

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2017

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Mucci presiding. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmen Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, & Timmons

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Police Chief William McCafferty, Nursing Supervisor Nicole Runco, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 6, 2017. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Mucci.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Mucci – “Madame Clerk is there any petitions in communications?”

Mrs. Haley – “I have nothing your Honor.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-44 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 1305 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1305 OF THE BUILDING CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-44. The third and final reading will be on June 20th. If adopted by city council effective date of this ordinance will be July 21st”

NO. 2017-45 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1323.01, SECTION 1323.18, SECTION 1327.05, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1327.06 OF THE BUILDING CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-45. The third and final reading will be on June 20th. If adopted by city council effective date of this ordinance will be July 21st”

NO. 2017-46 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 106.3 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-46. The third and final reading will be on June 20th. If adopted by city council effective date of this ordinance will be July 21st”

NO. 2017-47 – BY THE SAFETY COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Villamagna, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 303.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) FOR VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-47. The third and final reading will be on June 20th. If adopted by city council effective date of this ordinance will be July 21st”

NO. 2017-48 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-113, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-48. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-48 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-48 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-49 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-49. The second reading will be on June 20th. The third and final reading will be on June 27th. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.”

NO. 2017-50 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE FOR THE PROVISION OF THE DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES OF MUNICIPAL DEBT OWED TO THE STEUBENVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-50. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-50 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-50 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-51 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE F.Y. 2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR F.Y. 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AS INCORPORATED IN THE ACTION PLAN.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-51. The second reading will be on June 20th. The third and final reading will be on June 27th. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.”

NO. 2017-52 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO ENFORCE THE OHIO PLUMBING CODE WITHIN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-52. The second reading will be on June 20th. The third and final reading will be on June 27th. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Several things; one thing; the signs down at Pine Valley and Scioto Drive; street sign; they had a water break there; there were several; they just never put the sign back up; we should have one someplace because there was one there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Pine Valley and?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Scioto Drive; we’ve had several water breaks there; they just got tired of putting it back up; there were so many water breaks there; but we definitely need that taken care of. The other thing there’s two (2) lots on the mission point and Pine Valley Drive at the corner there; between on the mission point side; between there and Doral Drive ; there’s two (2) lots there that they cut just the perimeter of it like twenty (20) feet back instead of cutting the whole lot; they are empty lots and I don’t know who owns them; I thought Mike would be here and that we could check with Dolak; they are between Mission Pointe and Doral Drive there are two building lots from what I’m being told.”

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Just a reminder about the meeting we are having on Monday with Andrea Ireland in the Pugliese Room at 9:00 in the morning. The river sweep was advertised in the paper and some other (inaudible) and pride; a lot of wonderful things are happening on Saturday but if you could squeeze out a half-hour, 45 minutes, and hour and come down to the marina; the J.B. Green Team will have plastic bags, gloves, and help us. Then for the pool we are at the planting stage; I think we’ve done a lot of cleanup of the gardens; I’m going to be there Thursday from 4-7 and Friday morning from 9:30 until noon; so if you’re free and would want to join us we would love to see more people. I really think the pool is going to say a lot to our community; that we thought of them, prepared for them, worked for them, I think Lorri has done a wonderful job and there has been a lot of support from the city. Thank you.”

Mr. Johnson – No report

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor I have one thing; I’d like to make a motion that we go into executive session to discuss the Health Department contractual matter at hand.” Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Mucci – “It was motioned and seconded that after Public Forum we move into Executive Session for a discussion of contractual agreement with the County and the City of Steubenville Health Department.”

Roll Call. All ayes. So moved by Mayor Mucci to move into Executive Session following Public Forum.

Mr. Timmons – “Jim I just wondered what are our plans with the lots with the grass; I know I’ve asked before about this; will community service be able to cut some of those?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The short answer is yes they can; our problem is having enough community service people and then we have to go to our own people based on our schedules and priorities.”

Mr. Timmons – “I was up there today and I pulled this out of one of the places; I mean there are some that are just; this is almost four (4) feet long.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What lot was that?”

