

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 26, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Council persons Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, & Petrella.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for May 19, 2020. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2020-28 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED SECTION 145.08 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (TRAVEL EXPENSES).**

**NO. 2020-29 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE’S RELOCATION POLICY.**

**NO. 2020-30 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WRITTEN INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**NO. 2020-31 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 145.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I did attend the SVRTA Board meeting last week and I just wanted to report that they said that ridership is down 22% and that revenue is down. I’m not sure of the amount but that when the Health Department clears it that they will start their regular schedule and that’s all I have.”

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Just one comment from Lori of the Parks and Recreation so she is working towards being able to put out a call for volunteer help to spread mulch in the various parks. So when she gets ahold of the deposit of the mulch she’s going to let us know and then we’ll put out a call through the various media for anybody that is interested and willing to help us. So that won’t be this coming week it’s going to be upcoming. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one item. Last week we were discussing resurfacing Dresden Ave. as you know before Councilman DiLoreto left we had moved Dresden Ave. up because it was an unimproved road. Last week Mr. Villamagna brought it up and we were talking about Canterbury Road as well I remember when we first started this program we discussed having Canterbury Road as one of the roads that was unimproved. We wanted to put it on the list but we never did officially make a motion for that. I know it was done; we’ve completed the alleys that was Chestnut Alley; Chestnut Alley was an unimproved road; we’ve done Efts Lane and we’re working on Dresden.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to add Canterbury Road to the unimproved roads list. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Dressel – “Willie I don’t recall; it’s been so long since we set the unimproved the one a year thing but our existing roads that are considered unimproved for example there’s a part of Highland Ave.; North 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Street; there’s a block of highland and there’s like four blocks of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> to both the PAC there. Do we need to put those on the list or are they on it because they are existing roads that are considered unimproved?”

Mr. Paul – “Scott I’m not quite sure if that would be part of CDBG or if we could also as well because I know you’ve asked about Highland Ave. before. (All inaudible). Yeah is what Scott CDBG?”

Mr. Dressel – “It probably would I’m just not sure if you could use those funds on unimproved.”

Mr. Paul – “Well I mean we can discuss this but I know that Mr. Timmons has a couple streets that he would like to have taken care of and I know Mrs. Anyabwile would like to do that.”

Mr. Dressel – “Why don’t we make a list.”

Mr. Paul – “We can do that and we discussed having a list when we first discussed I think three or four years ago. I think it was three years ago because like I said we talked about Chestnut Alley then it was Efts Lane then it was Dresden so yeah we could move forward with this and I know Mr. Dolak would help us with this as well.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay I can gather up a list and then we can make sure everybody is on there.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I already have a list.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay we’ll get it all on one. We just need unimproved roads to make sure that we know that so we’ll do that but any approved roads are already on the list. I’ll send out a note and we’ll gather all the unimproved from each area and Asantewa I have a map of all the unimproved roads if you want to see it.”

Mayor Barilla – “The Clerk of Council would like to make a comment.”

Mrs. Haley – “Council before Yonk left Dolak did make a list of all the unimproved streets and I do believe I have a copy in my office. I will look for that and give it to you.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay why don’t you send that out and we’ll make sure that it’s not missing any.”

Mrs. Haley – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “I would just like to thank Council for helping me with Canterbury Road. I appreciate that. Thank you Council.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Just a current update for Council on the number of cases again my biggest concern naturally is Jefferson County we’re at 63. Belmont County is at 402 and Columbiana County is at 657. The reason I bring these two counties up is because one is to our north and one is to our south and you have travel that goes in between these two through Jefferson County so it’s still a concern and these numbers keep going up every week. So clearly this virus is out there and it’s covering a lot of areas here. June 8<sup>th</sup> is what I told you before that I was going to open the City Building up. June 6<sup>th</sup> is when we’ll have a company come in and spray the building down and again as all of you know this just covers it for the day it’s sprayed. The next day that it’s open for business it can very easily be compromised but we’re going to put things in place here to minimize in our building here. Our employees are doing fine here we have adequate equipment for them. For people that come into our building they will go by the rules that we set up and one of the ones that we’re looking at that anybody that comes into this building will be wearing a mask that has to deal with our people. Right now if any of our employees have to go out and meet someone they’re gloved and they wear a mask and then everybody is still being documented that comes into our building. One thing that I wanted to bring up to Council tonight it was a matter of time and I’ve brought this up before and we’re getting started on this and I do have Mr. Lewis on the line to go a little more in depth but right now it’s showing us to be a decrease of \$407,951.66. Now this month is not over yet. We could still have some income in the next three days that are left here but I wanted Council to be aware of this so this is the first of the starting of our shortness and our revenue and Dave if you could make a few comments to Council and if you have any questions please ask.”

