

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2018

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

Present were Councilmen DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, & Villamagna.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, WTOV9, & WTRF.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for December 19, 2017. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. Six ayes, 1 sustained. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Before we move on to; further into this Council meeting I would like to make a few remarks; be patient with me here. First I would like to thank Mayor Domenick Mucci for the 30 years of service to the citizens of Steubenville; his work ethic and his dedication to the office of the Mayor actually has been very outstanding; I also want to thank him for helping me during this transition period; you’ve been a great help to me and I appreciate it Domenick; thank you so very much. You know sitting here after 25 years of him here it’s a humbling position for me to be in but anyway Domenick thank you and I’m glad you’re here so you can mentor me this evening to see what I’m doing right or what I’ve done wrong.”

Domenick Mucci – “So far so good.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright. I would also like to say that I look forward to working with the members of Council, the City Manager, the Law Director, the Clerk of Council, and the Department Heads. You know after attending 9 months of meetings here I’ve come to appreciate the amount of work that the Council persons and the City Manager put into what you’re doing here at Council meetings, Committee Meetings, and etc.; it’s quite remarkable the dedication that you have for the City of Steubenville and I commend all of you for your efforts here. In this coming year it’s my hope that we as one body work together respecting one another our view points to be civil of how we conduct ourselves; therefore I’m asking both City Council and members of the viewing public that we conduct ourselves with respect, dignity, and civility towards one another. Alright we will now move to another point here and it’s the duty of the Mayor at the first Council Meeting to appoint members to the various standing committees for the City of Steubenville for the year 2019 this is; as a result of the codified code number 111.15 that the Mayor points members of Council to the following standing committees for the year 2018. Now I’m going to ask Council members to approve after I’ve read all of the committees and its members; hearing no objections;

Finance Committee – Mr. Paul, Mr. Dressel, Mr. Timmons

Service Committee – Mr. Dressel, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Petrella

Safety & Health Committee – Mr. Paul, Mr. Villamagna, Mr. Timmons

Planning – Mr. Villamagna, Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Petrella

Public Utilities – Mr. DiLoreto, Mr. Dressel, Mr. Timmons

Building & Grounds – Mr. Paul, Mr. Villamagna, Mr. Dressel

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Hahn, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Petrella

Economic Development – Mr. Villamagna, Mr. Dressel, Mrs. Hahn

Transportation – Mr. DiLoreto, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Petrella

Pride – Mr. DiLoreto, Mr. Villamagna, Mrs. Hahn; hearing no objections; member of Council motion to approve the standing committee. Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the Mayor appointments to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Am I doing okay so far Domenick?”

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-94 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (OHPO) UNDER THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF OTHER DOCUMENTS APPURTENANT

THERE TO; AUTHORIZING COMPLIANCE WITH CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-94. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-94 please come forward and state your name and address.” Mr. Dressel called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-94 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The effective date of this ordinance is February 1, 2018.

NO. 2017-95 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDING AND STRUCTURE IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-95. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-95 please come forward and state your name and address.” Mr. Dressel called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-95 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The effective date of this ordinance is February 1, 2018.

NO. 2017-96 - BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd 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 Barilla – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-96. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-96 please come forward and state your name and address.” Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-96 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The effective date of this ordinance is February 1, 2018.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor. You’ll like this one. I came and talked to Mr. Mavromatis; we’re going to have to take a long and hard look at our water and sewer problems for the year 2018; we’ve had quite a few problems what I’m going to do is set up meetings every other week at 6:30 to 7:25 anybody that can come down; you don’t have to sign in just bring some answers with you and some solutions to go with the problems are. The EPA again is on our backs but of course no money goes with our ordinance; that’s two slumps they should drain that hut and the EPA. Some of the problems that we’re going to have we have over a 1,000 vacant homes in this town so naturally we’re not selling water out of those homes. We got 3 pieces of property down there on Route 7 Weirton Steel I still call it and the old paper mill; naturally we’re not selling any water those 3 parcels should be filled at least some (inaudible) to fill them. Weirton just got a new Burger King and a gas station and so I think that’s going to be it so we set up at a timely basis we’ll have all parties here myself, Council, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Chuck Murphy so if you have any questions please refer them to him; what I would like to do is give them to him a day ahead of time so he can get to the answers; don’t come down here and say Chuck how much we pay in overtime last year in water breaks; I know Jim we’ve had quite a few water breaks over this past year and I know everybody wants it fixed right away in subzero weather so it’s going to be a long haul and we’re going to play Texas poker with all the cards on deck and then we’ll make a final decision and see what we can do. I get upset when I see Bergholz, Amsterdam, Brilliant getting water for their new water system free out of the government and we got to strive for ours so that’s one direction I want to find out why we can’t get some help so let’s have a good year. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “I have one thing this evening that I was asked to do so I am sun shining an ordinance repealing ordinance no. 2017-88 and the first reading to be scheduled on the 16th of this month.”

Mayor Barilla – “Does that require 2 other members of Council to do that?”

Mr. Mastros – “Under the Charter it does under section; Article 3 section 2 ordinance shall be introduce by 2 or more members of Council at any regular or special meeting of the Council or if it comes from Committee I believe that it is; if it comes from committee that’s fine too; it’s 2; introduce by 2 or more members; it has to be introduce by 2 or more; so Mr. Dressel is one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I will second that.”

Mr. Mastros – “There’s 2.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Point of order for a minute. Costa isn’t it 3 if it doesn’t come out of the committee?”

Mr. Mastros – “No it says 2; ordinance shall be entered by 2 or more members of Council at any regular (inaudible); Article 3 section 2 subsection A.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I was under the impression it was 3. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay so you have Mrs. Hahn and Mr. Dressel everything okay? Alright thank you Mr. Dressel.”

Mrs. Hahn – No report

Mr. Paul – “No; I would just like to welcome you your Honor; it’s a pleasure to work with you. Mr. Petrella I want to welcome you to our Council; you’ve been here before you know what’s going on. But Jerry I really want to thank you and you’re a good man and I missed your swearing in the other day and I’m sorry I had to work.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Paul – “I was going to call you and let you know that but I figured you knew that already.”

Mayor Barilla – “I figured I appreciate that.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you your Honor.”

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor I just want to (inaudible) what Mr. Paul said; welcome; welcome to Mr. Petrella and I hope we have a good year.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you we’re going to make it a good year.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you your Honor. Just to add a little bit to what Mr. DiLoreto has brought up about our infrastructure I can tell you we’ve had nothing but water breaks this last week and a half even over the holidays that we’ve had here. I caution the homeowners here do your due diligence on making sure that your lines are properly insulated and make sure your lines don’t freeze up on you. There’s nothing you can do about when lines break out in the street; we have to respond but bear with us; we have limited amount of crews and some of our crews have been going 18 to 24 hours a day working on these breaks and safety is a paramount importance to our people here; again I just got a call from Mr. Petrella and again; first day here and he’s getting calls over New Year’s Day on a break in his area it affected him; brown water and we were able to get a crew out there; that was their 3rd water break that they’ve been working on so again these are things we have to deal with as a City together and again Mr. DiLoreto I think that’s the right way to go; let’s put the facts out to the people here; this is what your faced with here we’re going to have to make some hard decisions here again I thank my department heads here and we’ll get ready for a very stringent year this year but again we got a lot of challenges we’ll face and I’m sure we’ll tackle them on and that’s it Mayor. Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim Mr. Murphy use to put out a thing that said where all the breaks were and how many there were. I haven’t seen it for a while if he could get that I think that would be helpful.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Oh no that’s going to be part of the document because you need to know 1. How many breaks we’ve had in 15 and 16 and 17 and what we already faced starting this New Year and he has that documentation so we’ll make sure Council has that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “And what Bob was saying it justified where we put the; where we replaced the water lines at if you recall Loretta Drive I think we have 27 water line breaks so everything is out in the 5th and 6th Ward but I mean that’s where most of the water lines were; where all them breaks were. Yes I agree with Bob thank you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you your Honor. Just briefly either next meeting or the meeting after as soon as I can get a conference call together with Mr. Mavromatis, Mr. Lewis, and our outside Council we’re going to have to bring our OPEC lawsuit back around to see where we stand and make some decisions and I’ll be filing the first of probably 5 appropriation cases next week with Mr. Dolak assistance but other than that your Honor that’s it. Thank you.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “This is our first meeting without the public forum that we’re normally accustom too and we had not had anyone sign in for public forum; the deadline was what Friday at 4:00 or did we extend that?”

Mrs. Haley – “Friday at 4.”

Mayor Barilla – “Friday at four o’clock no one had signed in to speak under public forum. So therefore I ask if there is no further business before Council.”

Mr. Timmons – “Does someone have to bring this up?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes you can bring it up.”

Mr. Timmons – “Let’s see hear. I would like to appoint; accept your recommendations for the suggestions you made for the Board of Library Trustees; say the name too?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. Timmons – “Paul Brandt and Gary Hallock.” Seconded by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla thanked the Department Heads for attending the meeting and thanked the audience for coming this evening.

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