Mr. Timmons – “That’s 1658 Oregon; but I drove by probably ten-fifteen (10-15) of them.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Is it vacant?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay now if it’s been foreclosed by a bank; it still goes with the original owner there; so again it’s a dilemma we are put in. We can cut it; we’re going to have to apply a lien but that is only once a year; people sell that property because they know we are putting liens on it; they beat the lien; that’s some of the issues we’ve had with the houses that really need to be demolished.”

Mr. Timmons – “I believe it is one of those houses; it’s right there on the corner of Oregon and Brady. There is a tree hanging over the sidewalk; I’ve been a councilman for over a year now and it was sent in last summer and there’s one on Brady too; the 700 block of Brady; seeing that thing; I’ve had a number of citizens comment on how bad those two (2) houses look and one of them has said that it has been there for several years; the one on Brady.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay we will find out who owns it.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “A few things tonight; based on Mr. Villamagna’s request several weeks or months ago; we finished the decoy operation and arrested four (4) men and two (2) women. One of the areas was the 200 block of South 4th and the other was the 500 block of North St. Part of our problem and I’ve explained before unless we can segregate these women when we arrest them; they immediately get returned to operations because of the arrangements because they do not have enough space at the jail for women. Once they are arrested, booked, printed, photographed, they are released and given a date to appear in court. The men were given citations and the reports are still being worked on; this was just finished up today; not just Mr. Villamagna but other store owners have brought this to our attention and we are dealing with it. Again there were several agencies involved because this is labor intensive so that was completed today. Council; all of council; apparently they have the trolley set up for you for Saturday’s parade and for those that can make it; you need to be down at North and 4th at 11:00-11:15 to board the trolley for your ride and it will drop you off at the fort when it finishes. The pool we plan on opening at twelve (12) noon on Saturday; (inaudible) weather or any other broken issues could come up; one of the things that set us back we had two (2) broken lines in the chemical room that were fixed so that’s good. We’re supposed to have our drinking fountains up and we are waiting to get a health inspection from the Health Department from the County. Everything else in remaining; cleaning things and painting should be done by Saturday. Is there anything else that you would like to add Lorri?”

Lorri Fetherolf – “Saturday is not (inaudible); because we moved it; it’s a dollar; so everybody gets in for a dollar until I try to get people down there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Another thing that she brought up we are going to try and do Dollar Tuesday’s to see how that helps out then go from there. It’s the best we can do; there are still issues there that have to be dealt with and we will continue to deal with those issues during the season.”

Mr. Villamagna – “What about the baby pool Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The baby pool needs work on it Bob. My concern is the plumbing part on it and we’re going to have that check to see what the issues are; it still retains water inside and we got some issues with pipes but I believe Fort Steuben Maintenance; they’re up there taking a look at it and they have been extremely helpful in getting this pool opened. Yes sir?”

Mr. Timmons – “Concession stand?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The concession stand can only be packaged goods; if you’re going to sell hot things you have to meet the Health Code which requires a sink in the area that you want to sell them. I will clearly tell you that the old existing one needs to be completely remodeled; you got a refrigerator in there that has nothing but mold in it; we’re going to throw that away. Now we have a refrigerator that was taken out of the apartment; we’re going to put that down in the pool house where you check-in there; so cold drink will be kept in there; candy bars; whatever different things you need to keep in there. If I could Mayor could I speak to one of our attendees if I can?”

Mayor Mucci – “Yes”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Nelson were you able to get an answer for me? Okay thank you. I have contacted Mr. Nelson; he has a store that sells popcorn; we’re looking to sell certain bags of popcorn depending on the size; that’s another thing that could be sold there; it’s nourishing for the kids and things like that. I appreciate that Mr. Nelson. That’s all I have your Honor.”

Mayor Mucci – “I see that council has a couple questions so before we move on…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Only because I have lived here for so long and I still miss the driveway at times; so can we put a sign; you know how we have the driveway to Super 8, then the driveway up to the pool, and then the driveway

for the water treatment plant; is there any way that we could post something on that telephone pole that says "POOL" with a nice arrow because that is the back way and there's lots of parking up there; whether then having the people pull in..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Bob how long would it take to get a sign and is that our pole?"

Mr. Baird – "Yea it wouldn't take long to get a sign; yes we can certainly put a sign up; I recommend that we plant the sign."

