

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 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 Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Sanitation Superintendent 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 April 30, 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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Very short as usual. Mr. Jenkins wants a Utility Committee meeting on June the 4th at 6:30 and he’s going to be discussing maintenance problems with the reservoir so forth and so on. And I would like to make one short snide remark; with the TV tonight. There’s a gas company their spending eight million dollars in our city thank god but you know gas rates are going to go up but nobody says a word; Comcast goes up nobody says a word; electric goes up nobody says a word and we raise water and we’re criminals and we’re thieves. It’s sad and never can’t get anybody to run for these offices. That’s the sad part about it. Everybody knows the problem but nobody has an answer. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “Just wanted to mention that at that Utility meeting if we have to wait that long we have one final discussion on the sanitation ordinance that won’t end. So and I think that’s the bulk pickup discussion but I think everything else has been resolved with everybody. I didn’t see any other conflicts. One wording issue that Bob noticed that was a little bit peculiar I’m not actually sure; well I think I know where that came from but maybe it shouldn’t be in there the one about structures and sanitation so.”

Mr. Mastros – “Mr. Dressel did; we had talked earlier in the meeting; the changes that were suggested you said they were incorporated already.”

Mr. Dressel – “Everything is in there. The only issue is whether we want the bulk pickup to remain a big bulk pickup for everybody or individual pickups that everybody can have when they want.”

Mr. Mastros – “So did Mr. Battistel; are those in Mr. Battistel’s version because?”

Mr. Dressel – “Yes.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay.”

Mr. Dressel – “And they went out today and Mr. Baird had sent out another one that added a wish.”

Mr. Mastros – “Got it.”

Mr. Dressel – “Attached to it.”

Mr. Mastros – “I just wanted to make sure that the final version goes to our secretary.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mastros – “Has everything.”

Mr. Dressel – “So we can make it the fourth if we want.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Do we really need too?”

Mr. Dressel – “We don’t need to but; and its fine to discuss it without me here. I’m gone the next two meetings maybe three but for now it’s just two.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Let’s wrap it up.”

Mr. Dressel – “So if you want to have one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Because I think we need; I think we discussed it that we wanted two bulk pickups in the ordinance. Didn’t we say that?”

Mr. Timmons – “We’ve been saying that for two years.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There isn’t any issue with the two pickups. Where the issue is; is having it the best deficiency for the city to provide this to our citizens. There are several citizens that don’t use it. There are many citizens that do use it and one of the proposals was and (inaudible from coughing) with Mr. Baird; if I’m going into a different direction Bob please you know chime in. But every citizen gets two free bulk pickups. It’s there

decision when they want it; they call in and request it; gives us the time to verify one; are you a paying customer at that address? That we can set this up and the trucks come out and pick it up. After the second one we keep a record of it and it goes smoothly if it's better in the operations of the city on what they have to do because they are dealing with a lot of other issues with garbage and just a case in point from this last weekend; house no account there; to the rear of the house mattresses there, furniture there, TVs there. Now this just goes to show you we just had a pickup by JB Green Team two-three weeks ago; why? It's \$10.00 to turn a TV in that's why they didn't take it. So all we're trying to do is be efficient as possible. Hold these people that are coming in here unlicensed to pick up refuse. I don't have a problem with people coming here as a business just do it the right way. Get license, get your stamps to put on the vehicles and we go from there not to mention that probably the biggest thing that Council has supported is the penalty phase. We now put some teeth in this as a first degree misdemeanor. If you want to roll the dice and jeopardize being charged time in jail and a \$1,000.00 fine then do it but again we have a lot of citizens believe it or not report people coming in here. I speak to this because I live in the 6th ward every time we have our bulk pickup you'd be surprised you see people coming in here either Friday night or real early Saturday morning putting stuff in places or they look for vacant places (all inaudible) don't worry the city will pick it up. So I just want to make sure that we have everything presented to Council and we make this and get this passed and let's move on and get working. Now Bob my; I don't know (all inaudible) pretty much. Please."

Bob Baird – "No that's pretty much it. I just want to emphasize and I'll be happy to discuss it at the utility meeting whatever; I just want to emphasize I'm not trying to take anything away from the citizens. We're trying to continue to do the exact same thing for the citizens. Currently the citizens get two annual bulk pickups a year. We want to continue that. The only thing we're asking is for a little bit of operational control. Okay? So everybody gets two bulk/special pickups a year now and we want to continue that. The only thing we're asking is instead of doing it the way we do it we do it a different way and what I mean by that; couple things number one our ordinance prohibits scavenging; the city is actually promoting it. When we announce publicly we're going to have a bulk pickup in a certain area at a certain date Mr. Mavromatis is correct we're getting a lot of extra garbage. Case in point there was recently an ad Toronto had their bulk pickup; Toronto does not accept mattresses; JB Green Team does not accept mattresses; I'm not aware of any community in our surrounding area that accepts mattresses. We get a lot of mattresses. Why? We're advertising right? So if we; the other thing that happens what Mr. Mavromatis alluded too is when we have these problems it's too late the garbage is already on the street. Now we're dealing with making properties; making property owners; the garbage is already on the street there's violations left and right then we invited that; under this other alternative what I'm suggesting is before we ever send a man; send a truck we would already know several things. One is that they're an active/current City of Steubenville account holder. Two scavengers aren't going to know that this is happening. The only people that are going to know that a bulk pickup is going to occur at a certain address are the person that lives at that address and us. So now we're not going to have this garbage all over the city, scavengers running all over the city. Right? It's by appointment if you will. The first one is free; second one is free; if you want that to occur in the spring; in the fall that's fine. If you want it to occur in June or July or January or October that's fine. Bottom line is you get two free ones and then anything after that as Council has already expressed in their language; their proposed language if there's anything above the two annual street collections; once I get to the rate structure that was put in place in the proposed ordinance. Yes?"

Mrs. Hahn – "How much (inaudible) time; like if we switch to that what should we put in the ordinance that they call and they request it and within would you say two weeks you would arrange?"

Bob Baird – "Ideally what we did was we experimented with this unofficially. Okay? When sanitation was; the operation sanitation was changed when we went to a four day collection schedule; you know I'm not sure if it was clear at that time that we still had other business on Fridays but we did we do. The coming weeks or months according to the proposed ordinance we won't, that's dumpster business right? So what we did is we experimented and we started scheduling special collections on Fridays and I'm not going to stand here tonight and tell you I know what that number is. That number might be 5, it might be 10, it might be 15, it might be 20 we'd have to see. Okay? The idea is is that we just fill up our Friday's okay? So if resident A says hey I got a special need we'll be there on Friday. If it's your first one it's free. If you call us the second time it's free. If you call us the third time subject to the rate schedule that's put in the proposed ordinance. If we fill up that day someone may call and say hey I got a special need. We'll do everything in our power to accommodate them as quickly as possible. It might not be this Friday it might be next you know depending on how many call or when but I think to do that over the course of the year instead of over the course of six weeks; to do that on more targeted and controlled; address the specific thing with communication between the resident and the division; it's just cleaner. It's just simpler and I think the city benefits I think the residents benefit. Now it's more when they need instead of when we're scheduling it. I think there's a lot of pluses; I don't mean it to sound the wrong way but it can also drive collections. If we have a situation where the resident is asking for additional or special service and they're months behind on their utility bill they're not getting it. You got to get your account paid up before we're going to provide these services. So I don't think there's a downside for the resident. I think the resident is still getting two free bulk pickups a year; instead of being limited to one day twice a year schedule it's at their convenience. I can't tell you how many times from the operations end; it doesn't matter if we're doing it the old way it doesn't matter now that we're doing it by ward our phone rings all day long. When's my pickup? When's my pickup? They don't know. We tell them. So they're calling; it's easier if they just say hey I got a need and we tell them when we're coming. The other thing is and I lost my train of thought of what; we won't have many of the issues that we are currently dealing with such as vacant accounts okay? No one with a vacant account is going to call. No one with a vacant account is going to (all inaudible) a pile of garbage shows

up at an address that is a vacant account. It's a clear cut violation. It's not an anonymous in the mix kind of thing so that's all I'm saying. It's an operations request I think we serve the residents as well if not better and I think we get a better city, we get a better appearance, and we get a better control and we don't have some of the issues that we have."

Mr. Villamagna – "Bob I have a question for you. We went to the four day garbage collection that's why we got the garbage cans (all inaudible)."

Bob Baird – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "So with the intent that we thought that you would; sanitation guys would be able to do some M & R work some would work in recreation whatever needed done."

Bob Baird – "Right."

Mr. Villamagna – "Would it be; I like the idea of what you're saying but I don't want to get caught up in you know picking up bulk pick up every Friday for 52 weeks out of the year. Would it be better to have; to schedule it like one Friday a month? If we get into it; if we're going to have bulk pick up every weekend."

Bob Baird – "The way; from my; I think I understand what you're asking; from what I'm seeing and you know I think it's worth trying but from what I'm seeing we would not have to devote the entire department to run our list of special pickups on a Friday. If we send a crew out; if we send a truck out with a crew on it to go get our list of special collections on that day everybody else is pretty much you know not in that day. Now if we needed to or wanted too we could but we don't have too. So that all just falls into the number of scheduled slots we have."

Mr. Villamagna – "(All inaudible)."

Bob Baird – "You know what I mean?"

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "I have to say that makes a lot of sense in terms of people moving at random times and landlords that are cleaning out a lot of stuff after a renter has left. If they had that flexibility of calling that could make a real difference."

Bob Baird – "Yeah and it gives us a better; you know still today on my way down here I'm still seeing a lot of (all inaudible) out there. My own neighbors I'll be honest."

Mr. Villamagna – "(All inaudible)."

Bob Baird – "No it's a process but I think in taking a more direct one on one (all inaudible from coughing) communication targeted approach I think we have a better chance of addressing some of that stuff and I think we can provide as I said the same level of service if not better than we did (all inaudible) to eliminate a lot of our problems so it's more of an operational thing than it is; so nobody is saying we don't want to do bulk pickup. Nobody is saying our residents don't have needs. All I'm saying is let's look at it (all inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "Based on my time frame as a citizen (inaudible)."

Bob Baird – "Yeah and I; that's mainly what I was about to say is we got several calls today. Not only to people not know where they live, what ward they're in, they didn't get the word they're calling when's my pickup? I'm sorry mam but your pickup was two weeks ago. So now."

Unknown – "Now you're out of luck."

Bob Baird – "Now you're out of luck. How we're positioned now. This is more responsive if you will than what we were (inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "I have a question Bob. Mattresses; the city does not take mattresses?"

Bob Baird – "No we do."

Mr. Dressel – "So Eric did you have a question?"

Mr. Timmons – "I just think it's a good idea. I mean I'm fine."

Mr. Dressel – "We have a (all inaudible from coughing) why don't we take that; get that draft from; did you send it to everybody including Bernie?"

Bob Baird – "I sent it. Yes that e-mail chain that we had going."

Mr. Dressel- "Right."

Bob Baird – "Me, Costa, Bernie, yourself."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay why don't we take that draft and see if someone can get because I won't be here; but get it to Yonk next week so he can sunshine it so we can get the readings underway."

Mr. DiLoreto – "No problem."

Mr. Dressel – "I think two collections per person is a nice idea and it's far more flexible and it handles all those other issues that we're having. So that's a good idea. Great idea."

Mrs. Hahn – "(All inaudible) Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you. We'll now move over to Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes so I wanted to mention on the fishing day down at the marina we had 150 people over the 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. time slot come which is an increase from last year and we're very very grateful to Lori and the staff and the Rainbows who made assistance there very very (inaudible) the people; the businesses who donated and we're gearing up for the first paddle fest on June 8th so we'll have more specific information. If you have thought about buying a canoe or kayak you need to know you have to register with the State of Ohio to be on the Ohio River but it's not a very complicated process especially if you don't ever intend to attach a motor to it; it won't have those details on it (all inaudible). Tomorrow night is the Parks and Recreation Board meeting at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. so that is opened to the public everyone is welcomed."

Mr. DiLoreto – "If someone gets hurt down there are we covered by insurance? Someone falls into the river fishing, problems with the kayak, they drown, couldn't get out; are we covered? Are we covered by insurance?"

Lori Fetherolf – “So we discussed it last month Parks Board.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. Okay”

Lori Fetherolf – “We have a waiver for; (inaudible) that there will be a waiver that they sign. (All inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto talking).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. I don’t want to see anybody going down in a canoe (all inaudible).”

Lori Fetherolf – “When we had the fishing event I roped it off so they had to go down to where the launch was so they didn’t fall.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Lori do you have a waiver?”

Lori Fetherolf – “I’m going to get it to you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay.”

Lori Fetherolf – “To make sure yeah.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah I know I’ve prepared some. I don’t know if it was for that but let’s just e-mail to me (all inaudible from noise).”

Mr. Villamagna – “My question is this kayaking is dangerous; it’s very dangerous on the Ohio River. They have it at the lake. And those waivers we had waivers on the Police Department that people use to sign all the time and they left and they still sued the Police Department. At Tappan Lake they have a little class before to go out onto the lake. The Ohio River is not a place for a person who is not a kayaker to learn to kayak. The current is swift and if the kayak gets away from you it’s gone. I got several calls on this about the kayaking; they thought it was dangerous and it was a liability for the city. Now that’s your profession if I’m right or wrong but I don’t know kayaking on the Ohio River is dangerous.”

Mr. Mastros – “We’re not supplying the kayak correct?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No we’re just sponsoring the event.”

Mr. Mastros – “I agree with that and I agree with you that even if there is a waiver there could still be a challenge for sure. It will be Council’s call whether or not they want to include that...”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t believe that; that Marina is not the place for kayaking or canoeing. Fishing there; us sponsoring it; it’s a little bit limited too but I think kayaking and the canoeing part for us to sponsor is poor judgement on the city’s part to do it because if a kayak gets away from you...”

Unknown – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “On the Ohio River you got to swim back and I challenge; because I was raised on that river I swam in that river all the time you know and I challenged some (inaudible). If they can’t swim that good or whatever to get back there I don’t want to have a disaster and have the city responsible for it and I heard a lot of negative comments about the kayaking so.”

Mrs. Hahn – “The State of Ohio does require each person to have a life preserver on.”

Mr. Villamagna – “When they get lost in the river how are you going to get them back over here? That’s what I want to know.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m actually going to get the information because we don’t have a Police boat but Weirton does and so we’re going to get the information from (all inaudible from Mr. Villamagna talking).”

Mr. Villamagna – “It just; it’s a poor my opinion; I don’t know how everyone else feels. I think it’s a poor thing to do. It was not discussed obviously with the Law Director before this was even put into play. We have a responsibility to the people and to the citizens and that Marina I’ve said it time and time again is a waste of time and energy my opinion. It’s not built for kayaking it was never built for that kind of stuff. It was a lock designed to let boats through there. The current is swift and the docking part; I know you two would remember this; you might; they tried to put docks down there before but you could only go out 15 foot because of the barge. The barge will not let you go out any further because when they make that turn (inaudible) and I’ve boated on the river for years; you got to pay attention. But my opinion is kayaking we shouldn’t be; how come nobody is sponsoring this? Why aren’t there any kayak people that are coming down and say we’ll rent the kayaks out? Where are we getting the kayaks from?”

Mrs. Hahn – “People are bringing their own. We’re not providing them. They’re bringing their own kayaks.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We’re not renting any kayaks or providing (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn talking).”

Mrs. Hahn – “No we’re not providing them.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We’re still sponsoring the event that I think in my own opinion; I don’t know how everybody else feels; I think it’s a dangerous situation. The kayak by that marina that river is swift. The current; I know a lot of people that have drowned in there since I was a child right there on that wall.”

Mr. Petrella – “The only thing that I want to say about that is this I was on the regatta committee for 15-20 years; has the Rec board secured all the permits required by the US Coast Guard and the Army Corp of Engineers? Because as soon as you put those kayaks in the river and have that you have to shut the river down. You have to notify the lockmasters.”

Mr. Dressel – “Why?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Actually the Army Corp of Engineers did not say that today Craig when I called them.”

Mr. Dressel – “They have (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn talking).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Because they said; I mean there are rules that; that have to be abided by but they didn’t say anything at all about shutting anything down in order; and they’re not going to cross like from here to Weirton. There’s a buoy out in the middle and I asked them what the purpose of that buoy is? How far we can go out? And I’m waiting on answers for that.”

Mr. Petrella – “But it’s not only the Army Corp of Engineers it’s also the Coast Guard because that water way is a federal water way and you have to coordinate all this activity through the lockmasters to make sure that certain barges don’t come down the river. They’re held up. When we had the regatta races we had coordinated with them for a certain period of time and then we had to wait for our races if there was a barge coming down the river.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And I; and I could be wrong I think that those races were more complicated and it had to have (all inaudible from coughing). When I talked to Ohio Department of Natural Resources they did not bring up any of these topics at all and they said there is no difficulty as long as the water craft is registered with the State of Ohio. It is no problem for someone to be able to take them out on the Ohio River.”

Mr. Petrella – “But we’re not talking about a boat because I also do boating on the Ohio River; you’re not talking about a boat in applying those rules. You’re having a group on there and as long as you explore what legalities with the Army Corp of Engineers and US Coast Guard and lockmasters (all inaudible) but there’s certain requirements. Even fireworks as you’re well aware of; if you fire anything off the shores we have to have permits and certain times when we’re firing those fireworks that river has to be shut down and we’re firing them off on the shore. So there’s a lot of legalities when you talk about the river and that so all I want to do is point it to the board’s attention; the Rec Board’s attention and it’s up to them what they want to do.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’d like to make a suggestion that Costa and the City Manager check into this further and make a recommendation as to what you think here. Before we’re going to say the City of Steubenville I don’t want you checking, me checking, him checking, her checking; Costa is an attorney he’s represents us.”

Mr. Petrella – “The only reason why I said the Rec Board is it’s their event you know.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I understand I just I feel a lot safer with Costa.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Checking it to make sure (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “Lori? When is the event scheduled for?”

