing

Mr. Zucal- Have we moved forward any with the Zoning Inspector? Answer: I had one interview this week.

Mr. Zucal- I had mentioned contracting. Answer: I would talk to Diversified because that is my choice and affiliation at one point.

### **New Business**

**Mr. Fox-** Nothing

**Mr. Huff-** nothing

**Ms. Myers-** Invite Everyone to the Memorial Day festivities. Dennison Rotary Flag Program is \$30/year. Service Dept- thank you for hanging the Rotary Hometown Hero's Banners. Bargain Hunter had Jessika

Zontini in for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Arts Festival. Congratulations to the Star of Life Award for EMS- Uhrichsville Fire Dept. – Nathan Crouse, Curtis McGarry and Cory Paisley

**Ms. Mann-** Memorial Day festivities, Ms. Zontini- Fiber Arts Festival- Free will have animals, Downtown Business Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 6pm at the Pindrop Shop.

**Mr. Engstrom-** Nothing

**Mr. Goshorn-** Nothing

**Mr. Zucal-** Directed towards Administration- Met with Constituent about a few things that they are just worried about: traffic and condition of N. Water St, look at possibility of a roundabout at Indian Hill Road and Water St., Possibility of Red light instead of yellow light, worried about the trucks and conditions is poor. They stated they have talked to the Chief of Police and might possibly start a petition and bring to council. Mayor- We didn't start paving until 4 years ago and it was inherited and a traffic study would have to be done for the light and roundabout. Mr. Fox: question about property out there, does Castello still own it? Can the city look into it as buying it for a turn lane for school traffic? Mayor: we talked about it at one point if we could do that. Belle: that property is actively owned and he has plans for it. Mayor: we would have to use the dreaded word "imminent domain".

### Visitors:

- Steven Boyer- Johnson Road/Ave- paving done before/ after dedication of fallen hero. Ms. Myers- Bill is still trying to be passed. Mr. Zucal- thank you for your service.
- Rita McPeek- Community Cleanup- will talk with Administration, Also Spoke with Amy Conn Principal- possibility to have High School Students help, Scouts or 4H troops.
  - Ordinances-? Meeting, Mr. Huff- I am looking into that. Rita: can we have a meeting.
  - Zoning Inspector- helped with description and gave to Administration.
  - Minutes- being updated on the website. Council Clerk- they are updated until Jan. of this year. I am working on getting them up to date from there on.
  - Parcels- is there a benefit to the city if taking it? Belle: it would be a benefit of taking it off the books to make it easier to balance and JJ said it would be no different than it would be if we do a teardown. Rita: for clarification- the address may be Deersville Ave. But the parcels are down in the bottoms, they really are the Wetlands. A Couple of them are on a street that no longer exists because it flooded.
    - President Cottrell: I want to comment on that, it gets it off the county books but doesn't do anything for us. It's just a wetland. Belle: it gets it off our books too. You could partner with a wetland or a watershed group to help clean up.
    - Mr. Fox- I agree with Buck, that shouldn't be our issue to go after people for delinquent taxes, that should be the county.
    - Ms. Myers- we have over 100 parcels that we have to mow, why would we increase that with wetlands that we can't build on or no one is going to buy, what is the advantage of that? Belle: the 100 parcels are not all ones that we are mowing, some are FEMA and we can't do anything with them. Amy: That's the point, so why would we take on more. Belle: These would not need mowed. They would be left in the natural state. Amy: And what would we gain, would we have to pay taxes on them. Belle: I'll tell you what, I am going to wait on JJ to be here, the night is getting late. President Cottrell: we can be here as late as we need. Belle: I don't want to debate. President: We just want to know how we are going to benefit from it. Mr. Fox- What are we going to benefit from Wetlands? Mr. Zucal- is this coming for a vote tonight? President/ Belle: No. Belle: this is also a place where we have a lot of police calls in this area. Mayor: a lot of taxpayers' dollars. Mr. Zucal- one last comment- but we are also forgiving deadbeat taxpayers and they are absolved of their debt. The county needs to be doing a better job of prosecuting and getting their money from them. That's my last comment. Belle- I will let JJ answer.
- Blair Hillyer- Speaking on behalf on 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, it's their 90<sup>th</sup> year next year. Worked with small businesses during Covid.

### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- Ordinance 6-22: Establishing the Rate of pay for Part time seasonal employee for city service department and declaring an Emergency, Rate of Pay \$12.00/hr.
  - Motion to suspend made by Ms. Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Mr. Huff- yes.
  - Motion to adopt made by Ms. Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
  
- Ordinance 7-22: Amended Pay Ordinance for Department head of Police Dept. Rate of pay \$29.10, declaring an Emergency.
  - Motion to suspend made by Ms. Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- no, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes.
  - Motion to adopt made by Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- no, Mr. Fox- no, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes.
  
- Ordinance 8-22: Amended Pay Ordinance for Department Head of Fire Dept. Declaring an Emergency. Hourly rate of Pay \$27.81/hr.
  - Motion to suspend made by Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Mann. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- no, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes.
  - Motion to adopt made by Ms. Mann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox- no, Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes.
  
- Ordinance 9-22: Amended Pay Ordinance for Department Head of Service Dept. Declaring an Emergency. Hourly rate of Pay \$25.38/hr.
  - Motion to suspend made by Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- no.
  - Motion to adopt made by Mr. Huff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Mann. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers- yes, Ms. Mann- yes, Mr. Engstrom – yes, Mr. Goshorn- yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- no, Mr. Huff- yes.
  
- Judd Edwards- Star of Life- C. Paisley, N. Crouse, C. McGarry
  - 704 calls in May so far. We have had 3 calls while here tonight.
  - Light duty FF has been doing fire inspections, Public Relations and Safety Day at McDonald's.
  - If you see Facebook posts new equipment, that is from grants we finally have coming in.
  - Grant from Reeves Foundation \$28,582. Floor in Bay and Grating in Trench bay.
    - 3 Companies for repairs
      - Grating replaced
      - Repainted
      - Diamond grid/ epoxy
      - Eliminate the 2 in lip around the floor

Ms. Myers- Thank you  
 Ms. Mann- Amazing Grant work  
 Mr. Fox- thank you for your help with Grant work.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

None

**Other Discussions:**

Mr. Zucal- For Media and transparencies for public our employees Federal Money was received as Hazardous pay for pay rates. Bank issue- thank you for the people taking time to come here tonight, not get in a rush.

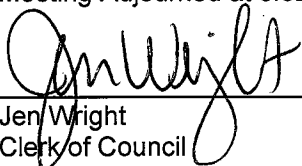
Ms. Mann- Rural Action- Johnna Metcalf- when the chick fil a truck was here, we made birdfeeders last week with kids. Also looking for 2 paid interns to work at Six Buckets farm, email wmann@cityofuhrichsville.org

Ms. Myers- Buck- asking Committees that haven't met, need to meet. Pres. Cottrell- Matt- can you have a Park meeting.

Mr. Zucal- The Ordinances-can we as a city support/fund to help with ordinances?

Mayor Haney- Downtown Business Association- Thank you Wendy for your help with this. Possible more events coming up in the near future and also have other council members sit in on the meetings so they know the goings on.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32pm.

  
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Jen Wright  
Clerk of Council

  
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Robert Cottrell  
Council President

Submitted Respectfully by Councilman  
James Zucal 5-12-22  
@ 6:00 PM

## Planning, Zoning + Amputation Committee

present were: members Bill Boston + Wendy Mann  
Chairman James Zucal

Guests: Rita McPeak + Amy Myers.

Topic: to establish a Zoning + Building Code Enforcement  
Commission w/ a Downtown Design Standards Review Board.

- Discussion was made based on a need for a cohesive  
downtown review of property + aesthetic changes. Follow  
up would be a professional comprehensive plan + funding  
to do so. Vote was asked for by chair Zucal - All in  
favor.

after discussion: Ms. Mann is not in favor of  
PIN notice posted for all to see, but is ok with  
this plan. Ms. Myers favors this as we need  
businesses in the city and especially downtown.

- Discussion as presented by Ms. McPeak of other city  
standards from the local area. Smaller Committee than our  
city. PIN notice work would be less for the police  
department as Zoning Inspector is needed and proper  
job description. Also, ordinances need reviewed and  
updated by ordinance committee.

- Chairman Zucal stated more meetings to come, good start.  
Adj. at 6:40 PM