

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 2, 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 DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, & Villamagna.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, 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 25, 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 – “I have one; it’s a notice of legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a new license to Citrus Petroleum Inc. DBA Steubenville Food Mart at 159 S 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Steubenville, Ohio. It says please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B NEW 1514077-0005; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. DiLoreto made a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and a copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, the Police Chief, and Council.” Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2019-49 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-49. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-49 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. DiLoreto called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-49 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect on August 1, 2019.

**NO. 2019-51 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-51. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-51 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-51 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

**NO. 2019-52 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-52. The third and final reading will be next week July 9, 2019.

**NO. 2019-53 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-53. The second reading will be next week July 9, 2019.”

**NO. 2019-54 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**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.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Resolution No. 2019-54. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2019-54 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Villamagna?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mike just to understand so the 100,000 that we have from this other grant will be the match money that we’re going to use for this grant is that correct?”

Mike Dolak – “The \$100,000; the \$100,000 that we received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will look like city match money for whatever else we can receive from Ohio Public Works.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s the money that we’ll use.”

Mike Dolak – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “To match. Okay.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Mike? There’s not going to be no city money involved in this is it? Any city money involved? No besides the what Lori gives the \$12,000.”

Mike Dolak – “Well.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well what?”

Mike Dolak – “I can’t answer that now. I mean the original project was \$260,000 and I got to do a \$260,000; I got to a; I got to jam a \$260,000 project and see what I can get out of it for 100-130,000. So anytime you’re digging underground there’s unforeseen conditions that I could run into. So yes next year in the budget there’s going to have to be somewhere something budgeted for some additional money that I’m not intending to spend but if I get into something down there that’s unforeseen I’m going to need that money.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Do you know how much?”

Mike Dolak – “No I won’t.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “If they don’t give it to you; you going to stop the project?”

Mike Dolak – “Well if; if you’re going to stop the project then don’t pass this resolution now because I need; then just don’t pass the resolution then I won’t apply for OPWC funding because I don’t want to get OPWC funding and then a project cancel it doesn’t look good on the city’s part it that happens.”

Mr. Paul – “Again.”

Mike Dolak – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I don’t want to take that money and then we have to keep on putting money in and putting money in and putting money which we don’t have.”

Mr. Paul – “We’re not going to do that.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “We’re not going to do that? Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “No.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. I’ll take your word for it Willie.”

Mr. Paul – “Take my word for it.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Scott if I understand it so let’s just say that we don’t apply for this grant.”

Mike Dolak – “Then we have \$98,000 to work with.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So we could still run into a problem when you’re digging.”

Mike Dolak – “Correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So that’s not the answer.”

Mike Dolak – “Right. Yes correct. I still no matter if you apply or don’t apply; if you decide you’re not going to do the project don’t apply for it. I thought from the last meeting you guys were going to decide to do it so this is to assist with getting some additional funding but if you’re asking me in December I’m going to need something budgeted somewhere for some contingency dollars in case I run into something down there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But that’s nothing to do with this grant.”

Mike Dolak – “Nothing to do with this grant but we got to continue with the project if we’re going to apply for the grant. I don’t want to apply for an OPWC grant and get the grant and not proceed with the project.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I don’t want to take any money out of the water and sewer department for down there or any place.”

Mike Dolak – “Okay. Any other questions? Thank you.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-54 by roll call. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – “No report I just want to thank everybody that helped down at Beatty Park this past weekend. We’re going down again. Thank you very much. Thank you Eric. Eric did a lot of work. I didn’t.”