Mr. Mavromatis - "Right"

Mrs. Hahn – "I think that would be really helpful."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That is actually a better way to come in the pool house."

Mrs. Hahn – "It is. Then they would be avoiding all the baseball traffic. Then the police; I was wondering who is going to be at the pool."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Who will be there; I've already talked to Karen D'Anniballe; she was out of town; she'll be in tomorrow; I requested a security person for Saturday to start at twelve (12) noon. Bob and it's in the price that you came up with."

Mrs. Hahn – "We were hoping for an officer to be there."

Mr. Mavromatis – "No there will be no officer it's going to be a contract security guard; an officer doesn't work for that and we can't do it because it's a city officer; it's got to be paid the wages that they are paid here. So that is the less expensive way to go and it accomplishes the same; what you want done. I checked on both of those; we just can't because of the contract; we would have to pay them what they are normally paid."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because they are working for the city?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes; that was the sign on the (inaudible) there."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Two (2) questions; what are the prices for the kids?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "That is going to be verified tomorrow night. Tomorrow night is a Parks and Recreation board and Lorri is going to present this to the board for their approval."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Number 2; since we had this raid can we put their names in the paper?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Once the report is filed..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Put it in the paper and on TV."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Once the paperwork is filed then it is open end for public request."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Well I request it."

Mayor Mucci – "We had one department head singing in this evening; Mr. Baird."

Mr. Baird – "Thank you your Honor. Last week council took interest in having a representative from the EPA come and speak to council on the matter of transfer stations. Her first availability is July 18th; perhaps we could schedule a committee meeting and I could confirm and facilitate that."

Mayor Mucci – "There is a council meeting scheduled for July 18th; that's a Tuesday so that would probably be a convenient date; there's no committee meetings scheduled and I believe that was either under service or funding."

Mr. Baird – "Either under service or under safety and health."

Mr. Paul – "I believe it was under safety and health."

Mayor Mucci – "Would you like to call a committee meeting for that night?"

Mr. Paul – "July 18th?"

Mayor Mucci – "There's nothing scheduled."

Mr. Paul – "6:30?"

Mr. Baird – "Again at your discretion I would say an hour would probably be sufficient; this representative is coming from across the state and traveling home in the same night."

Mayor Mucci – "Why don't we do it at 6:00."

Mr. Baird – "If the councilmen agree; I will notify her for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 18th of July."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I would like to call a Safety Committee Meeting July the 18th at 6:00 p.m. for the EPA representative."

Mayor Mucci – "I would just like to remind everyone; I know Mrs. Hahn mentioned the river sweep coming up this weekend; extremely important; it has been a tradition; you would be amazed at the amount of items that are by the riverbank; tires and rubbish and everything else; we would definitely love to have people participate. Once again it's an outstanding week here in the City of Steubenville. It kicked off today with the Greek Festival; the Greek Festival will continue on today, tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday. Of course starting Thursday will be the Dean Martin Festival, Mr. Barilla brought us a brochure for the Hometown Festivals for anybody that is interested and we have some fliers on the activities for the Dean Martin Festival. Quite frankly we will literally be having thousands of people visit our community so we want to put our best foot forward and I know a lot of people have been involved in preparing this community and I wish I had the time tonight to thank everybody; the Greek church and all the volunteers that they have down there and I understand that Mr. Mavromatis will be making gyros tomorrow evening if anyone is interested in seeing him actually work; could go to the Greek Festival tomorrow night."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mayor could you change that to Thursday? Because we have a Parks and Rec meeting tomorrow I would appreciate that."

Mayor Mucci – "I didn't schedule it they said you said it. We'll work those details out; but the Dean Martin Festival and we'll wrap things up with a memorial mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday; but I'm asking everybody when they see the visitors to please greet them to our community. You would be amazed at how many calls, notes, and cards that I receive after each of the Dean Martin Festivals throughout the years; thanking the community and how nice it was to visit our community and one of the things that stick out

constantly is that we have such a friendly community. I walk down the streets or I went out to the mall and was walking around and I don't know how they know that I'm from out of town and they said hello to me like they knew me. So I'm asking all citizens to once again to put their best foot forward for the visitors that are coming to our community and show them the great tradition that we have here. Scott why don't you mention about the Grand Theatre and the activities that are happening on Saturday."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Dressel – "We have an open house on Saturday from 11-3; we'll have the museum open which has more stuff this year so if you're interested in downtown stores that are no longer here there's a (inaudible) store with little artifacts in there that are interesting. The lobby will be open at that same time so you're welcome to stop by and see."

Mayor Mucci – "I want everybody to have fun this coming week and weekend however don't get too relaxed; because following this great week here we'll move right into the 4th of July; celebrating America's birthday and next week I'll have a full schedule of the day activities. As I indicated to city council we will be celebrating the 4th on the 4th and it happens to fall on a Tuesday. I've asked city council to consider either moving the meeting to Monday or Wednesday of their choosing so we only have a couple more weeks before you got to make that decision but please take that into consideration."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Mucci – "If there is anyone wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Jerry Barilla – "4353 Steuben Woods Drive. As a suggestion to you folks; I saw on the news yesterday that Wheeling is painting a Blue Line on their street in front of their Police Station; front of the city building; I think it would be very nice if Steubenville could do the same in honor of our Police Department and the past members that maybe gave their life for our city. So that's just a suggestion; if you saw that it's kind of a neat thing. Secondly I wanted to commend the Mayor for planting the beautiful flowers that are on 3rd Street and Market Street they have bloomed so beautifully and they are very outstanding so congratulations on that."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Barilla; they didn't come out the way I anticipated; they don't look as well as the poinsettias that we had in there. I might do some rearranging with some help; in time to put some greenery in there but we try to at least brighten it up for the festivities that are happening. Thank you Mr. Barilla."

John Mascio – "567 Braybarton Blvd. First of all I would like to thank Jim Mavromatis for the lot of Braybarton; it had pretty high grass that was cut and it was a major improvement. Thank you very much for that."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Judge it was the U.S. Marshalls; they are going to try and seize that house; it's their responsibility and I called them immediately and they took care of it but thank you."

John Mascio – "The other thing; give me some lead way if you would on this; it involves your ordinance 2017-44 plumbing code adoptions and I'm wondering this up in case you might want to consider a couple of amendments before you give it a third reading next week; 1305.03 Permits, Plan review; no plumbing work shall be done in the City, except in case of repairs or leaks; what are repairs? That is an awfully broad word. That can encompass almost everything and there is no definition of it in here and it could create problems down the road if you try to enforce this. So you might want to give that some consideration as you go forward with this. The other thing is on the second page under J; hot water tanks shall also be treated as a plumbing fixture and a permit and inspection shall be required for installation of a new hot water tank or replacement. I've had a hot water tank go out and they never go out on a reasonable time; they go out at midnight; four (4) in the morning whatever it is; a hot water tank goes out at seven (7) o'clock at night; if I'm lucky enough to get a plumber and he's lucky enough to be able to find a place where he can get a water heater; he can't do anything until Monday when he can get; hopefully; somebody from the city to do it. Why do we need an inspection to have the hot water tank replaced? You got licensed plumbers that are certified to do it. Why is the City involved with something like that? Which is going to hamper a lot of people for several days potentially. I think you might want to take a look at that; the only other thing is (inaudible) 1305.05; the plumbing inspector shall be a practical plumber does anybody know what that is? Practical Plumber? I just asked."

Mrs. Hahn – "Should it be practicing?"

John Mascio – "If somebody knows what it is then fine; I don't know what it is; I've never heard of it before. Is it common sense or what? 1305.05."

Mrs. Hahn – "Maybe he doesn't put in extra pipes that we don't need."

John Mascio – "I think you might want to look at repair and I think you might want to look at that hot water tank. It can be a real problem."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Mascio; I'm sure our City Manager will refer both of those sections to our Law Director; but I do want to point out to the members of council; it is to my understanding that this is exactly what's been in for years and years and years of our codified ordinances. The only thing that we were changing is the responsibility from the Health Department to the Building Department so those are the sections that Mr. Mascio indicating to us have been in there but good point to be reviewed by the Law Director."

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Hahn. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Mucci.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR