

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 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 Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, & DiLoreto.

Mr. DiLoreto moved that Mr. Dressel and Mrs. Hahn be excused from the meeting. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Parks & Recreations Director Lorri Fetherolf, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mr. Villamagna for January 2, 2018. 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 – “Yes I have two; it’s a notice of legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; Aldi Inc. 4150 Mall Dr. Steubenville, Ohio. Please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B NEW 0100778-1065; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes your Honor I make a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and the copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, the Police Chief, and myself.” Seconded by Mr. Paul.

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been regularly moved and second that the communication received be filed, made part of the minutes, refer to the City Manager, Law Director, the Mayor, Police Chief, and councilmen.” Roll Call. All ayes. So moved communications accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mrs. Haley – “Second notice of legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; Dolgen Midwest DBA Dollar General Store 144 Hollywood Blvd. Steubenville, Ohio. Please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B NEW 2234815-2845; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes your Honor I make a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and the copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, the Police Chief, and Council.” Seconded by Mr. Paul.

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been regularly moved and second that the communication received be filed, made part of the minutes, refer to the City Manager, Law Director, the Mayor, Police Chief, and councilmen.” Roll Call. All ayes. So moved communications accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “We you guys like to have a Safety Committee Meeting?”

Mr. Timmons – “Sounds good to me.”

Mr. Paul – “We’ll have the Finance Committee Meeting later on. Okay I’m sorry I need to stand up but I wasn’t sure without talking to Dave first. Yes I would like to call for a Safety Committee Meeting; we’ll do it next week; when are you doing yours?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “The following week.”

Mr. Paul – “The following week you’re going to do; okay; I have something that I want to present to the Steubenville Public School system it’s called G.R.E.A.T; it’s called Gang Resistant Education Training and I’m going to let the superintendent and the assistant principal at Harding look at this and see if it’s feasible for them. In the mean time I would like too; when I prepare my agenda next week I would like to have them give me back some feedback and see if they think it’s feasible; I was online this morning looking at it; it looks like it might be a little bit difficult to maneuver but maybe with someone with a little more computer skills than I have might be able to come up with something but it looks like a good program; I brought it up one other time past couple years and I know we had an officer who retired; what was the officer?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Piergallini?”

Mr. Paul – “Not Piergallini... Joel Walker he is the; what do they call them at the school? Resource Officer yes and maybe we can get him to train or if we have to we can get a City Police Officer with the training; I’ll present that next week also; okay so we’ll have a; and I would like for both Police Chief and Fire Chief to give me something if you have anything you would want to put on the agenda so you think maybe 6:30? We’ll go 6:30 next week okay; that will be; today is the 9th; so the 16th.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s Safety Committee?”

Mr. Paul – “Safety Committee yes sir. Eric and Bob if you guys have anything you want let me know; we’ll go an hour okay. Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – “I just have basically a question Jim where are we at with the; I know we talked about it before kind of a notification system something like that; with University Blvd. being closed I have to find out through Facebook about things like that and I’d rather; I don’t know if we can add that to the website; I thought we’ve talked about that before whether if we have a phone call system stuff like that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “On the phone call notification we’re still working on getting bids for that like the schools have; again we still have people in this town that have phones that get that so you’re going to have a certain portion of this town that won’t get it we still have to rely on our; which I’m going to bring up tonight there’s 2 road closures we’re going to have coming up here; one lane but still it’s going to go out but again that is something that we are looking into we just got to get the right people to do it and the right system. Just realize you’re still going to have people that won’t get notified.”

Mr. Timmons – “And I understand that but the vast majority would and you know I just think especially if there’s boil orders I mean people have questions about things like that so those same people probably don’t have; either don’t watch the news or read the newspaper as well so I know I receive questions like that from people from time to time and it would be nice to be able to answer them.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I think; if I’m wrong correct me; but you’re talking about also a notification for us so we know when a constituent calls am I correct?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah I mean I’m asking for all of it actually I just think a lot of the times I think our communication lacks.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah it is hit or miss sometimes we get it and sometimes we don’t but like a group e-mail it’s says there’s a water break at Devonshire or Cole hill wherever; so we all know when someone calls because I did receive calls about a couple of them that I had no idea about.”

Mr. Timmons – “And I think that; I mean I don’t want to speak for you but I think that that also alleviates possibly some of the misinformation that might be out there; you know you hear it on Facebook; you hear it from other sources; I’d rather hear it straight from the source and it be correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is that it Mr. Timmons?”

Mr. Timmons – “That’s all.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor I have 3 pieces of legislation. First 2 are under planning; an ordinance amending Chapter 1175 of the Zoning Code creating the Belleview Boulevard Neighborhood Conservation District. The second one is an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and Urban Projects Director to advertise for bids for the F.Y. 2018 CDBG Street Improvement Program. The third one is and before I read it I wanted to give you a little background on it; there was a very bad situation in my ward last week involving an animal that was left outside in the frigid weather and there was some commotion over there and the Police were called; the Dog Warden was called; everybody that was available they went; but part of the ordinance does not allow; there was nothing specified about the shelter so I talked to Costa and he drafted up to amend; add this sentence to 505.071 which is in our packet that we have; we all have them in our packet; legislation to amend ordinance no. 505.071 specifically subsection (C)(3) to include language that would state; no person could cage or impound a companion animal outside for more than 30 minutes when the temperature is 90 degree or higher or 32 degrees or lower; we were going to bring it up under Safety but we decided Council as a Whole because that’s going to affect everybody’s ward and also I would like my colleagues if we could vote on this next week as an emergency because we got the frigid weather coming back. I went over there and saw this dog; I mean it was a sad situation; the dog is not there now; the dog ran away or something but the dog is not there. Thank you those are the 3 pieces of legislation.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor on January the 23rd; I was going to start next week but he’s having a meeting; we’re going to start our investigation and discussion about raising the water rates; going through the entire water system; something Council and I have already turned in our questions to Mr. Mavromatis cause I had; I ask the people that come to Council to come down we’ll have the meeting from 6:30 to 7:25; we’ll take the first half an hour; people can have the second half an hour; no one got to sign in; if you want your questions answered ahead of time; get your answer to Mr. Mavromatis, Mr. Murphy, or Mr. Lewis. So it’s going to be a long drawn out process; we need all the help we can get; I was just reading the paper the other day; the Commissioners they discussed water and sewer it seems like everybody is getting money except Steubenville; I thought the last time I read my history book we were a part of the County so I think if there is any money out there; I just don’t particularly care for the EPA coming down here and telling us what to do and don’t give us any money to do it and there back there somewhere in Washington D.C. or Columbus calling the shots and they don’t even know who Steubenville is (inaudible) water holes so (inaudible). Okay so we’ll start (inaudible) Council start getting your questions together to Mr. Mavromatis; you can walk in they know where his office is; Chuck Murphy I don’t know where you’ll find him at probably fixing the water hole or fixing the water leak. Thank you very much.”

Mayor Barilla – “So that’s 6:30; the date on that?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “The date on that will be January 23rd; 2 weeks; we’ll probably go one week at a time or every other week.”

Mayor Barilla – “And where is that going to be held?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right here.”

Mayor Barilla – “Council Chambers”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right here in Council Chambers so it’s big enough and nobody gets shut out.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So January 23rd?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right the 23rd; Jim is going on vacation. So get your questions in Bobby. We’ll get your brain trust involved too Jerry.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright. They’ll be lined up and ready to go for you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I know they will.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you your Honor. There’s 2 announcements that are coming out; again as I said before we came into the year with water breaks; these are road closures; the curb lane from Forest Ave. to Pico will be closed for approximately 2 weeks they are replacing a valve there and also for one week there will be a closure on Forest Ave. from the Sunset Blvd. to the entrance into the car wash so work can be done there so again I’ve given copies to our clerk; I’ve given copies to our press and again just watch the road signs out there because they are there for the safety of everyone so that particular block area will be one lane of traffic only. Thank you Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim I wanted to; I want to actually congratulate the Chief of Police; that 4 man detail that was added; I’ve got; usually I get calls that are negative I’ve got several calls on the officers visibility and the difference; so and also to the drug task force who; there was a conviction today resulted in \$19,000 being forfeited to the City of Steubenville and the third thing is the water crews; they need a medal; I mean these guys are getting it handed to them pretty bad and they’re doing a good job; in that subzero weather they were in that hole when the water was up over their feet and ankles so just give them a good job done.”

Mr. Paul – “Mr. Murphy said that’s the warmest spot down in that hole.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s what he told me.”

Mr. Paul – “It was on TV he said that’s the warmest spot down in there because once you get out of that hole then the wind is blowing around and it kind of makes sense after you think about it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah really; they did a good job with what they got.”

Mr. Paul – “You’re right I (inaudible) what Bob is saying; them guys are doing a heck of a job.”

Mayor Barilla – “I agree they need to be commended.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mucci said to have fun up here and do this and he was kind of upset the other day because our first meeting and this meeting has gone so smoothly; within a few minutes it’s over with so.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Who said that to you Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Mucci; Domenick.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh Domenick.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “No one signing in under Public Forum.”

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