

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 16, 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 a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmen Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel and Hahn.

Also present: City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Assistant Fire Chris Takach, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jimmy Jenkins, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utilities Supervisor Lisa Knight, Planning Director Chris Petrossi, Police Captain Kenny Anderson, City Engineer Mike Dolak, Street and Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Hahn moved for approval of the minutes for April 9, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla and thanked all Department Heads for attending the meeting.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Madame Clerk do we have any Petitions and Communications this evening?”

Mrs. McGinnis – “Nothing.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madame Clerk.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program.**

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, you heard the reading of Resolution No. 2019-28. Is there anyone wishing to speak on this; please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes, your Honor. I make a motion that we adopt Resolution No. 2019-28 by Roll Call.”

Mr. Petrella – “Second.”

Mayor Barilla – “It has been moved and seconded that Resolution No. 2019-28 be accepted by Roll Call. So Roll Call.”

Roll Call by Mrs. McGinnis. All ayes.

Mayor Barilla – “So moved. Resolution No. 2019-28 is duly adopted and will take effect upon the Mayor’s signature. Alright, we’ll now move on to Ordinance No. 2019-38 by the Planning Committee of Mr. Villamagna, Mr. Petrella and Mrs. Hahn for its second reading.”

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-38 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**An ordinance declaring the building and structure identified in the following section 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.**

Mayor Barilla – “You heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-38. Ah, its third and final reading will be next week April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. And, ah, let’s see. We’ll now move on to our last ordinance of this evening. Ordinance No. 2019-39 by the Utilities Committee for its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.”

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-39 – BY THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons**

**An ordinance accepting a utility easement and right-of-way between Joseph T. Luckino and Tiffany Luckino and the City of Steubenville for the Efts Lane Drainage Project.**

Mayor Barilla – “Alright you heard the reading of the Ordinance 2019-39. Its sec- its third and final reading will be next week April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.”

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mayor Barilla – “Alright, now we’ll move on to reports from our standing committees starting off with Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Um, I have nothing this evening Your Honor. Imagine that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, thank you Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella?”

Mr. Petrella – “Nothing Your Honor. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Petrella. Mr. Timmons?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes I did notice in the, ah, Weekly Report, that the K-9 vehicle’s air conditioner’s broken. Is that? Is there a plan to fix it? They said they’ve taken it in a couple times so...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They are, they’re looking in to it; I mean dealin’ with the manufacturer on this.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “...whoever put it in for the company.”

Mr. Timmons – “So they have to go back to them?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah, we have to have that air conditioning especially going into the summer months for the dog.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, sure. I just didn’t know how long the dog would be out of commission or anything so...um, and on Oregon and Wilkins at the intersection there, we still have blue barrels there and they’re completely filled. There’s some trash fallin’ out of them too. I just wondered if we could get that picked up and looked at? Yeah. Or maybe do we have any of the new ones with the different lids to put there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The cans have been put out. I talked with Mr. Baird. I left a message with ah, Teresa to call me because they’re their, the cans belong to them. And it’s very simple: either you pick ‘em up or we will. We just throw ‘em away and destroy them.”

Mr. Timmons – “The blue ones?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The blue ones, not the ones we put out there.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay. Oh, okay so you’re saying it’s her responsibility to be those picked up.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That group, it was their cans.”

Mr. Dressel – “They have to let the City know we can take them.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right. That’s all we need to know we can take them and then our guys’ll pick ‘em up and that’s the end of ‘em.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay, I will make sure she gets that. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If, if you try to reach her, if you could have her call me.”

Unintelligible muttering

Mr. Timmons – “Oh there aren’t? Okay. I’ll let them know. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Timmons. Mr. Villamagna?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor, ah, nothing. I’ll save my remarks for under miscellaneous.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Ah, Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I have two short remarks. I was watchin’ tv and I noticed they had a big council meeting down in St. Clairsville and one of the ideas was you gotta sign in. So took them 5 minutes to make that rule; took us 5 months. And I’ll defer to Mr. Mavromatis when he’s gonna talk about the tire collection. I was gonna talk about the tire collection also. So there’s pros and cons. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla - “Thank you Mr. Dressel. I’m sorry, Mr. DiLoreto. Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Dressel. Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – (talking to Parks & Rec Director) “Can we say that? Can we make that announcement?” “Okay, our Parks and Recreation Director, ah, has been doing some amazing, ah, grant applications and we’ve just received an award. Um, it will, ah, be related to a Mentoring program. Um, she and her staff will receive special training for this and it will be to assist children who are coming through a family situation related to the Opioid crisis and having to do with the fact that we are part of Appalachia. And so this grant will be for ten-thousand dollars the first year and then it will be for fifty-thousand dollars the following year and another fifty-thousand the following year. So a hundred and ten thousand dollar grant is being issued and I just think she deserves a round of applause.” Clapping “We are incredibly blessed with a great leader...”

Mr. Paul – “Yes, yes we are.”

Mrs. Hahn – “...and I am so grateful.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Lori. Thank you. Alright, ah, that concludes the reports of our standing Committees; we’ll now move into Administrative Reports starting off with our City Manager, Mr. Mavromatis.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. This past Saturday JB Green Team has their annual Tire and Electronic pick up. And it’s like anything else, when you have this there’s a few problems that come with it, but the bottom line is the electronics that were turned in, ah, \$18,868.00 is the bill that JB Green Team will be paying. Ah, they also collected from the citizens \$2800.00. That’s citizens paid ten dollars per electronic device. JB Green Team pays the other fifteen dollars. And, ah, and the tires that came in was 4198 tires came in. But as I mentioned there’s always some issues that go there. Traffic was backed up from South St. all the way to 4<sup>th</sup> and Market and I saw it at different times. Whether we had this there, whether we had it at the Mall. JB Green Team went to Belmont County; they had it at the Fair Grounds. Still had massive issues there. Here we had people trying to cut into different places. We had businesses coming in with tires. That’s not what that’s for. It’s for the citizens that have their tires from their personal vehicles; where ever they came from. Some of them, they were thrown in their yard and they brought them. Ah, Sheriff Abdalla was gracious enough, gave three...”

Mr. Paul – “Deputies?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “...one deputy and three customers that he has.” Laughter “ And again, they did a good job. The City provided food and water for the workers out there. So again, it was a team effort to a certain degree but it’s like anything else, any project that you do. You look at and you do a debriefing after. What did we do good, what did we do bad and we’ll try to focus on those things next year. I think some better advertisements because it’s like anything else. We advertise when we have building projects going on. Road projects. You try to stay out of that area. Saturday morning from ah, 11 or 10-1, it’s a three hour window. It’s difficult. The fish place is there, he’s trying to conduct his business. That, it hurt him a little bit. I mean, again, I’m sure if he thought about this. I would’ve thought about having car service. Run up and down, take your order. By the time you get up there, you have your order ready. But again, these are all things you work out. And we may go out to the Mall. That’s a possibility there if the Mall wants to cooperate. So, but again, the bottom line is they had it, it was very successful and they were hap-, they were happy with it. “

Mr. Paul – “Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes?”

Mr. Paul – “Do you know when the hazardous waste will? Do you have the date on that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “She’ll notify me. I’ll check on that.”

Mr. Paul – “Cause I have some hazardous material I’d like to get rid of.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay, I’ll make a note of that. To get that. Ah, today I attended a one day training of SERB down in Columbus. This had to deal with negotiating for contracts. A lot of good points came out of it. Ah, but when you go to those things you meet other City Managers and you also get to see the other side. A lot of union people were there. But you get to see how the interaction was. And some good pointers there. But I, I will say this, as far as our union reps we have here, ah, we have professional people and you try to get everything out there and you try to work it out. And I, I think most of the union delegates that we deal with here in house, they understand 1. When we walk in we’re gonna give them the facts that we have. They may not like it but again, we’re gonna work together and it’s gonna be coming up towards the end of the year. All three unions will be dealing with another three year contract. So, again, the training was well worth it and ah, again, ah I met some other City Managers and again, when you meet ‘em you discuss issues that you deal with. It’s always the same thing this time of year. Potholes, garbage, traffic projects going on.”

Someone mutters “Weeds.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Weeds’ll be comin’ up. So, again, everybody deals with the same issues here. Ah, I have some other reports that’ll come out from my Department Heads; Costa and ah, Mike Dolak’s here. And that’s all I have...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim?” (Pointing at Councilman DiLoreto)

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah? Oh.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “You did a good job. I been followin’ these tires for the past 15 years and that’s the worst I’ve seen it. We started on Lincoln Avenue/Wilson Avenue. One car could get in. Out the Mall, the same problem.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “And there’s always people who’re gonna take advantage of things...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Dressel – “And, you know, they take advantage of my ward cause there’s tires all over my ward. In the alley; now they started throwing at these dilapidated houses, which you picked up two houses. So, it’s, I’d rather get ‘em off the street. I asked them, there’s no money for next year so maybe we can get another one for next year. Another needs to do electronics; they should separate ‘em cause they wasted too much time takin’ money and holdin’ everybody up. That’s all. I’m not criticizing. Out of 1400 tires, probably 700 are out of my ward. So thank you very much.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “My compliment to Mr. Baird and his staff. Responsible for picking up a lot of things and I didn’t add this in earlier on our Sanitation discussion. One thing we don’t have is an overabundance of manpower in Sanitation and if we finally move this direction where won’t have these commercial accounts to pick up I can guarantee you this. There’s more than enough work for those Sanitation people to focus on these other issues. Ah, it’s hard to say. Is it better? Or is it worse? You’re talking about people, their personal habits and what they do. I can clearly tell you from the comments from the citizens it’s like anything else. People don’t like change here. But when we went to the cans, I can clearly tell you talking to our Sanitation people with my personal observations, a lot of the trash was not blowing around anymore. When you put those bags out there, you subject them to those animals comin’ to break the, they go in there and tear the bags open and the trash goes everywhere. So again, that’s proven valuable there, you go down the neighborhood and you see all these cans lined up. This is the way it should be but we still have people in this town that look for places to dump their tires.”

\*\*During typing of minutes I was also scanning resumes for the Water/Wastewater Admin Assistant position that was closing at noon on Friday. The recorder was sitting next to my keyboard and the record button pressed against it. The rest of the minutes were taped over with static and talking. Below is a summary of the rest of the meeting:

Mike Dolak spoke after Mr. Mavromatis regarding Columbia Gas and their work to begin Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> on Walden Ave.

Law Director Costa Mastros spoke regarding the Economic Development Transfer Form (TRES) for Vocelli's Pizza. He explained that the owner of Vocelli's purchased a liquor license from Belmont County for selling beer, wine and spirits at his establishment and as "take out" and is seeking approval for transfer into the city. Mr. Paul spoke in favor of approving this transfer pointing out there are no other establishments in the 5th ward that sells liquor except Speedway. He made a motion to approve the application, it was seconded by more than one Councilman and upon Roll Call, all ayes were noted.

Mr. Villamagna signed in to speak under Miscellaneous. He said he wanted the Building Department to get administrative warrants and do whatever is necessary to condemn the buildings that were on the tour they took the week before on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Barilla then moved on to Public Forum where Ms. Jean George spoke regarding trees and vines in the alley behind her property that was causing damage to her fence and dog pens. She said she had previously been told that it would be taken care of and it wasn't. The City Manager told her that it would be remedied as soon as possible but that she would need to fill out a damage claim form and get an estimate for repair of the fence.

It was then requested by Law Director Mastros that Council go in to executive session.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR