

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 29, 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 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, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for May 22, 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 – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2018-43 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

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.

NO. 2018-44 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 20-26, 2018 AS NATIONAL EMS WEEK.

Mrs. Haley – “Resolution no. 2018-44. A Resolution proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National EMS week. Whereas, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. May 20-26, 2018 National EMS Week “EMS Strong” campaign seeks to celebrate, unify and inspire the men and women of our nation’s emergency medical services; and whereas, Ambulance Service, Inc. (ASI) has been providing Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services for the City of Steubenville and its citizens since 1964. ASI is committed to caring for all members of the Steubenville Community; and whereas, the ASI team is ready to provide life sustaining care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty days a year. This includes those who experience a sudden emergency, for those who require non-emergency medical transportation “to” and “from” medical facilities/home, and to those who may need a helping hand in their homes. In addition, ASI provides pro-bono services for events and organizations throughout the City; and whereas, despite the many challenges facing the EMS industry: low reimbursement, increased operating cost, and increased regulatory requirements, ASI continues to make significant investments in staff capabilities, equipment and vehicles to provide more advance pre-hospital care for the community. These capabilities include Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Advanced ALS Plus, allowing the transport of critical patient requiring bariatric, ventilators and advance pre-hospital drug administration; and whereas, the community benefits daily from the dedicated efforts, knowledge and skills of ASI’s team, including emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, dispatchers, wheelchair attendants, and other support staff that make this service possible; and whereas, ASI has a collaborative relationship with Steubenville Fire Department and Steubenville Police Department as well as with local law enforcement and surrounding EMS agencies. These mutually beneficial relationships are important to our community. Along with the City of Steubenville’s Safety Forces, ASI plays a critical role in caring for our citizens. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 20-16, 2018 as NATIONAL EMS WEEK in the City of Steubenville. Section 2: That the Clerk of this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to Karen D’Anniballe of Ambulance Service, Inc. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Petrella made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-44 by roll call. Seconded by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – “Karen and Lynne.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “We’re going to have our team come up (all inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Bring them all.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “We’ll bring them all with us.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Bring them all (inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “Karen on behalf of City Council, the Mayor, City Administration, Council; give you this Resolution. I just want to say your father who built the company and I worked with (all inaudible); I’m glad it went to his children so they can carry on his tradition working in conjunction with the city as a private/public partnership; you’ve made this community stronger you also hopefully that you’ll grow; hire more people bring more tax (inaudible) into the city and make us stronger and we would like to build more private/public partnerships and good relationships and I thank you very much for working with the Police Department and our Fire Department. Thank you.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “Thank you so much and this; on behalf of Lynne and I and our family we’re really here to thank all the members of City Council; sorry we have our back to you.”

Mr. Dressel – “It’s okay.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “Mayor; City Manager; we’re really grateful and honored to be here tonight. These guys and girls that you’re looking at; it’s really not about us it’s really about them because days, nights, holidays, weekends, special occasions; these folks are away from their families so we’re just honored and delighted to be here to honor them and thank them. The one thing that I would see and I don’t see Chief Capaldi here or Chief McCafferty but we really want to thank the City those departments specifically; we have a pretty good working relationship with them we know that relationship is mutually beneficial and we’re very appreciative so we’ll be sure to give them a call and let them know that we’re very grateful for them bringing us into the mix and supporting us when we need it. Also we’re so thankful to the community to be able to be serving the community for so long; we don’t take that for granted and we don’t take it lightly; it’s an honor and we’re just very very honored to be able to serve the citizens as we do and finally we have great news. So outside we have a new ambulance that will be going into service in 2 weeks and what we did is we brought the ambulance down and we would encourage all of you; we’re going to keep it here; so after Council come look and take a look at it; these guys worked really hard on designing a new vehicle that will meet the special needs of some of our patients in the city so please stop by and see it we’ll be excited to put it in service in a couple of weeks so thank you so so much we appreciate it.”

Mr. Petrella – “I’m so glad you gave your sister a lot of time to speak.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “She’s the brains I’m just the talker.”

Mr. Petrella – “Thank you.”

Karen D'Anniballe – “Thank you all so much.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor. Jim; Chris isn’t here; I saw in the paper where we got a grant for \$100,000 to tear down a gas station I think it’s the one of 3rd and South street; I hope so it said on Route 7 so it’s been an eye sore for the past 20 years so I hope it comes down. A few words here to say in the last week the Heritage Apartments owners posted curfew; 10:00 p.m. everyone in; as far as I’m concerned I think that’s a very good idea; no civil rights have been violated except those who commit the crime; 95% of our population are law abiding citizens go on in life normal; raise their children pay their taxes and be able to walk the streets and cook a hot dog or a hamburger without being shot and freedom to move around freely and free of crime. The people whose civil rights were violated are those children who have been massacred over the past 2 or 3 years; they’re either dead or suffer because of the crime; there’s an old saying after 10:00 p.m. the only people who are on the streets are criminals, prostitutes, and policemen and 2 out of the 3 are trouble. There was a murder last week; if that individual was home at 10:00 instead of out at 2 he might have been alive. Thank you. I’m going to hopefully; I’m going to contact the Jefferson Metropolitan Authority and see if we can implement that law down there also; whatever it takes I’m going to try and support it so I do not know but I’ll be following up one way or another; people are tired and everybody is tired including me (inaudible) citizen this town a bad name; I do a lot of traveling. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “I just had a couple quick things. One I was asked to mention the Unity Garden which is on 5th and North is looking for gardeners; people interested in gardening to help out Wednesday’s from 10-12 or 5-7 so there’s some options there if you want to get involved and also if you’re interested in starting a garden on a vacant lot elsewhere in the city you may want to talk with them because they’ve done a really good job in doing what they do; it’s large. The other thing I just wanted to mention that our next 1st Friday event is happening Friday; the 1st Friday of June and will be even bigger than last time from what I’ve been hearing; we’re also going to try and have the Grand lit up and the Wurlitzer Workshop we’re rebuilding the Wurlitzer pipe organ over; open so we can demonstrate something that makes noise so whatever we hook the blower too you’ll be able to come in and hear something there as well so there’s a number of things happening; it starts at 6 I think it is.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Dressel – “Friday”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Dressel – “First Friday of every month.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I thought I saw in the paper that it was Wednesday.”

Mr. Dressel – “No it’s Friday yeah. There’s something to do every day I think so stop down and visit what’s going on. Thanks.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah a couple more things to piggy back on that and then I want to give a brief mention about the Habitat for Humanity that we went to last week. Also this week Wednesday tomorrow night from 5-7 is the new What’s up Downtown with Steubenville Revitalization group and they’ll be at Mike Riley’s appliance stores and so it will be ready to greet you and if you’re curious at all to come in and see what he has done; I hope that you’ll consider coming downtown that’ll be between 5 and 7. Also Saturday and Sunday is Pioneer Days at the Fort and so it’s going to be a lot of fun for younger kids and I think they’ll have some people demonstrating certain crafts they’ll; a lot of people we’ll be dressed up and so I think that’ll be a lot of fun as well. Under Parks and Recreation; did you get my message? Is Wednesday or Thursday better?”

Lorri Fetherolf – “Thursday.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thursday’s better okay so Thursday I’m going to be at the pool for a couple of hours in the morning like 8:30 to 10:30 if anybody wants to help add some flowers and mulch and do various things at the pool just to beautify it a little more before it opens on Friday. I really could use your help but I’ll be there whether you come or not I would just love to have your help doing that. Okay and then; yeah Habitat for Humanity I just wanted to mention this; I took 5 people up with me and we had about 3 hours touring their facility in Canton; it is so fun just to see everything that’s possible everything that’s happening up there. (Inaudible) Canton they are actually moving; they’ve built hundreds of homes over the years but now they are revitalizing a neighborhood and hoping to move into another neighborhood. They are very interested and open to coming back to Steubenville but my idea of having a big meeting in August they said was not a good one because you get people fired up to volunteer and then you say stay tune we’ll get back to you at about 8 months and they said no we need to wait until late February early March but in the meantime we’re looking for houses and we’d like to do one in every ward so you guys know your wards really well; if you know anybody who inherited a property that they rather have the tax write-off because it’s a 501(c)(3) they can donate the property; they can get the credit; they’re happy to build the people’s names into the advertising that they’re the ones who helped get us started on this. The other thing we need is for people to apply and if you are in rental housing that’s especially on the substandard side; you’re making between the 30 and 80% of the immediate income in Steubenville you could be eligible and it’s not too soon now to go ahead and get on the website; see what’s involved; it is a lot; it is a lot you have to help volunteer at other people’s houses and then other people help when it’s time to work on your house and you take classes on pledging and finances; managing a home and doing simple repairs; managing a yard and in addition to the house they also include a lawn mower, a weed whacker, and they give you technical experience using them; it’s such a hand up; it is such a hand up and I think many many people are going to want to be a part of this but for now what we need are some offers; low cost offers and maybe out right donations of property and individuals, families, couples who would really love to be able to call a home their own and for them to get started on the process. Stay tuned we’ll give you more updates at; it’s a wonderful operation and they’re very excited to return that whole new level here in Steubenville. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor I have one item. I make a motion that we go into executive session after tonight’s meeting; after public forum to discuss the Police FOP Lodge 1 contract.” Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah just a little update on the office hours I’ve been having in the neighborhoods. After a week off due to business travel I’ll be out there again Thursday from 6-7 this week I’ll be at Granard and Oregon. I’ve had about 10-12 people visit me in the hour average both times so it’s been really good I think you know Jim and Karly probably get tired of all the e-mails on Friday because I have a lot of input that I send to them on those days so but that’s great; it’s all been positive so I appreciate it so I hope to see everybody there. Thanks.”

Mr. Villamagna – No report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Late this afternoon we had a 6 inch water break inside the Fort Steuben Hotel; our Fire Department responded; our sanitation water people responded; it was determined that it was inside the facility there was approximately 5 feet of water in the basement; a sub pump was set up; the water was shut off by the City and they’re probably going to have to move temporarily the residents there; Red Cross was notified by the building management; I talked to the number 2 that owns the property I explained to him that this was clearly inside and that was not a city issue and we were there to assist them in any way we can. ASI was on the scene and they probably stood there helping move people to locations for this evening there’s no water, no power, and no electric, and no gas so I think this is due to all the flooding downstairs; Panhandle was called by the company to start working on the issue there. So this goes with 2 other breaks we had another break out on University Blvd. that was taken care of today we have another one that is starting at the 2300 block of Sunset and they’re going to address that tomorrow so again we’re still (inaudible) by our infrastructure issues and this is something that we have to remain diligent on and to go after this and I have my department head Lori here she’ll brief Council on the pool situation and that’s all I have your Honor.”

Mr. Mastro – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Lori Fetherolf – “I just want to update everybody on the pool. So we’re all set to open on Friday we lowered the rates this year for the membership, season passes, and the daily rates hoping to get more people out there. We’re offering swim lessons I counted before I came over today we got 16 for swim lessons which isn’t bad we had none last year so that’s a step up and we’re going to do water aerobics classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.; from 6-7. Just to kind of tail on that the park staff I’m still about; I’ve got one hired; one in the works; and I’m still one short it’s all about nobody can pass the background check or the drug test that’s where the stipulation has been at so if anybody knows of anybody still looking for a job please send them my way; I interview the minute I get the application I interview; we’re starting the process; we really really need them we’re so far behind; the guys are having a hard time cutting the grass and keeping up with all that with just 3 guys so that’s all I got. Thanks.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Two things. The first thing; there’s two unfortunate incidents that happen. One of them is the Marion Place deal where the yard was tore up and that happened in December we’re going into June these people are in their 90s and I think; this should’ve been repaired by now and it’s not repaired and it’s in the insurance company back and forth; it has to be fixed and it’s going to be fixed it’s just a matter of whether the insurance company or who is going to pay. I think the City should pull the plug and say fix it and we’re going to pay it; these people are elderly; the one woman is in the hospital now and it needs fixed and we have an obligation to fix it; we damaged it; we had an obligation to fix; let the insurance company work it out with the City however they got to do it but in the meantime these people should have the okay to fix their property and live their remaining years looking at their lot; it was pristine before we damaged it; it wasn’t malicious but we did damage it and I think we have an obligation. Second thing is East Carlton off of Lovers Lane; 2 years ago we had a big water line break we went up there; we looked at it and it was washed out pretty good so we repaired the whole street and they were supposed to fix the curb; so I had Chuck Murphy up there I had Dolak out there and I had Chris Petrossi out there and everybody agreed to our wash out is what caused the damage to this street. So I had Chuck out there and we made a schedule to fix it; it was never fixed; that was 2 years ago and so the political part of it the lady calls and she says thanks for nothing; you didn’t do anything; the Mayor showed me the picture and that’s why I come back because we’re all grownups in this room and I don’t double check on every single thing that I; have to be done I just assume that it’s done. So I want; that has to be looked into Jim; it has to be taken care of and I don’t want to hear nothing from Chuck or anybody else in the City that we can’t do it right now; we promised that lady 2 years ago that we were going to fix that road way and it’s bad and it needs addressed; that’s on Carlton. And the third thing is this incident where that guy got killed are we following that up or we?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because there were some major violations there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll talk to you tomorrow about that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. But I’m really and I’m upset about that Marion Place thing most of all because those people are in their 90s; god forbid that something happens to them and their yard ain’t fixed; you know I’m telling you I mean; if were talking \$600 we’re not talking \$6,000; pull the plug; go up there and fix it and then let the insurance companies; they do that with automobile wrecks you go get your car fixed and then we’ll get it worked out; there’s got to be a way it’s \$600 we got; if we ain’t got \$600 to go fix somebody’s yard then we should close up the City right now. That’s all.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We don’t have anyone signing in under Public Forum this evening.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul – “I would like to sunshine an ordinance ratifying the three (3) year wage and benefit contract entered into by the City of Steubenville with the fraternal order of police, fort Steuben Lodge #1 and declaring an emergency.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR