

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

June 25, 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, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 18, 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. 2019-49 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT (A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AND MARKED AS EXHIBIT “A”) WITH THE JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND A CONSORTIUM OF AFFECTED JEFFERSON COUNTY POLITICAL JURISDICTIONS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHASE II STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AS MANDATED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-49. The third and final reading will be next week July 2, 2019.

NO. 2019-52 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF OF THE OLD FILTRATION PLANT BUILDING LOCATED AT 1575 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-52. The second reading will be next week July 2, 2019.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes you’re Honor. I speak for myself and no one else. At this time I would like to recommend an “Ad hoc” committee to be formed to determine if it is feasible to expand, maintain, and allocate money towards the marina. This committee would be chaired by Mr. Aaron Dodds of the Jefferson Soil Coordinator who has wealth of knowledge concerning the marina. This committee will consist of but not limited to; Port Authority, Chamber of Commerce, including West Virginia since they own the river, private enterprise, and business leaders. Committee will address such issues as financing, right away, the railroad, property ownership, bids, grants, engineering costs, etc. Our Engineer said this cost could go as high as 10 million dollars. My main concern is the infrastructure. The past year we borrowed over \$7,000,000 to cure the ills of the sewer and water departments along with raising the water rates. This was no easy job and this Council is still taking criticism but it had to be done. I wish concerned citizens would take time and look at the valves and pipes that have been removed from the foundation of the streets. Most have been buried under the alley tracks that were in operation in the 20s. They’re rusted, they’re clogged, and they’re not in working condition. I doubt the junk yard would take them. We could have had a Flint, Michigan on our hands but we took the bull by the horns. As far as and

all I am saying is do what was intended for that grant and that's extend the water line at the marina then so be it and as far as I'm concerned this case is closed."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. DiLoreto – "You're welcome."

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – "A couple things. The baby pool is going to have testing for the right chemical balance on Friday and we're very very hopeful that it's going to be opened next week so that is what Lori is working towards. There will be a Friends of the Marina meeting Thursday evening at the clubhouse at 7:00 and we welcome people who are interested in volunteering but also in having input with ideas for events and for how they could contribute and I don't know how all that fits with your suggestion about the "ad hoc" committee but I think that's really worth exploring."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "And I don't know; I don't know the way forward with that."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I don't either."

Mrs. Hahn – "But..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Look into it. Got to look into it. We don't want input from everybody. My main concern is how are we going to pay for it."

Mrs. Hahn – "One of the things that I think is helpful from the finance report some of you may have come in after words but the finance report goes through how we have been spending the \$100,000 that's part of our taxes for capital improvements in the parks. There's been some concern that all the conversation about the marina has meant we aren't doing things at the parks and if you look over even more than just the last five years; especially the last five years significant improvements have happen. And I don't know if you all realize this but when we hit that crisis and Bob maybe you or me and Willie I don't know what year it was the mill shut down we lost not just our largest water customer we lost all those wages and we went through a time in our city where we had no Parks and Rec Director and no one but volunteers helping out with other city workers trying to pitch in so are we where we want to be? No but we have come really significantly far compared to where we were and I think that was very encouraging to see the list of how much funding has come in and how much we can do. I want to mention one other thing I went to Cambridge today for the Appalachia Partnership for Economic Growth Conference Eric was there as well. I think it's encouraging to get the big picture of what is happening throughout the Ohio Appalachia of course we all want to see more happening in our area in our particular County but I do believe that rising tides raises all ships and we are benefiting from it. Evan was there as well; Evan Scurti our Port Authority Director and some of what he has done in Mingo Jct. was highlighted the most with the film from JSW and the encouraging numbers of how many have been hired and how many more they think will be hired there so thank you Evan for all your hard work and for (all inaudible from coughing) organization. I believe you were (all inaudible) but it is kind of a long view again; has to have a lot more development to come to our area. So thank you."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have one. It's under finance it is an ordinance authorizing and directing the approval of expenditures without a purchase order over \$3,000.00 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41. Okay and that will be three readings. Oh I see Norfolk and Southern on here. We owe them money? Imagine that."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – "Yes I have one thing I'd like to bring up a motion that we use the \$100,000 marina grant for its originally attended purpose." Second by Mr. Paul.

Mr. Paul – "You're Honor could I say something before we..."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Okay. Back in 2015 but first there's; Mr. Dolak had last week was his presentation; it was 2014 it was meant for the waterline extension down the marina. They call it LaBelle Ave. Labelle View LaBelle something; anyhow I remember when this went through this is I think Mr. Villamagna was on Council at the time but the ordinance is ordinance no. 2015-15 it says an ordinance authorizing and designating the City Manager as the local official with the authority to execute the project known as LaBelle Ave. waterline upgrades; City Project No. 2014-143 which was on the screen last week and complete all necessary functions that may be required to complete said project including but not limited to engineering designs services, right-of-way services, including acquisition of right-of-way, utility relocation, construction administration, inspection services, bidding services, advertising for bids for construction including any re-bidding that may be required. Entering into a contract with the lowest most qualified bidder and authorizing payment thereof. Okay? So we did pass this back in 2015. Matter of fact the date went into effect was March 17th which is St. Patrick's Day. So we did have this; it's already four years now okay? With this being said I would also ask Mr. Dolak who will be taking care of this project to ask; to look for OPWC grant money if it's possible. Okay? He also mentioned he might need some additional money. We discussed it and maybe we thought we could take some money from the recreation fund if possible. It's not a lot of money it's not the \$192,000 we want it's a little over ten grand so I just feel this is the best way to go. Get the waterline as close as we can to the marina after that get your organization together maybe we can get the soil conservation district to help us out. Look for grants. There's a lot of other things we can do down there but right now I think we need to; here's what I told my wife the other day I said if you ask me for money for car repairs; I'm going to give you money for car repairs. Okay? Then you turn around and you buy a TV or go on vacation; I'm giving you this money and what's the government saying now? Well they don't want to use it for what we want it so I'll never give Steubenville another grant again. So I just say use it for what it's meant for. That's all and I know you had your heart set and you work

very hard in trying to get this done and I agree with you but there is a lot of obstacles and I think you may of saw some of those last week with the overhead view, with Norfolk and Southern and all the other things but if you want it painted; I'll help you. I painted last time. I'll go down there and paint. I think we got the money from the JB Green Team. Louise Holiday told me it was 40 gallons of paint. I seem to think that it may be more than that but anyhow she said it was 40 gallons of paint and we painted that marina; it looked beautiful but then you get your locust trees growing back in the middle of the expansion joints but I feel this is the way we should go unless you know do your organization and whatever you need okay? Alright so Eric made a motion; I second it."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor just one thing that I want to ask Lori. Are you okay with that money coming out of recreation? You can handle that?"

Lori Fetherolf – "Yes. Dave and I already spoke about that yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Alright and I'd just like our colleagues to remember something. In the future; this grant; when we got this grant it was filed by our previous Mayor; really nobody knew that the grant was being filed for; when money is involved with city functions we need to bring it before this committee before this group and discuss it here so that the arguing stops that well I didn't know this and this guy was going to do this and this. We need to agree that what we're going to do with the money if it has matching funds. If it's a grant where there's no money coming from the general fund or the recreation department or any other department. Everybody done?"

Mr. Paul – "Now do we want to go with this? The resolution?"

Mr. Villamagna – "If the future if we could do that I'd appreciate it."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay?"

Mayor Barilla – "Good. Do you have something to say Mr. Mastros?"

Mr. Mastros – "No sir you're Honor."

Mr. Paul – "I asked him a question on this resolution that we had; I think we tabled it right?"

Mr. Mastros – "We did yeah."

Mr. Paul – "We tabled it. I didn't know if we wanted to go this resolution or just go with what Mr. Timmons had brought up."

Mayor Barilla – "We go with what Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Paul – "Okay. I agree."

*Mr. Timmons made a motion to keep the \$100,000 grant for its original purpose. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes; DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons. One (1) no; Villamagna.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – No Report

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you you're Honor. One thing I have to brief for your consideration tonight is Mr. Lewis talked about the effected date of our new sanitation ordinance and its June 30th. So Mr. Baird and I had a meeting today and he has been feeling questions from customers and from private sanitation haulers regarding our transition. We want to try to make this transition as smooth as possible as we can for our customers and for our citizens. So I'm going to have Mr. Baird speak on it but what I'm going to ask you to do is introduce a motion and pass a motion tonight which will allow Mr. Baird to extend dumpster service for an additional 90 days from the effective date of the new ordinance at the current rate. So there are a lot of moving parts in the transition. Mr. Baird is going to talk to you about calls that he received from private haulers that say we don't have the inventory right now to absorb your customers. We have other issues; we've had other calls from private haulers to say hey can we buy your dumpster in place? Be easiest for us to do that. So I think we need to do this to have a good smooth transition for our customer; for our citizens and it's possible if we do this it's very temporary (all inaudible from coughing) motion. I'm going to have Bob explain to you why it's necessary to have this smooth transition."

Bob Baird – "Thank you. (Inaudible) pretty much summed it up. I can answer any question if you have them. What we have is a very tight timeline for us to get transitioned out of the business for private companies to absorb that business. (All inaudible) the Law Director said many calls from the individual companies that are perceiving to require that business and they may you know not for example not have dumpster (inaudible) on hand to service the new customers; the influx and one of the topics that we discussed today is it's not just us okay? There's other things going on in that industry. There are changes happening across the state. A lot of these companies operate state wide if not nationwide and there are things happening in other markets with other companies and you know that's also impacting anyone's company ability to have enough dumpsters to provide to the additional customers and so forth so on. A lot of calls I've gotten are; well specifically what the Law Director (inaudible) in order to make it as smooth as possible for all concerns (all inaudible) our residents, our citizens is can we or I've been asked will you sell us your dumpster in place? If we're going to acquire this account and you have a dumpster sitting there the simplest, the fastest; you have to remember let me back up for a second; a lot of these dumpsters are serviced everyday so you know it's logistically it's; if a yank of the dumpster out and have somebody else right there in place. Another market for us is what we don't want is our businesses in our community being caught in the middle of that or paying the price of this transition. You want it to be as smooth as possible for everybody so as the Law Director said with your authorization to allow us to

service those customers as we transition out just continue business as usual until we're (inaudible) and two if we're able; if the company would like to purchase the dumpsters in place that makes sense for several reasons why. One is transition. Two is it's probably more cost effective and more financially beneficial to the city to do that. The alternative is no we pull all of our dumpsters in; they have to get their dumpsters in place; the risk of our customers our citizens to feel that; when you got time, man hours, dollars doing that pulling our inventory in out of the field; once it's in and out of the field we have to store it. What's worthy for sale? What's better off to be scraped? Then we would have to scrap it. Then we would have to have an auction. You know we've got time, money, man hours, all that (all inaudible) we would probably get a better return to simply sell it in place which we can do because of the threshold. It's not an issue. We don't have to go out for bid and we will spend less money and probably recover more money because after we spend the man hours and what we would get at auction or scrap would probably be less than we would get if we sold it in place. So the other option would be have those companies (all inaudible) period; if they didn't want to buy the dumpster then we would simply allow them to service the dumpster until such time as everything was in place and everything was ready to go then we would (all inaudible). But we would retain in that example we would retain ownership of the dumpster while they can start servicing the customer immediately upon sign up. Us leaving our dumpster in place they just service the account until the transition period plays out if that makes sense. That's what we're trying to do."

Mr. Dressel – "That sounds fine."

Bob Baird – "Make it simple."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Proceed."

Mr. Paul – "Yeah."

Mr. Dressel – "Do it."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Do it. Proceed."

Mr. Paul made a motion to extend the dumpster service for 90 days from the effective date of our new sanitation ordinance and charge city customer's at their current rate. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Mastros – "I have nothing further Mr. Mayor thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Mastros."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "We now move into miscellaneous reports. Mr. Paul?"

Mr. Paul – "As I was referring to a little bit ago about the ordinance we passed back in 2015 and I mention that Mike Dolak would like to apply for some OPWC grants. I'm going to bring in a resolution as council as a whole is a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to make application for a grant from Ohio Public Works Commission to be used towards funding the City of Steubenville Labelle Avenue Waterline Upgrade and to execute contracts as required. Okay?"

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you you're Honor."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay also under miscellaneous this evening I want to remind City Council that next week the 4th of July Thursday we usually have a traditional party at Prime Time at 12:00 on Lovers Lane. So I'm asking volunteers to be at the Prime Time Lovers Lane to help distribute the prizes that are given out at that. We did that every year. Many of you have been there so I might again remind you this is going to occur next Thursday at noon at the Prime Time on Lovers Lane and also at 10:00 in the morning over at the Fort at the fountain area we will have at 10:00 a prayer service. So anyway I'll be reminding you of that again next week."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "I will now move onto public forum and we have signing in this evening Marybeth Coleman and so if Marybeth Coleman is in the audience please come forward and state your name and address. And just a reminder on anything on public forum we do have a time limit of five minutes."

Marybeth Coleman – "Good evening. My name is Marybeth Coleman and my address is 1119 Ridge Ave. Steubenville, Ohio. And I want to start by saying thank you for letting me speak tonight and good evening to everyone. I'm here tonight as a parent of an adult with a disability. I am also here tonight affiliated with many groups as an advocate of community integration for those of our loved ones with disabilities. Some of the groups that I participate with are Jefferson County Transition Youth Board, ODOT, Special Olympics, and PALS. PALS is the newly established private adult programming if you may of heard a little bit about (inaudible) that is now in place for seventy plus disabled adults in Jefferson County. I actually made a handout if I'm allowed to pass it out. Thank you. (All inaudible). Okay this handout that; thank you for passing that out for me; this handout that I brought out tonight and made for you all shows the need for a developed marina and trail system that will be handicap access for our loved ones. I have my copy on this side so if you look at the June calendar events; now this is a new initiative (inaudible from coughing) of the Department of Disabilities Services that Medicaid funding; private adult programming is funding a lot for community integration and PALS actually stands for physical activities and life skills. So if you look at the calendar you see that our groups are going to Tappan Lake.

They did help at the Steubenville Marina. They worked out at Buffalo Park, East Liverpool Wharf, Fort Steuben Market Street Mile, Fernwood Fitness, Raccoon Creek, and fishing at Friendship Park. So this is just for the month of June and this programming is just kind of a beginning and will be transitioning months forward and years forward. Transportation is involved as well towards integrating into the community our loved ones in this way so as an advocate for them I wanted to step forward and state that as the plans go forward for the marina and riverfront trail. Myself and many others like me want to offer our resources and abilities including grant writing to see the city have great success with this exciting project as they move forward. And I'd like to end with a quote by Teddy Roosevelt who of course was handicap as well as quite a lover of the parks as many of you known and this is a quote from him; I grow very fond of this place, and it certainly has a desolate, grim beauty of its own, that has a curious fascination for me. He was actually talking about badlands from those of you who have been there and I have (inaudible) and it's amazing but Steubenville definitely falls into that category and we have many in our county that are really excited to support the city in any way that we can as we move forward so thank you so much."

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