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I wanted to mention we had a first Friends of the Marina meeting at the clubhouse. We had 24 people present if I counted correctly so there was a lot of interest and I really appreciated the fact that Councilman Timmons and Councilman Petrella were there as well so all three of us on the Parks and Recreation Committee were there and so we set the date for the weekend before the Battle of the Bands on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It’ll be August 3<sup>rd</sup> that we’re going to meet at the marina; we will look over things see what we can do to have things ready and then help Lori with a list of what the Parks and Recreation Department can do during the week before the event so I really appreciate that. If anybody still wants to have some input on that committee you can contact Lori or myself through our city e-mail addresses and tomorrow is the test for the baby pool so everything has been done and they’re going to come and we’re very hopeful that that’s going to be passed. There’s been a lot of people coming to the pool which is great. I wanted to ask a quick question about the trash cans at the park. Do we; is that something we have to have a resolution to have or was our; I think there was quite a conscientious of Council last week that we want to replace those. As Willie said you know the goal is to save the backs of the people who are doing all the heavy lifting. So I didn’t know; was that enough expressed that we put that into action or do we need to actually have an ordinance about that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. You don’t need an ordinance on this. This is the wishes of what Council wants and I’ve already talked to a couple Councilmen but this will happen. If this is found to be abused like it’s already been found on Pleasant Heights and LaBelle with construction material going in there because this is all cost to the city. Nobody is paying for this and if it’s being; that’s not what the purpose of the cans are out. The cans are out there for basic trash from the events that are there and you are correct they will aid our people picking up those blue cans it’s not safe at all. So the other thing is new tops have to be ordered. We have the cans; new lids will be ordered that will identify those.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Those are found in possession when you could possibly be charged with theft so that’s where they belong. It’s recognizable by all of our employees’ fire, police, sanitation, streets everybody knows what those cans belong too and that’s what our goal is to try and keep it clean.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And we have the number; 40 is the number you said last week. Is that the correct number?”

Lori Fetherolf – “67.”

Mrs. Hahn – “67. Okay. And then I also had a question about Pico Park because the Chief had said the county doesn’t pay for garbage collection but they do take very good care of the park that is well used so is that something we need to discuss whether or not the city should pick up the trash there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’ll pick the trash cans up. It’s in our city. They give us enough money every year so they; it’s a partnership that we have with them. Just like we have the partnership with our prosecutor which has worked out well so and I’ve already talked with one of the commissioners.”

Mr. Paul – “Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes?”

Mr. Paul – “Is it going to be our cans with the lids that they pick up or are we going to have our guys pick up the blue cans. I thought that what we kind of discussed.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There will be no more blue cans.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But we put our cans out there those blue cans are history.”

Mr. Timmons – “They’re already gone.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay good. There’s nothing there now.”

Mr. Timmons – “Right.”

Mr. Paul – “Correct? Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So we’ll get those there and Bob on that since there’s none of them out there just get two of our regular ones until we get our lids in. Now again the reason the lids they’re easily identify you don’t have to be right on top of it you can see the colored lid and know it’s our can.”

Unknown – “Right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And everyone else will know it’s our cans so it’s easy to retrieve.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just had one question for Lori there was such a rain storm Saturday night did you still find a way to show the film or did you postpone?”

Lori Fetherolf – “So the way the company works he comes in and does it for us and the day of the event if there’s a 50 percent chance of rain or not it’s my choice. If I chose for him to come out and it rains we’re out the \$700.00 so I called him at noon and said hold off. So we’re going to reschedule for July.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay and we don’t know the date yet?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Not yet.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Anything else you wanted?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Just to let you know the pool is doing very well. Today we had lots of families; lots and lots of families. We are about just over 400 people ahead of where we were attendance wise this point last year which is really good. So we had 142 out there today so it’s going very well and I was really glad to see the families coming back; families with little kids so that’s a pleasant thing to see.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one. It’s under finance it is ordinance number 2019-55 it’s an ordinance amending ordinance No. 20171-108 and adopting the indirect cost allocation plan of the City of Steubenville. This is for that job that we put back in June. Mr. Jenkins wanted to move a meter person to what was that position Jim?”

Jim Jenkins – “Water/Wastewater line locator.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah and this is that right? This is how we’re going to allocate it right David?”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah it’s just saying that the salary is going to be split 50/50 between the water and sewer fund. The way that we have our formal policy is a form of document we have to update.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. The asbestos report came back for the Municipal Building and there’s some asbestos in there which I think we all figured that but the price for the removal is going to be 50,000; 51 or 52,000 I forget exactly what it was so. Mr. Lewis I don’t know if you even knew the report was in or not; the price and everything.”

Dave Lewis – “It’s the first I’m hearing about it (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “So you’re aware of (inaudible from coughing) figure out where we can find that money from. And the second thing was Mr. Dolak maybe you can give me an update on the Efts Lane project if you would please.”

Mike Dolak – “Sure. As you know a little over a year ago we had a meeting regarding improvements to Efts Lane. We received some money from OPWC grant for some storm sewer work in the process Mr. Jenkins is moving into Phase II of his waterline improvement so in fact all of Efts Lane’s waterline is going to get replaced probably about 3500 feet maybe.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah close to that.”

Mike Dolak – “About 3500 feet is going to get replaced. The loan for that; the loan/grant money for that just got approved last Friday on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We’re in the process of signing contracts. Jim has to sign a contract with James White Construction for at least 3.5 million.”

Jim Jenkins – “3.4 million.”

Mike Dolak – “3.4 million so we’re going to schedule a preconstruction meeting probably towards the end of July and I say that the waterline out on Efts Lane will start probably in August maybe August 12<sup>th</sup> will be the latest and they’ll finish some of the work and then I have to move Shelby and Sands has a storm sewer (inaudible from coughing) so I have to move them in to do the storm sewer work at Aberdeen and then after that James White will move back in to try to finish the waterline work and I would say next year with the James White project we’ll resurface Efts Lane. Should probably be done hopefully by May or June of next year.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So the sewer line; the water line first; the sewer line will be the second phase of this year and then the following year will be the pavement process.”

Mike Dolak – “Correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So that waterline will be replaced if I understand you correctly all the way from the whole length of Efts Lane starting at the bottom.”

Jim Jenkins – “From 117 which is the first house on the left.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Jim Jenkins – “After you go past your hill.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Jim Jenkins – “That your back of your house.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Jim Jenkins – “As soon as you go around there’s a valve. From that value all the way back past Cara place.”

Mr. Villamagna – “From that blue valve (inaudible).”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah. All the way back past Cara place.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Will that take care of all the problems?”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah they’ll retie in Whiteoaks; they’ll retie in Hiddenwood; they’re retie in what is it Garden Acres I always want to call it green acres; garden acres. No tie in on Cara Place but it’ll end to a fire hydrant.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Alright.”

Jim Jenkins – “Past Cara Place.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you very much. That’s all Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright well thank you Mr. Villamagna. Do you need to speak again Mr. Dolak?”

Mike Dolak – “Yes Council I just set a press release on your desk to go out tomorrow regarding the Sunset and Lovers Lane project and I just highlighted a couple things. The first phase was Phase I that was on the north side of the road and they’re 90 percent complete with that. We’re ready to move to the south side of the road which is Phase II and we’re going to start moving traffic and transferring traffic on Monday July the 8<sup>th</sup> that’s on the south side of the road roughly from Starkdale to Yale Place and with this phase it will also involve the closing of Bryden Road at Sunset so Bryden Road will be closed to all traffic at Sunset Blvd. I just wanted to let you know that before the press release will go out tomorrow. The new lanes will be opened up temporarily there’s just temporary asphalt on it right now it’s a base course; it’ll be opened up on Monday and then we’ll move to the south side and we should be working on the south side for approximately I’d say three months.”

Mr. Paul – “Bryden Road will be closed that whole entire time or they’ll open it up after they’re done?”

Mike Dolak – “Work for that day? No it’ll be closed the whole entire time.”

Mr. Paul – “Whole entire time. Okay because I know there will be questions (all inaudible).”

Mike Dolak – “Any questions? Thank you.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Finishing touches have been placed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Mr. Baird has additional cans that’ll be put out there on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Market. Over at the Fort our fireworks contractor has his stage is in place and they’ve met what he needs to do our fire department has checked it; it’s been checked off so we’re good to go there. We will be providing security on the Market Street Bridge both east and west end and that will be shut down for approximately 22 minutes the length of the fire show. We had contacted and met the requests by the Coast guard so we’re set there for our function. Fourth and Market will be closed on First Friday. We’ve met with the Harmonium Group this past week they have assured us there’s a necessity for it and they have plans to utilize south 100 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street more than it’s been used so we’ll monitor that this time. Again it should be a good day; it’s a holiday weekend so there’s a lot of things going on with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on Thursday the functions we have and then First Friday so the city is ready. We’ve checked everything that we need to do our other support groups have been there to take care of it; this is a tough week on our staff it’s a double pickup for our garbage not to mention we still have the services for our commercial that we have. We have a 90 day window for that; on that being said we’re also enforcing; going to be enforcing our ordinance which means if you see or the city residents press additional bags out there; out there in front they will be picked up and they will be charged. It will be added to their utility bill so that’s going to be in effect and this is how we’re going to start enforcing these additional bags being put out there. Mr. Timmons I left you a message; that’s being addressed. That individual has been cited into court but this is still going to be dealt with before court then they can answer their questions. We know exactly who the owner; we know where they work so we’ll be able to go after where we need to go.”

Mr. Timmons – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright and Mayor that’s all I have.”

Mr. Battistel – No Report

## **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mayor Barilla – “Alright moving on to miscellaneous reports. I did have a communication here from the Department of Homeland Security Coast Guard. Safety Zone; Ohio River, Miles 67.5-68.5, Steubenville, Ohio. The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for all navigable waters of the Ohio River from Mile 67.5 to 68.5. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marina environment from potential hazards created by a land-based fireworks display. Entry of vessels or person into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by Captain of the Port Marina Safety Unit Pittsburgh. This rule is effective from 9 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2019. And also I’ve been informed by the Fire Chief and Police Chief that the bridge being blocked; pedestrians will not be allowed to climb onto the walkway onto the bridge at that time and I think the Fire Chief said we’re going to close that an hour before the fireworks. Okay good. Also I’d like to mention that at the Fort at 10:00 at the fountain location we do have a prayer service which we normally do each year and we have two Vietnam veterans both purple heart veterans they will be speaking there; some pastors will be there as well and we’ll have some music played by Dr. Thomas Graham and also a young lady that’s going to be married to Pastor Bobby Jon so that’ll be at 10:00 and then at 12:00 I’m asking Council people if their time is available to come out to Prime Time at 12 noon on Lovers Lane. There’s the annual luncheon there for senior citizens where we give away prizes and they have bingo and the cake and what not so that’s at 12 noon. And then from then on everything goes back down well the pool is opened for free swim from 12 to what 3?”

Lori Fetherolf – “12 to 5.”

Mayor Barilla – “12 to 5 and across the street we have Kurt James fun and games taking place I think from 12 noon to 3 and then we’re going to have concerts at the amphitheater starting at 5:00. I think we have four performances taking place there. One of which will be the Tri-State Community band and the last performer will be Rod Retzer Trio and that’ll lead into about half hour prior to the fireworks. So and I’m also inviting you folks Council we have a deck on the back of the visitor center. It’s a beautiful view right where the fireworks are going to be lofted off. We’re going to have watermelon and hamburgers and hot dogs and whatever there so you’ll be welcomed there anytime from 5:00 on.”

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Barilla – “Also now we’ll move onto Public Forum and signing in is a gentleman by the name of Michael Merritt. Is Michael Merritt in the audience? He is not. Alright.”

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

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

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