Mrs. Hahn – “June 8th.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s why he makes the big bucks.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright we’ll move over to Mr. Paul this evening.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one item. I would like to call a; and I know you’re going to be out of town (inaudible from noise); we’ll do a finance committee meeting on the 21st. I wanted Dave Lewis to present April’s finance. We’ll do that at 6:30 on the 21st of May. Alright? Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “Yes. There has been some talk about the Belleview Fields. Last night I went to my nephew’s game and I was pretty embarrassed. I got torn apart by a lot of the residents and I really had no defense because everything they said was correct. Now I realize and you know; I’m on the Park and Rec Committee so I sat there and took it and I deserved it because I feel like you know maybe we haven’t given them enough tools or funds something but you know and I know it’s rained a lot, the manpower I just want it; we got to do something to get it fixed. I mean it seems like we’re talking about it every year. The bathrooms weren’t open I went down; I mean there must have been 200 kids there and there was a team from out of town Mount Pleasant and I knew this morning when I went to work and my dad ripped me apart for how the fields looked but I knew it was bad.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s bad when your dad gets you.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah and I told him maybe he should talk to Willie since he’s his Councilman. It was rough and like I said I understand it has rained. I’m not going to put the blame on anybody. I just want; I just want it to be right and if there’s something we need from; you need from Council I’m willing to go there because I think it says a lot about our community; there’s people coming in from out of town; we just need to look better. My nephew’s team they had to share the dugout with the other team because there was a mound of water. It looks like you put some diamond dry in there, smooth it out it would’ve been okay. I’m no laborer but I think I could’ve cleaned that up in a half an hour. It just; it was pretty bad so you know I think that should be our number one priority that park and you know whatever I think we should really see what we can do about it. Thanks.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Since it appears that we’re on a (inaudible) start I my as well continue with this. I have brought this up numerous times in the last three years and I appreciate you because I had numerous phone calls too. Some of them were quite interesting. This is not PNC Park up there. Alright? This is the City of Steubenville Belleview Park. I brought this out numerous times we have too many parks here in this city for the size of the city. Belleview should be your number one premier park in this city and then you work your way down from that. Everything you said you’re accurate; you covered the manpower; you covered the rain; we fix we spend. We’re probably up to \$40,000 now being spent for at least four or five fields. We had a professional come down from Pittsburgh do (all inaudible from coughing) show our people how to probably drag so you don’t dig ruts in there so the water will just sit there. I’m going in my third year of this and it’s the same thing. This year we had to wait to get a schedule for little league when we should’ve had; that should’ve been in weeks ahead of time. Again...”

Mr. Timmons – “I know.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I agree with everything you said. I agree with the citizens. I think it’s time us as a city, the Council, the City Manager; my department heads here you have a good team of people here so let’s focus on that. Now I brought and I’ll bring this up again to the board. Pick your number. How many parks do you want here? Where are we going to start? My first one is Belleview Park that’s our crown jewel; you put your money into it. They rearranged those fields why wouldn’t they adjust the lights? So you didn’t lose your night time play there. They didn’t do it. Okay I don’t think (all inaudible from coughing). But the bottom line is we know

the problems; we're limited by our funding that's part of the other problem our revenue base but use our money wisely. What are we going to put it into? This is the time to start that. To answer your question with the bathrooms today the contractor was supposed to be out there Tuesday to open those bathrooms. We go through this every year. I'm not accurate on this so Lori I'll ask you. Has the ballfield usage moved up in the last couple of years when they start? Because we deal with the weather; this is what has been explained to me if open these before early guess what? We have a late freeze comes in we now have busted plumbing there we've had to deal with. That's on several of them. Again they are not excuses these are facts that we have to deal with and again I won't go into the fans there. The bathrooms I've been in these bathrooms. We spend thousands of dollars to open these bathrooms up, clean them to have kids go in and trash them. Okay? This is what we deal with here but again everything you said Mr. Timmons has been accurate. One I've been out there I met with Ted Gorman from the school and today; she didn't have to do this but the Superintendent of the school called me this morning; 7:30 this morning; Jim we had some extra people that are willing to help you. These are kids with an adult supervision to help work on the fields. I called Lori she called the superintendent and we're able to get some assistance there. So there are other people willing to help us but we might make these hard decisions and they are hard. This is not a town of 40,000 people it's a town of 18,000. That's what's here so gets your parks in there; Mr. Gorman approached me about the possibility of using Jim Woods field; it's too short for high school play. I went out there personally and walked it off. There's no way. We would have the outfield fence in the ditch out there to make it regulation for high school ball so again they're looking. The girls softball team has been using Northend field here regularly from what I hear. I go back and the field is not that bad. But here we got rain the rest of the week here. What we don't have is the crews to maintain all these fields so naturally because of the little league in play we got to focus on Belleview so all these things I know Council has heard; I agree with you we need to focus on where we're going to go with this and the funding. There's different ways; we could do advertisement if we make Belleview our premier park all these fences out there could be full of advertising from sponsor to help offset some of the cost. If we got the lighting that would offset some of the occupancy of the fields. You'd have your play at night for softball if you have your leagues so all of this we as a team have to do this. Which means I got to bring you all the facts so Council can make a decision. I'm bringing this up to the board again tomorrow night. Make your decisions."

Mr. Timmons – "I agree with you and I think that this Council I mean we're not afraid to make the hard decisions. I think we've done that with the water and everything else. So I; I don't know if I'm speaking for everybody but I'm willing to make them and I agree with you Belleview should be the centerpiece that's where (inaudible from coughing) from but yes I do agree with that so."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. DiLoreto – "You know I get tired of criticism too but you know I was a high school principal for 17 years in Richmond, Ohio. We had no recreation department. Do you know who lined the fields? Who cut the grass? All the parents of my last period study hall and it was done right. All I had to do was buy the materials for 17 years so Big Red has a booster club, Central got a booster club, and we need a booster club. The city can't do it all by themselves and it's easy to complain but nobody has the solution. We've got too many parks and I understand too I umpired so everybody got to do something. The city can't do it by itself and Lori is doing an excellent job with what she has. As Woody Hayes says you work the people and we don't have the people."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – "But I do I mean; Yonk you're right and but we do get that support I feel like from a lot of the; I talked to a few guys yesterday and they have volunteers who are willing to maintain some of the fields and take care of the weeds around the (all inaudible from coughing). They did say they ran into some road blocks; not sure the reasoning like I said I don't know I just think if that's the case and they're willing to help we should take advantage of it. Like you said the superintendent called you this morning."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Timmons – "So you know what I mean. I talked to Ted Gorman as well this morning he said that there's an actual landscaping class at Steubenville High School where that; they could get started in March or April whenever and start this planning as part of their classes. So I thought that would be valuable as well so there are people who do want to help and it just needs to get done. Thank you."

Lori Fetherolf – "I just wanted to say that that is the topic tomorrow. It's on our agenda. I don't know where the road blocks were but they were before me because I view it as whoever wants to help me; please come help because we can't do it with three people. We just can't so I'm more than willing to; it's a topic of not necessarily booster club but how do we head in that direction where everybody takes responsibility for the fields and helps (all inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "Go ahead."

Mr. Timmons – "It wasn't you."

Lori Fetherolf – "(All inaudible) I heard the same comment (all inaudible from Mr. Timmons talking)."

Mr. Timmons – "It wasn't you I will say that. I didn't want to name any names and I think we're passed that."

Lori Fetherolf – "Yeah."

Mr. Timmons – "Let's just get it done and nice."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "Two questions. First question aren't we doing one of the fields this year? Or did we already do it? Aren't we doing one of the fields this year Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "We are but (all inaudible)."

Lori Fetherolf – “So we’re doing field 3 and field 4. I just spoke to them yesterday and they are still trying to catch up from last fall where it was too wet and they need dry days. So the last weekend it has rained seven of the last nine days.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So we’re still on (all inaudible).”

Lori Fetherolf – “She said we’re the next up and they got to have 20 dry days to finish what they’re doing now (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “And then the second thing is; I guess I’m going to ask; Mike can tell me because I talked to Mike. We had that grant for \$100,000.”

Mike Dolak – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And Mike was explaining to me that we could possibly use it for recreation.”

Mike Dolak – “The grant I believe is through the Army Corp of Engineers I believe. It’s been awhile since I looked at it and it’s titled right now Marina improvement project. So two things have to happen; one it needs to be used for an improvement at the marina or a second option would be to approach the legislator whoever sponsored the bill and see if they can get repurposed to another part but I think has to be used for recreation and right now that is tied to the marina unless we can ask our legislator to repurpose that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Is that a possibility?”

Mike Dolak – “Well that’s something that we have to sit down and discuss and then talked about with I’m not sure if it’s; which legislator sponsored that bill or sponsored the grant. I’m not sure which one.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “May have been Hoagland I thought.”

Mike Dolak – “Yeah I’m not sure.”

Mr. Paul – “That’s from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “ODNR.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Check it out.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Last week Ms. Hahn asked about the 911 services. This goes back a year and a half ago it was called Code Red it’s 911 reverse and what that’s for is when we have an emergency we need to get something to all of Steubenville or a geographic area then they can send out a text message or call automatically. What a lot of people didn’t know is one there’s 100% for a landline; a hard line at the residence. Where the problem comes from the cell phones because that’s private information. You have; the person that has the cell phone would have to call out there or go online and register your number, the address, everything that you want. So that way they have your number in there it would automatically be sent out. Now the one question that I asked Mr. Herrington out there; define an emergency? Well his words were you could have a major water break or whole section is out; you’re going to want to get that out there. Now we already do it by notifications to the TV stations, notifications to the papers, and reporters that we know we all get notified. The problem that’s come up is the 911 center purchases a software program what goes out is an 800 number; that’s what comes into your landlines and or your cell phones. They don’t answer the phone because it does not identify itself as 800 911 something like that that you would want to answer that. So they have approximately 31% of what answers the phones. We have approximately 2,000 people registered during the time we had the newspaper or News 9/7 that they put out there that you could register so this is part of the issue. This is the other part and this is dealing with the mentality unfortunately in Steubenville. A citizen wanted to know why they weren’t notified of an outage of water. Well it was on News 9, News 7, the newspaper had it out. Well she wanted to know why we didn’t come personally to tell her. One unfortunately I don’t have the manpower to do that. If we can’t try to do things I’ve talked to people why don’t we have Facebook? Not that we’re on Facebook yet but we’re still getting the design work on the City of Steubenville Facebook page. It will be read only. (All inaudible) read only so every day all the people that have Facebook can check on there and say hey what’s the city doing today? Well I have department heads here that have; this is information that needs to get out there it will be posted there. The other thing that I looked into you can automatically set it up to where it comes off; X amount of days, X amount of hours whatever but listen those that love Facebook can go on every morning and see what the city got problems with. Fine but it’s another source but its not full proof. You have people in their 70s and 80s and this goes back to the class you sent me to the City Managers of Ohio; they had seven (inaudible) of communications and based on demographics (inaudible from coughing) you could see how; of course the younger groups that the 18 to 25 group, 25 to 35 you can see what they were all focused on and as you got higher age you got less and less that went back to TV things like this. So again I wanted to at least get you that information. Yes?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Can I ask is there a cost to doing the reverse 911 call?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You registered; you go on online and add all your information. I went on and added my mother to me because one she couldn’t up at times to get the phone at least it’ll come to me. (All inaudible from coughing) and a lot people that live; you can live anywhere in the country; plug in your number and you’ll get the notification but again it’s an 800 number and it doesn’t identify that it’s 911 anything like that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Well if we get 31% pick up I think it would be worth asking them to do it and...”

Mrs. Hahn and Mr. Mavromatis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t have an issue with that. I’m going to brief my department heads what they need to do and will do it but it’s a small core.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That were batting. That’s if they answer the phone.”

Mrs. Hahn – “They have to answer. Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim? He’s not here tonight; Jimmy Jenkins he said he notified 911 though.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And they did not make that (all inaudible from coughing).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again I don’t know (inaudible from coughing). I asked him he said he did call.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah he said.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Out there so again that’s what I talked to Mr. Herrington today I’m going to go out there and meet with him.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But again there is no cost for it but again we’re not going to reach everybody. I mean I get this; I don’t get the paper I don’t watch News 9. Listen I’m sorry I can’t help you. You try to do (inaudible) as long as we’re doing our best effort to do this I’ll sleep fine but I wanted Council to know that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim? They don’t have to answer the phone do they?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No once they have the cell phones text messages; the text message is sent.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No but I mean if I don’t; I haven’t (all inaudible from noise).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Either way I got an answering machine for my cell phone and my…”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah they’re probably doing that. But you have people that don’t; they see an 800 number (all inaudible from coughing).”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Because there’s too many (inaudible) now. Again we’re working on these communication things here. I wanted that. I have Mr. Dolak who needs to give you a heads up on an issue we’ve been dealing with. You my as well know now and Lori are you good for tonight? The parks? I think we covered that. Okay. Mike.”

Mike Dolak – “Just to step back for one second I said that was the Army Corp of Engineers; that grant is Ohio Department of Natural Resources House Bill 529. That’s where (all inaudible) backwards sorry about that. I passed out a picture if everybody could take a look. What you see here the first picture it’s the south bound shoulder of the John Scott Connector that runs from 22 up to Sunset Blvd. South bound is going up the hill and the shoulder is collapsed. Second picture just shows some (inaudible) that’s taken place from the rainfall events. Third picture just shows the proximity of the vehicle driving close to the failed shoulder. So what we did last Monday on I believe it was April the 29th we closed the slow lane down or the shoulder end; we closed it down to push traffic into the fast lane. What I would like to do is when we reached out to a couple different divisions. We reached out to FEMA it’s a federal way route so FEMA won’t touch this. I spoke our (inaudible) representative of the federal highway; federal highway the answer was its not impacted enough for them; for that individual company to get involved. I searched some other companies; I’m sorry some other grant opportunities for emergencies but unfortunately Ohio Public Works Commission is out of funding until the fiscal year ends in July 1st. So what I would like to do (all inaudible) like this before this certainly isn’t the only issue on this road. It’s the issue we have to deal with right now. There’s an ordinance I would like for you to take a look at and possibly sunshine tonight. It’s an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to waive the formal bidding process and enter into a contract with the lowest most qualified bidder for the John Scott Connector emergency pavement repair project, city project number 2019-121 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 735.051 and declaring it an emergency. Actually tomorrow at 1:30 I’m meeting two contractors down on site. They (all inaudible) contractor James White Construction and Shelley and Sands excavating out of; we’re actually doing the (inaudible) project. We’re meeting them on site; going over the project with them and obtaining a couple quotes then we’ll go with the lowest bidder. That is; project to range anywhere between 60 and \$80,000. Are there any questions?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes. Where is that money going to come from?”

Mike Dolak – “Well right now I’m working with Dave; if I have some money available in miscellaneous street improvements but that’s probably going to deplete that fund you know until the beginning of the year. There’s some other options that we can revisit but the lane has been closed for a week; had to get traffic away from this drop off area so that’s what we would like to get into and this (all inaudible from noise) roughly 1993/1994. There’s been some federal dollars spent on it to try to revitalize the pavement. There are other issues there. There are some other issues in the pavement that right now this is the one that’s surfacing and we need to get this addressed as soon as possible if we could. Yes sir?”

Mr. Petrella – “Any money from ODOT?”

Mike Dolak – “No actually. It’s a federal lane route and then we approached; more of less what you do is ODOT would just over see the funding if the federal highway administration would grant us some emergency funding but they would not do that. They said it’s not impacted and the severity isn’t high enough.”

Mr. Petrella – “What about the gas tax money?”

Dave Lewis – “Doesn’t roll in until for a few more months.”

Mr. Petrella – “We get gas tax money now.”

Dave Lewis – “You do and it’s; a lot of that is already budgeted but you’re right we do. There’s a couple places where we can get money from. Usually we would use the street fund. There’s another fund that’s motor vehicle license tax fund we could access if (all inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “What about the ISTE A fund for transportation?”

Mike Dolak – “The what?”

Mr. Petrella – “The ISTE A funds for transportation.”

Mike Dolak – “I’m not familiar with that.”

Mr. Petrella – “Check with the State. They should have some funds available for situations like this.”

Mike Dolak – “I will do that. A lot of the funding we work through is through our local (all inaudible). I did check with a lot of the federal agencies and I’ll check with the State again considering it’s; the road is within our corporation limits it’s our responsibility so.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Michael is this slip or whatever you want to call it; is that from where that water is coming; all that hillside?”

Mike Dolak – “No. This road was opened in 94 probably this road started showing some defects probably in like 2003 probably about nine years after it was opened. There’s a material underneath that they used for a subbase which is what the concrete has supported. Somehow water has gotten underneath of it and washed it out in areas. So 2004-2005 we spent 60-\$70,000 fixing small areas and in 2007 we got some federal money to fix some larger areas. The original estimate for that back in 2007 for the federal emergency fund was like \$384,000 by the time we would done seven months later we ended up spending about 1.3 million.”

Mr. Paul – “That was on the water fall right?”

Mike Dolak – “No that wasn’t.”

Mr. Paul and Mike Dolak – “(All inaudible)”

Mike Dolak – “That was the second one. That was back in 2007-2008. Probably about 2010 we started to have some rocks slide which you’re considering the water fall. We started to have some rock slides there and we started to see some more pavement failure there so we approached the Feds. It was also another FEMA federal emergency; we approached the feds; they came in and they looked at it and it was determined that the project the (inaudible) was set back in accordance with the plans that should’ve been set back too so we got some federal money through; repair some of the pavement and also to relocate or blast the wall and put it back in its original location (inaudible) the waterfall. That was about a three million dollar federal grant we received. The remainder of the roadway has got some; it’s got some subsurface issues and this is one that surfaced right now but there are some other ones. This \$60-\$80,000 project can’t turn into a 1.2 million dollar project. We just don’t have that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mike Dolak – “Any questions? Thank you. And this could be under service I believe.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Do we need to sunshine that?”

Mayor Barilla – “Somebody needs to bring that on the table.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay so they want me to sunshine an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to waive the formal bidding process and enter into a contract with the lowest most qualified bidder for the John Scott Connector emergency pavement repair project, city project number 2019-121 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 735.051 and declaring it an emergency.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mayor. I don’t have anything this evening but please remember as I have last week I’m going to request that we go into executive session regarding some 3 to 4 litigation matters we have. We will have a conference call with our outside counsel Mark Stem regarding the OPEC which is going to be front and center. There are two other matters that I talked to you about that we can resolve those. Other matters but for OPEC; don’t need to make decisions next week obviously but maybe in the coming weeks we’ll have to make decisions. So that will be a fairly long executive session just to let you know.”

Mr. Petrella – “So you’re looking for an executive session next week?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes sir. Yes sir.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “No one signing in under miscellaneous.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We do not have anyone signing in this evening.”

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