

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, & Dressel.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, & Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 5, 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. 2018-46 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 1195.04 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1195.04 OF THE ZONING CODE.

NO. 2018-47 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1327.02(C) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

NO. 2018-48 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT, BIDDING, AND SALE OF THE OLD AND OBSOLETE WATER METERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes. The only thing that I wanted to mention was the Parks and Recreation meeting is a public meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse (inaudible); it is open to the public.”

Mr. Paul – No report

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – “Just real quick. Last week for my office hours across the 3rd ward was at Oak Grove and Carnegie; I just want to thank Jim for stopping by and answering and talking with the residents. Next week I’ll be at Belleview Blvd. and Wellesley; that’s 6 to 7 on Thursday so see you then. Thanks.”

Mr. Villamagna – No report

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – “I have a couple quick things. One I wanted to thank Mike Dolak, M & R, and Jim Mavromatis for the paving in the North end on Franklin Ave. it’s not quite done but it’s really nice. The Greek Festival is going on; it just started today and continues through Friday; if you haven’t been down there stop down. The Dean Martin celebration starts Thursday and most of it starts Friday in the 100 block of North 4th St. I just wanted to thank Jim and the Police for coordinating the street closure and there’s a bunch of events going on all over including the Spot Bar and Historic Fort Steuben; we have something at the Grand on Saturday and also there’s dances, a 5K, historic church tours, and concerts going on so a lot of things this weekend if you’re in town. Also the unity garden is looking at opening a second community garden on the corner of North 6th and Franklin Ave.; I don’t know if; Mary O’Conner is not here; but she sounds like she actually has a donation of the vacant lot there from the Peterson family; I think people that were involved earlier both have died but they want to give that to her and she’s working with the Urban Mission to give that lot hopefully into a non-profit and they’ll have that open soon which is right there on the corner of North 6th Ave. and Franklin; right there by the Kennedy Tower. Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Last night I attended the monthly JB Green Team meeting in Bellaire where I presented them with a letter requesting them to end our lease effective September 1st. The purpose of this is to move our Fire Department’s Administrative staff/Inspection Staff over to that side of our building and then what will be done with the Chief is moving our detectives division in there where we can house all together; right now they’re called out together on; depends on what the type of crime is (inaudible) we also meet the state codes; we’re having already the wired room for interviews so that basically a lot of involvement there. That will give us some additional space over there in the Health Department where (inaudible) we still have to move our amenities such as our Dog Warden has to be moved and things of this nature. We’re looking at some cost saving measures here because honestly we don’t have all the money to just want to do everything that we needed to do; we just got a recent budget in I think it was a \$118,000 for our new camera system; our system is obsolete; they can’t replace a lot of the parts if they go down; this is the time to do this; this benefits our downtown area we’re switching over to a wireless system which will be a much better system where we can put our cameras in different spots to have that. The other thing; hopefully this week if things go well; we will be able to get our hook up to the County Jail for our arraignment sessions; the wire has been laid we’re just waiting to get our IT people together now to hook up the connections. Once we get that; that will cut down a lot of our cost on our manpower for the day shift on moving prisoners back and forth which doesn’t give us our people out on the street so this will be a great help for us so the Judge has been very; very helpful on this; he has absorbed all cost as pertained to this room here so that’ll be hooked up to these 2 cameras here; I mean these 2 screens right here; so if everything goes like it should hopefully we’ll be able to do a test run next week to see how it works and we can start cutting down on making these people here for arraigning. The worse days are Mondays and Tuesdays basically because of the weekends or holidays of the arrest there; our officers are moving people back and forth constantly which is tying them up; which cuts our manpower for the day shift. I will be off Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; Chief McCafferty you signed the slip (inaudible); Chief McCafferty will be the acting; Dave Lewis is on vacation so again Chief will be able to field your calls; if it’s an emergency; please I want to know about it you call me I’ll be available by phone so I just wanted to let Council know that; that’s where I’ll be. Nothing but positive responses from the public from the people on North 4th St. on our 1st Fridays; we’re trying to do something different here now for Saturday because of the Dean Martin Festival; everything; the Greek Festival; I believe ends Friday; on Saturday North 4th will be closed till midnight; we will work with our Streets Department; they’ll be additional garbage cans there; 4 by 4 there; the participants I mean business wise have been extremely benefit; when it’s over with they make sure everything is clean on the street; they put the cans together then come Monday our sanitation comes there and picks everything up. The; our special group or SWAT officers we have those that are available will be out there Saturday also; again this has worked out quite well because they are meeting with the youth of our city; they’re out there in some cases actually (inaudible) kickball or Frisbees with them but again you’re getting the city that hey; policemen aren’t bad people we’re there to work with you but I will tell you this; this has been a positive thing from the business people without questions; they’re very happy with it; I think the citizens have been happy with it based on the increase involving the people coming there; weather has played a game there with us and that’s understandable; the first one we had rain; the second one was better hopefully the third (inaudible) and Saturday will be a good bench mark to see (inaudible) we have so many other things going on at the Spot Bar. Mayor that’s all I have to report and I have my two department heads here; I have Lori here and I have the Chief here.”

Mr. Battistel – No report

Lori Fetherolf – “Yeah just an update on the pool so we’ve been open several weeks; we had 35 people up there today so (inaudible) so that was good because it was a little chilly so the kids are coming out. If you want to let everybody know we have our (all inaudible) our 3 temporaries hired; seasonal hired; I do have some very good; thank you Bob; applications in case one of them doesn’t work out because as I explained to them it’s not hard work it’s physical work and there’s a difference there in that so hopefully they work out they attacked that hill over at Belleview (inaudible) take care of the grass and all that kind of stuff so (inaudible) busy summer we’ll get there. Thanks.”

Chief McCafferty – “Tomorrow we have promotional exams for captain/sergeant; I have two sergeants taking the captain’s exam and 5 patrolmen taking the sergeants exam. Then next week is the patrolmen and dispatcher exam so far tomorrow is the deadline for; to take the entry level police officer’s exam; we have 10 so far for police officers and 5 for dispatcher; which the 10 (all inaudible) chief at my Chief’s meeting so that’s more than they get so we’re happy.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Chief McCafferty – “So that’s (inaudible) capacity.”

Mr. Paul – “How (inaudible) be; to be a dispatcher? How old? Like 62 is that a (inaudible).”

Chief McCafferty – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “I mean I’d tell you where to go; not you but (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “You would too believe me.”

Mr. Paul – “Oh yeah I would.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Just a question; just a question.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor; thank you. I met to ask Chuck Murphy but he left before I got a chance to ask him. Did they start on East Carlton Jim? Do you know?”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Bob I would say no; I drove it the other day and I didn’t see anything there; the PO has been signed but I’ll call Bob; I’ll call him tonight.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. And a; Marion Place they; I went down there today they; they don’t want anything done; they’re done; they’re just going to get it fixed themselves; they’re going to pay for it their self; they said it’s been going on for too long and they...”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Well I can understand that but whatever he pays have him submit the bill because we’ve been in contact with the insurance; in fact Costa did some more talking with him but whatever he pays have him submit the bill.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “I talked to Costa today he told he had the insurance adjuster call me but they never called me and she’s been in the hospital.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Right”
- Mr. Villamagna – “He can only talk on a touch tone phone.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “So I went down there today and it was; it was just a sad situation.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay just; Bob please whatever he pays make sure we get a copy of it.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “And a; I appreciate the update on the building next door and everything and to be clear cause I got some calls about this forfeiture money; everybody wants to know about this forfeiture money.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Why aren’t we putting that to the water? Why aren’t we doing this? And I explained it so I want to say it publically the forfeiture money can only be used for certain things; water funds can only be used for water.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “And a; cause I got several calls about this money; about this forfeiture and I said it’s just not; that’s not just how it works okay.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Let me; let me answer this for you because I’m well familiar with it. That money was forfeited in a gambling investigation and it came through the federal government. What does that mean? That means that we have to follow the federal guidelines. I have a 68; 64 page booklet in what can and cannot; I’ve dealt with this for over 22 years there are specific things that that money can only be used for and I’ll be very candid; we will follow it and I will tell you this; this goes back a few years ago; previously administrations used the money for other reasons; they got caught on it and had to put the money back; alright? I will tell you it’s a criminal offense if you use it for things that don’t follow there so rest assure we will follow it; some of the things that Mr. Villamagna has asked in regards to the Police Department move can be covered under that and we will use that money but he is absolutely correct no way that fund can be used for water, sanitation, anything else in the City other; dealing with law enforcement use so we’re clear on that sir. If anybody has a question please have them call me.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “I tried to explain that to them but everybody; well we; we think you should pave the street with it; it can’t be done you know it just can’t be done and I wanted to make it clear.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “But a; and the last thing Jim was a; they’ll be extra Police out Saturday is that correct?”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “That is correct sir.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah what the Chief said.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah?”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Could you have them; could they make a pass up by the Spot Bar once in a while also and make sure (inaudible).”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah I mean.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Because there will be a lot of older people up there.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “They’re going to be at 100 North 4th there’s no reason why they can’t go down there.”
- Mr. DiLoreto – “In front of Legends; front of legends.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s a matter of going back and forth so.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “I mean the City is paying for protection so just have them make a couple swings up there so they can...”
- Mr. DiLoreto – “In front of Legends be specific.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “I’m sorry?”
- Mr. DiLoreto – “In front of Legends be specific.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Yonk I can’t hear a word you’re saying.”
- Mr. Mavromatis – “Bob you don’t want to hear it.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible)”
- Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna.”
- Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you Mayor.”
- Mr. Petrella – “Yeah. Last week when we were having our committee meeting I talked about some planning and the City should; Council should get together and start thinking about putting a 5 year plan together, 10 year plan so on and so forth. I’m trying to encourage my colleagues to start thinking about dates so we can do that and get

together whether it's a weekend or if you guys want to go; if you want to go off site is fine; if you want to come down here is fine; we need to spend a couple days together and hash things out and start putting a comprehensive plan together in order to move the City forward okay? Also what we should be looking at is once we get everything settled on what we project to do on the water and wastewater side and start to set up town meetings so we can discuss this with our citizens so they know the rationale behind what we're doing; why we need it; and why we're asking for an increase. That's it Mayor."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We will now move into Public Forum and this evening signing in under Public Forum is Mr. Evan Scurti. Mr. Scurti could you step forward state your name and address."

Evan Scurti – "Home address 433 Braybarton. I think I put the business address on the form so that's the Port Authority address of course we had on the forms so I could be (inaudible). Just wanted to check in with you on a couple things primarily our work on the South end will hopefully be..."

Mr. Villamagna – "You want me to hand those out?"

Evan Scurti – "Yeah if you could (all inaudible)"

Mr. Dressel – "(all inaudible)"

Evan Scurti – "I'll pass these out."

Mr. Dressel – "(all inaudible)"

Evan Scurti – "This first document; the south end; we hope to get this up on the website soon unless you object to that or if you have any directions or comments just an ongoing update on the south end and hopefully we'll see some continued momentum upcoming months and years. The Pilot gas station coming in there are several parcels that are now available. Number 1 on the sheet there; we just try to outline (inaudible) intention of the River Rail parcel that was acquired I think over; a good bit over a year ago they've (inaudible) the 7.8 acre former Weirton Steel piece that sat inside the Wheeling-Pitt campus so it's a nice piece of property that access to 7 we think could get some attention from the market ya know as they continue to clean up the area. We are all working actively with River Rail pursuing some additional assessment dollars to prep that particular parcel and get ready to market; and then we pointed at your parcel; again if you want to change the verbiage this is not published yet just something that we drafted up recently; but it does outline Grant School property just to bring some attention to that and then the final piece there is number 2 is a; the Ohio Motor Group area at the end of 3rd Street; South 3rd St.; this is the parcel you may have seen the board authorized a grant application at our May meeting to apply for up to \$100,000 from the State's abandon gas station fund it's a 20 million dollar fund state wide for these old (inaudible) underground storage tanks called Class C gas sites where there has been an identified release; there's no responsible party they're either deceased or bankrupt and it has to be tanks that were not in use passed 1984; so this site checks all those boxes and is eligible; I'm confident we'll receive it; it's not a competitive program it's more if the funds available and your site is eligible it should be approved so we're confident; the decision should come later this month. The board; Dr. Florak is here our chairman we'll start to interview and hire our own contractors (inaudible) a contractor the money will flow through the Port Authority and that contract will hire the subs to start the physical work (inaudible) out there to remove the tank; it's a very old site and we think; there's definitely one or could even be multiple tanks still underground so once that work is done I think again it's another betting site right on the corridor; right across from Pilot; some of the activity going on there; once that NFA letter is in hand no further action from us so it's a much more valuable piece of property so..."

Mayor Barilla – "What's the acreage of that?"

Evan Scurti – "It's about; well we'll be working as 1.35; the Ohio Motor Group and I didn't outline the specific; they own; it's approximately 2; 2 acres."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Now what's; now there's 2 gas stations down there; which one you talking about? The one across from the BP? The old Clark or the one of the corner?"

Evan Scurti – "No the one where you can still see the pumps above ground."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah that's an old Clark Station."

Evan Scurti – "That's probably not eligible under this program."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Well that's the one I thought you were tearing down. That's a big eye sore."

Evan Scurti – "Right. But I would like to continue to work that's the whole point of this; putting this on the website."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Evan Scurti – "Start working parcel by parcel; maybe we'll touch base with that group. The owner of that parcel that you're talking about is the; I think; I would have to verify this; could be the responsible party that own that gas station."

Mr. DiLoreto – "The; (all inaudible); Mr. Popovich he used to own that gas station on the corner there; I don't know who owns it now. (All inaudible)."

Evan Scurti – "Where we're working is all close to 7."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Evan Scurti – "The Ohio Motor Group owns it now but they never operated a gas station there so they're not..."

Mr. Villamagna – "There was a gas station there when I..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "Here (inaudible) service; to fill the cars up when they bought it."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah. I thought it was; I thought it was the other gas station the one (all inaudible)."

Evan Scurti – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. DiLoreto – “That’s what needs to come down.”

Mr. Paul – “(All inaudible) a lot of area there.”

Evan Scurti – “That’s; that’s the point that I just continue to update if; if you want to add anything about those particular sites we’ll be checking in with real estate agents if there’s any particular property; I know Anita Petrella she’s called a couple times; Hosfelt property operating a little more...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Oh yeah.”

Evan Scurti – “So there’s some good activity. So we’ll post that if (inaudible) go on our homepage; not if the grant (inaudible); it has to go through you; it’s a Port Authority Project it’ll drop down on the funds (all inaudible); (all inaudible) Chris Petrossi sent us a support letter and the zoning information so; so hopefully we’ll receive word later this month. Just wanted to update you on that and then I just brought another document we recently; Bob you want too?”

Mr. Paul – “I’ll get it you did the last one.”

Evan Scurti – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “(Inaudible)”

Evan Scurti – “No. We wanted to do a better job of summarizing the oil and gas activity that’s happening in our county; really in the last 5 or 6 years so again ongoing working progress but we’re hoping that opens some eyes especially the map on the inside; chart the documents; many of the direct oil and gas related (inaudible) and most of those as you see are since 2012; several of them are in Steubenville compliments of locating to the county that are serving the industry. There’s a lot of good stats in there so that’s just for your information.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you Mr. Scurti.”

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