

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2019

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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

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

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for February 20, 2019 & February 26, 2019. 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. 2019-19 –BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-19. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-19 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-19 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect on April 4, 2019.

NO. 2019-20 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE PHASE IV STREET SIGN UPGRADE, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 2018-138, 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-20. The third and final reading will be next week March 12, 2019.”

NO. 2019-23 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE CSO WEIR HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard reading of Ordinance No. 2019-23. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-23 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-23 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect immediately.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Under economic development and planning; brief statement here; when we decide to close the Health Department and relocate the Police Department to the new building, which I promised to the Police Department that I would do as one of my campaign promises to get them out of that mess they are in and have been in there for many years, that plan is finally coming to fruition due to the hard work and determination of this Council and Administration. Special thanks go to Jim Mavromatis, Dave Lewis for finding the funding, Anthony Bodo the Building Official, and Mike Dolak our civil engineer, and the cooperation of Chief McCafferty and the entire Police Department. Now that being said we need to move forward with the economic development of the building. As chairman of economic development and the Planning Committee I have always envisioned that building being brought back to its original purpose, a market similar to the Centre Market in Wheeling. With improvements taking place in out downtown, the proximity to the Fort Steuben, the Post Office, new owner of the Stern Building, the Court House, and our own beautiful City Building. I think the time is right. I have already been contacted by a local restaurant to put a satellite in there and also a leather shop owner is also interested if we can make this work. First thing we have to do before we even think about anything else the roof has to be repaired no matter what else we do. Second I reached out to JDO Engineering with the approval of the City Manager to see what we can and cannot do then go from there. I also reached out to Evan Scurti to explore the possibility of any grants for this project to which he also pledged his help. All of that being said I am calling for an economic development committee meeting for March the 12th at 6:30 and a planning committee meeting for the 12th also at 7:00 with Evan Scurti as a guest so the committee can discuss this further and we should have the report back from the engineer then to tell us what we can and what we can’t do over here. So with that thank you Mayor.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I think that’s a good idea but I want to make sure if we put money into that thing; make sure we have somebody coming in.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well you know...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I understand.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We build this and we make it nice like Centre Market; you’ve been down Centre Market.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Oh yeah. You can’t get in.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Place is beautiful.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right I’m just saying.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And there’s nothing to it. It’s just a (inaudible) building.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right but we need some tenants; cost thousands and thousands of dollars.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(Inaudible) vacant.”

Mr. Villamagna – “What surprised me Mr. DiLoreto was the two people already contacted me.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “That’s good.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And said I heard what (inaudible) are trying to do I’d like to get a little thing in there.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well (inaudible) if their doing a good job there won’t be any trouble.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right. That’s all Mayor thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “That piece of paper I gave to you there Mr. Villamagna is an example of that Centre Market that you’re looking at for here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well that’s exactly how.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s how this would look.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I envisioned the look in here.”

Mayor Barilla – “Correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Exactly.”

Mayor Barilla – “The only issue would be is where to put this courtroom.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well since you brought that up I talked to the Judge; if we give him from that; I call it a bulk head but right from there we’d kill two birds with one stone. He’s happy with taking over the Police Department over there he said that would be plenty of room for him. Now we also (inaudible) mandate that we have to secure a court room.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “This is; Dave don’t have a heart attack when I say this; but if we can get this out of here; the metal detector and close that off and put the door there maybe; I mean this is; we’re talking about a project that’s going to be a little while. We can hire a Policeman that could work that from nine to five or whatever the business hours are to the City but we could kill two birds with one stone. We can pay attention to the Supreme Court what they want and we can also have what we want. It’s not going to be giant but we got a big building and I’ve been in that upstairs plenty of times I mean the building I think is good but I’m not an engineer so somebody else has to determine that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right. Good thank you. Thank you Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We have parking; everything available.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right here.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No report but I just got done talking to the Fire Chief; he informed me that they had another vandalism up at Beatty Park. Somebody burnt down the house way at the top so hopefully it was an accident but I hope its nature instead of these kids putting up fires. That place is a hundred and something years old and I

don't know why they would want to burn it down. Hopefully maybe one of these times when somebody burns it down they'll get caught in the fire maybe that might solve all the problems. Thank you."

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – No report

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have three items they are all under finance. The first one under finance is an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or the Water Superintendent to advertise and accept bids for the purchase of a new line gang truck. Okay? They need a; is that for; (inaudible) Jim?"

Jim Jenkins – "It's for the water line gang. It'll be a fully enclosed utility bed to haul any equipment around and with the (inaudible) and the pumps and everything."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Jim Jenkins – "Right now all of our equipment is in the back of a pickup truck so when they're out all that equipment is outside in the elements whether if it's raining or whether it's snowing. They're forced to pick pumps up out of the back of the pickup truck and put them on the ground. They're actually using both pickup trucks now to haul all of the equipment; this one truck will allow us to haul all the equipment on one truck and also pull a track (inaudible). We originally budgeted for a dump truck but after talking to the guys we deemed this was a better purchase for us. We'll be able to get the track hoe to jobsite and all the equipment that we use and the sleeves, repair clamps, things of that nature and the dump truck that usually pulls the track hoe we'll be able to save that and put it back into rotation as a dump truck instead of a; just an equipment puller so."

Mr. Paul – "You guys know the job better than anybody else so."

Jim Jenkins – "I agree. Thank you."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can you just tell us what the cost is?"

Jim Jenkins – "We took an original quotes; I asked for original quotes just too kind of get a guess estimate of how much it costs. The lowest; I did get; receive three quotes the lowest quote that we did get was 78,000 and that was from TEAM in town. I had two other quotes one was 82 and the other one was 120 something thousand dollars. But we originally budgeted for a back hoe and a truck; we did find a used back hoe for \$33,000 so we were able to save some money in our budget to where we could afford a truck."

Mr. Paul – "Any other questions? Okay. Alright that's the first one. The second one is an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2019-13 the existing table of organization of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. What this one is; is I'll let our Law Director speak about this one; it's about his secretary."

Mr. Mastros – "This is regarding my office; my secretary currently with Cathy; instead of retiring she's going to go part-time basically and we'll have her hours at about 24 hours. She's going to start the retirement process then come back but we'll have to change the T.O. to make this a part-time position but please note that this part-time position will only be for Ms. Kalish; once she retires that position will go back to full-time."

Mr. Paul – "That was an emergency correct?"

Mr. Mastros – "Correct."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros – "It's a timing thing with a pay out; I mean with payroll."

Mr. Paul – "My next one will be an emergency also?"

Mr. Mastros – "Correct."

Mr. Paul – "With the; okay. Alright you got that one you're Honor? Okay and the third one is an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2019-13 again the existing table of organization of the city of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. This one is to what Mr. Mavromatis brought up last week. Do you want to speak on that sir?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "What we want to do is increase are sergeants by one position so we can get one promoted; an officer promoted so we don't wait several months for when one retires and then we have to advertise and go. This way we have him in position; he can work with the existing sergeant; he'll be retired within a month to 45 days. There's a change over there and we got a constant continuity here. This is what plagued us on a lot of our overtime when we lost the one radio dispatcher and then we had to back fill that position; the constant overtime that came there so this is what we're trying to avoid if we can do this and then once that is completely filled; the individual retires we'll go back to the regular stats (inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can I ask one question? Is this something that you will definitely bring back to our attention and reintroduce through the table of organization when we go back to...?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mrs. Hahn – "When it was; is that something we're supposed to pay attention too and ask about?"

Mr. Mastros – "No that; it reverts back automatically."

Mr. Mavromatis – "It's written so it reverts right back to it. So we don't have to..."

Mr. Mavromatis and Mrs. Hahn – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Pass another ordinance to re-change."

Mr. Mastros – "That way we don't (all inaudible)."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay thank you so much."

Mr. Paul – "Okay. Alright thank you gentlemen. I couldn't of explained it any better and with that I'm pretty sure I'm finished for the night you're Honor."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Thank you Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you you’re Honor. Last Friday night our water crew had to work all night and the next Saturday morning we had a 12 inch water line break by the Credit Union by Catholic Central on Johnson Road and Sunset. Again to Jimmy and your staff and all the men that came out there; I was out there personally because of the flooding that was going on to the apartment complex there. Chief compliments to your Fire Department they assisted several elderly people to get in; in one case actually carrying an elderly lady from the drive way over to; through the water into the complex. Naturally there was a lot of fears that the complex was going to flood on the first (inaudible) but it wasn’t. Again quick response Jimmy to your men that were out there; got the valve closed; Chief is off sick tonight but the Police Department was out there to assist with traffic so again all of our departments responded. It’s unfortunate this time of the year this is when the breaks occur in this cold weather. I’m getting a lot of calls in regards to potholes. I talked with News 9 the other day so I could explain this also to the citizens here; you will have this; this is the time of year. In the winter time as I advised the citizens try to avoid them; when you do see them report it; you’re our eyes and ears out there our crews are trained; every crew that’s out whether it be Police, Fire, M & R, Sanitation, if they see a pothole they’ll report it. We have crews working as long as the weather permits. What I mean by weather if it’s raining or snowing they’re naturally not going to do a hole patch and the hot patching of these potholes will not happen until after the plants open up which is late April or first part of May. Bob Baird and his crew were out there every week if they can trying to address this. Another area that I’m getting a lot of calls on but it doesn’t fall our responsibility is the mall out there. If anybody’s been out to the mall especially off of Sinclair it’s a dodge them out there and I stopped by today the Manager was not around I’m going to go back again. They need to address this because a lot of our people; citizens are going there but it’s actually a (inaudible) amount there. Actually when I was leaving that one lane of traffic coming off of Sinclair was just stopped because it would’ve had to come into my lane to dodge the holes. So again these are the things we deal with every year. Lori you’ve been briefed on the fire there again we’ll get a better idea in the morning by taking a look at it. Kimberly tomorrow I’ll be attending the Ohio City Manager’s Association Conference so I’ll be down there for a couple days.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Where’s that at Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Columbus so I’ll be there. Again to my department heads and your crews just keep up the work; we’re in the thick of things here in the winter time; to the citizens just give us a call when you see the issues out there and we’ll respond to them and Mayor that’s all I have for this evening.”

Mr. Mastro – No report

Mayor Barilla – “Just a comment hats off to Bob Baird and the crew through that heavy snow that we had here just recently I think you did a magnificent job there’s a lot of territory to cover and you made the roads safe for us to get around so thank you.”

Bob Baird – “(Inaudible) goes to the men there.”

Mayor Barilla – “It does.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We have no one signing in under miscellaneous this evening.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “And we did have a gentleman sign in under public forum but he cancelled out here tonight I believe.”

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