Dave Lewis – “Yes sir the number given was a decrease in income tax that’s the money that comes in May which is the money that RITA collected in April. I just wanted to tell you to keep in mind that the due date for (all inaudible) was extended from April 15<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> so part of that decrease; a large part of it is related to the change in the due date. The collection from May is also one of the higher months because the (inaudible) taxes being due on April 15<sup>th</sup> that RITA turns over to the city in May. I’d be happy to answer any questions.”

Mayor Barilla – “Any questions from Council? State your name.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay I will keep Council apprised of this especially as we’re going into our next two months here. Mr. Dressel I have information on what you sent me today and I will give you a phone call. Mrs. Hahn on your text messages that you sent me tonight I will give you a call tomorrow and discuss that with you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I have one quick question about Jefferson County. Do you have any idea how many of our 63 cases are in nursing homes?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t have that specifically. I can check and see. I know we’ve had a few cases there as we’ve had cases at the cancer center but that is by no means where the majority of our cases have come from.”

Mr. Dressel – “If you go look on the corona virus Ohio site they do list nursing homes by county because I don’t think it’s on the Jefferson County site.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I’d like to make a comment. I think we’re doing good because we’re still under 100 and plus of those 63 cases there’s what at least how many have recovered? You know I think it would be good to know those numbers too because it shows existing cases and cases that are no longer out there. I think we’re doing very well considering other counties.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes we are and we’re still at two deaths in our county so again there are people that are still on ventilators right now. I would not know the status of their cases but they are on ventilators so again unless there are death you’re actually looking at 61 cases out there that have not died and that’s very positive but the bottom line is our problem here is we’re surrounded by counties that have significant numbers and again I caution people when they leave this county know where they’re going and be careful when they come back here. Again our employees are out there every day. The last 90 days they’ve been working here diligently. We’ve kept our employees supplied with what we need the Clorox wipes, masks if they want them, rubber gloves so we’ve done a pretty good job of protecting our family here. The wild card is once you open up for business then you have the people coming in from outside and that’s where I want to keep ourselves protected from who comes from outside. Mayor that’s all I have for this evening.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

Mr. Petrella – “Hey Mayor. This is Craig. Jim did you want to say something to me and you never got a chance.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No I was going to call you with other information pertaining to what we discussed and I’ll give you a call on that.”

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Okay we’ll move onto miscellaneous reports this evening and signing in is Mrs. Anyabwile.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I had a couple of things this evening. The JMHA is tomorrow at 1:30 and I go to those so I will be there tomorrow for that. It’s at the JFK building. Also I would like to give a shout out to the Fire Department because on our street yesterday there was an incident when a woman had to be taken to the hospital and there were three children that were left; you know the grandchildren because they were with their grandmother and the Fire Department stayed until the mother came and picked them up. You know they did their social distancing; they watched the house and made sure the children were safe so I just wanted to give a shout out to the Fire Department. One other thing is I know we’re having this ongoing discussion and I sent out an email kind of showing some children kind of vandalizing a neighborhood a couple weeks ago. So last night I got a report of kids going up on people’s property on their porches and on their trees looking for things to do and I know again we’re not the children’s parents but I think you know we as a community maybe need to look at things for children to do this summer because they’ve already been in the house for two months. It was 90 degrees today; children kind of looking for something to do and hopefully when you know things get a little more lax that we can come up with somethings for kids to do. We talk about Beatty Park and there’s water down there and chances are kids are going to be in that water down there. So I’m just putting it out for us to maybe discuss at a later time maybe even revisit the pool because the rules are changing constantly. I think they might even be something in the works to where you won’t be able to sue an entity if you get COVID so you know I just thought we’d look at something that we can do for children this summer. That’s all.”

Mr. Petrella – “Thank you you’re Honor. Couple things one was and I’m sure Jim is going to address this with me at a later date the weeds and litter so I’d like to know when are we going to get back to Council itself?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I think we discussed that Mr. Petrella that Council would be back on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.”

Mr. Petrella – “The 9<sup>th</sup>? Okay is everything set up for the 9<sup>th</sup> so we’re all at social distancing so on and so forth?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s correct.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay could you send out to Council what some of the layout would look like and so on and so forth.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “And how many people are going to be permitted and so on so we have some idea of what to expect when we get back into Council.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Sure. Yes.”

Mr. Petrella – “And I’ve been driving my ward every night looking at different situations. There are once again a lot of people out because of the warm weather and everything and probably need a high visibility of Police on Pleasant Heights and LaBelle because it seems people are congregating where they shouldn’t be congregating at. That’s about it for tonight.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes I was contacted by a citizen about property is Craig’s or Asantewa’s ward it’s 741 Oakmont and it’s been abandoned for five years is what they’re telling me but there’s some activities going on in there. Whose ward is that?”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I think that’s mine.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay after this I will send an email and include you on it Asantewa and then I’ll include you on it and I have some pictures as well so we can see what we can do about this. Thank you.”

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR