

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
October 30, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

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

Mr. Paul made a motion to excuse Mr. Timmons from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for October 23, 2018. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – "Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?"

Mrs. Haley – "I have one. It's a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a new liquor license for Dolgen Midwest also known as Dollar General at 144 Hollywood Blvd. in Steubenville, Ohio. It says 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. Paul on behalf of Mr. Timmons that this letter be part of the record and that a copy would be given to Council, the City Manager, Law Director, Mayor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2018-77 – BY THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION AND LEAK DETECTION PROJECT, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY, UTILITY RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, RE-BIDDING IF REQUIRED, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-77. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-77 please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Jim do you have any idea when this will start and when we can finish it? I know its part of (inaudible) of course I know it takes a lot of time to put up for bids and so forth. Just a ball park figure (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Jim if you have any information on this please contribute. First of all it's a matter of getting money."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And again I don't want to put the cart before the horse; everything is very positive about the loan. So again we're crossing out T's dotting our I's getting them all the documents from the Council's work last week they wanted copies of the ordinances so we're submitting everything. So everything is on track and once we get that then we can start proceeding where we need to go."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Good."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Alright I mean again..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah I understand. I understand."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Until we; again we just got the water in place; our rates we know what we're going to expected to come in with that so we know what source of income we have to apply for loans and that's what we have to be able to show to the Ohio EPA that we have the capabilities. Now on that \$7,000,000 loan we have that money but we also have to show them that we have money to function our water and sewer departments and that's; these are all things that they; we need to show them."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Plus we got to show the citizens that we're (inaudible) money but we're spending it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well again I can clearly make this statement to any citizen that's in this town. The money we're getting is being spent on the issues that it was gotten for. It was gotten for water and sewer whatever it's going to be spent on that. Not hiring any other things; parks anything like that; it's for the problems that this

City faces. So again what I can ask Council if you have questions about that or someone comes to you please refer them to me. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you. Anyone else?”

Mr. DiLoreto called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-77 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect immediately.

#### **NO. 2018-78 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES FOR USE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR 2019, AUTHORIZING THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS, PAYMENT THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-78. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-78 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-78 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect immediately.

#### **NO. 2018-79 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION PRCLAIMING NOVEMBER, 2018 AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.**

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-79 by roll call. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2018-79 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Dressel – “I just have one question and that’s for Costa whether or not we’ve had a response to that letter that you sent to the Attorney General’s office about the swaying the oil and gas revenues differently.”

Mr. Mastros – “No. The reason why the attorney that was on that case is is gone. So I found who it was assigned too; actually there’s two people but I think I narrowed it down so I will make contact with them.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes sir.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Under economic development I just; I wanted to share something I heard today from Tricia Maple who is head of the Chamber of Commerce for Jefferson County and I; the Mayor and I were talking about before and I want to say this very carefully because we are not in competition with Weirton. I’m really happy for all the things that are happening in Weirton and just because a river separates us does not mean we have a huge separation. We are all a part of the Ohio Valley and their success does bless us and vice versa but you may not know this in Steubenville we actually have more businesses; twice as many businesses as in Weirton and in Jefferson County we have twice as many businesses as in Hancock County. So when people have been approaching me saying why do I keep hearing about Weirton; you know why am I not hearing more about Steubenville; I’m not sure and maybe we need to advertise better the businesses that we have here but we do have a lot of businesses here and growing businesses and new businesses. So hopefully this Christmas Season people or preparation for Christmas people will look around and see the things we do have here and buy local here but also feel free to buy local over in Weirton. Okay? I just wanted to pass that on I found that encouraging.”

Mr. Paul – Yes you’re Honor I have three items. The first is a Resolution No. 2018-80; it’s a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to make application for a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to be used towards funding the Phase 1 – Water System Improvements Valve Replacement/Rehabilitation and Leak Detection and to execute contracts as required. Second one is a Resolution as Council as a whole again; authorizing as 2018-81; a resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Steubenville to apply for, accept, and enter into a water supply revolving loan account agreement on behalf of the City of Steubenville for construction of water facilities; and designating a dedicated repayment source of the loan. Okay? And my third item your Honor is on November 6<sup>th</sup> which is next Tuesday we will have a Finance Committee Meeting for the budget for next year 2019 and we will do that with the Judge and we’ll use Mr. Costa as a; I’m sorry Mr. Mastros as a backup if we have a little extra time and then I know Mr. Dressel wants to have something later on or Mr. DiLoreto. Okay?”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Just I wanted to add under economic development what Kimberly said; the Hollywood Plaza we do that all the time; we overlook Hollywood Plaza all the time there’s 36 stores in there and there’s a waiting list trying to get in there so and it’s well maintained; well taken care of I mean there’s a lot going on here that people don’t realize because they only see the bad. And the other thing was Jim on Lexington; I forget the address but it’s half; there’s only one catch basin there and a citizen called in they said

they left a request with Melissa and they were going to take care of it but in this last rain it washed more out. I was over there looking at it and it's starting to form a sinkhole where somebody could get their foot in there or something like that so I don't know if..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Is this at Lexington and..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Whitehall; well it's almost to Whitehall."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay alright then."

Mr. Villamagna – "It's almost to Whitehall but it has gotten worse since that last rain. Somebody could get their leg in there."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's all. Thank you Mayor."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Meeting next 6:00; one half hour to discuss the sanitation..."

Mr. Paul – "7:00"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Or 7:00."

Mr. Dressel – "It'll be at 7:00."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay that's good (inaudible) better yet for us old timers. Thank you Willie."

Mr. Paul – "Good job."

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – "On the Police Department move the contractor finally got back; the materials have been ordered for the communication part what we need to do there which you are aware of Bob. The other contractors we had on backorder the phone lines; the phone line has been run over so now we can move the people we need to move. We can't move them over when there's no phones so that's all set to go. Whether it's one, two, or three it doesn't matter but we got the space set up so that's all good to go. We're waiting for three fobs to come in where it controls access in and out to the Detective Burial to the one hallway entrance and then out front. Two and a half years I tried to find out who put the signs in these hallways that identifies the offices. Nobody knew so we need to get signs. So I called the vendor that I knew; I called him he's going to work on the signs for the front of the Police Station and he was the one who put the signs in on all the offices. So now we can get them all changed properly. They'll be identified what they're supposed to be."

Mr. Villamagna – "You mean inside the building?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Inside the building. You go out here in this hallway you see those maroon signs they'll be able to change for what we need there so that was good. Once we get all that done we'll have everybody there I would say probably before our Light up Night except for our communications that will be the last thing. Now the only thing that Council is going to need to look at and we can decide this on our budget thing; we're going to have to advertise this because unless Costa I need to ask you this can we do a sole source procurement?"

Mr. Mastros – "I've looked at that issue."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros – "Are we talking about cameras outside?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "It's replacing the whole system."

Mr. Mastros – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We talked to two vendors about moving what we have; the equipment we have they cannot guarantee that it'll work when they move it over there. I can't run that risk of going dark on our cameras so we'll leave it over there. We can still run the wire over to monitor everything over in the new building. It's just a matter of coming over if something goes offline. So again..."

Mr. Villamagna – "So we can budget to put new; they deserve new equipment anyways. We're making a new move so."

Mr. Mavromatis – "My recommendation would be to Council when we do that you go with all the new updated equipment because (inaudible from someone talking) life cycle of our cameras and our servers and all of that there. So again I think we can finally get everybody over there that we need and so that's where we're at. That's all I had."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

## **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mayor Barilla – "Moving onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "I wanted to mention the last first Friday on fourth; yes for anybody that would like to come actually I'll mention that one separate thank you. First Friday on fourth is Friday and it's going to be sort of a combination of celebrating Halloween and All Saints Day so everyone can dress up it's not just for kids but they'll have all kinds of places of business which will have candy and they'll be ready to accommodate the kids. You know you go to all that expense for costumes and they'll actually get a second date to wear them so not just for tomorrow on Halloween or the next day for All Saints but Friday night as well. So and the City Manager has made arrangements that Market Street will be blocked off so it will actually include the block that has the Antique Warehouse so if you haven't been there recently you might want to come down stop in there stop in all the businesses they'll be vendors outside of them. I'm not sure how everybody is going to stay warm but hopefully you'll just move around so much that maybe we'll have more dancing you know people will move (all inaudible) comfortable. But anyway I hope you'll come it will be the last first Friday on fourth for 2018. I

don't know when they'll start back up again in the spring. Then tomorrow there's faith in the future luncheon up at Franciscan University. If you're able to come I just realized that if you hadn't made a reservation you can mention it to Mike Florak. It's free what we do is encourage people drop maybe a five into the basket as they go through but everyone is welcomed to come just from noon to one. So kind of short and sweet and who's the speaker tomorrow?"

Mike Florak – "Khoa the new Vice President for mission integration at Trinity."

Mrs. Hahn – "At Trinity. So it should be very interesting. So please see Mike afterwards. Thanks."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Have I mentioned to you also that on South 4<sup>th</sup> St. across from relatively across from the Grand Theatre there's a woman who has opened a shop there and she's going to have her Grand Opening. I think she wants to do it on First Friday which is quite encouraging and also on North 4<sup>th</sup> St. across from the (inaudible) or the coffee shop where John Criss building is; Jeff Criss; another person has just signed a lease with him to occupy that empty store front so there's two new shops happening in the 100 block (all inaudible) South 4<sup>th</sup> and North 4<sup>th</sup>."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Hey Jerry. What are they doing with (inaudible) brothers? I see a lot of work going on down there."

Mayor Barilla – "Well that's already been occupied and..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay has it?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah. It's an organization office."

Mrs. Hahn – "American's for Prosperity."

Mayor Barilla – "American's for Prosperity so that's being renovated then the outside is being done as well."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Fixed up. Plus (inaudible) got fixed up a little bit."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah and before we go I wanted to ask Mr. Paul earlier you mentioned possibly having the Council meeting the week of Thanksgiving. Did you want to go back to that or having it instead of on Tuesday you have it on Monday?"

Mr. Paul – "I think Council said they didn't want to have one that week but if we want to get the budget in line I think we do need to have a Council meeting that week. If you like we could change it to Monday and that way we're open for Tuesday for the Light up Night and..."

Mayor Barilla – "We're okay with that."

Mr. Paul – "And that way we don't have any; what's the word I want to use..."

Mr. Villamagna – "I agree with that too."

Few unknown – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Paul – "That way Dave doesn't have to like not pay us. We don't have to get all upset because we're not getting paid then we'll have the meeting. So I will make a motion that; what's the date Bob I need help?"

Unknown – "19<sup>th</sup>."

Mr. Paul – "19<sup>th</sup> thank you. Thanks Bob you really helped. I make a motion that we have a Council meeting we move it to the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 7:30. Oh no we want to have it earlier because we're going to go budget hearings?"

Mr. Mastros – "Well the meeting will be at 7:30."

Mr. Paul – "Meeting will be at 7:30 and next week discuss what Council; yep; what I want to do later on. We will have a meeting on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30." Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – "Thank you Mayor for bringing that up."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Just you jogged my memory about something when you were talking about those businesses."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "The Breakfast Club is on a soft opening. They're opened. They're getting the kinks worked out so that they don't have everything up and running but they're got; they're having a soft opening. Yeah."

Mayor Barilla – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah they opened up two days ago I think it was."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay great."

Mr. Villamagna – "I meant to say that and I forgot until you said that."

Mayor Barilla – "Good (inaudible)."

## PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "Okay we do not have anyone signing in under public forum this evening so Mr. Paul."

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