

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 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; Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief/Acting City Manager Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 13, 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. 2019-58 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE –2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, LOCATED AT 237 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO FROM P, PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC DISTRICT TO B-1, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-58. The third and final reading will take place on October 8, 2019.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – “Just one short report (inaudible). According to the Herald Star Ms. Wiggins says we only got 10 applications for Policemen. I mean in this day in age who would want to be a Policemen? (All inaudible) go out on a job and someone tries to shoot you. You call a plumber he comes over he does your work and he goes home and the City of Cleveland I’m astonished only fifteen applicants prior to 150,000 people. Now we know why this country is in trouble. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “I just had one quick question then I wanted to give Jim Jenkins a chance to say something at the end to answer back but there was a concern relayed about boil order notifications and how they get them out and I know we tell everybody on earth that they exist but then of course people still don’t know. So I was wondering if you found anything out about the reverse 911 thing.”

Jim Jenkins – “We called the 911 center twice today; Rob Herrington is on vacation so they could not give us an answer on how to better work this system.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Jim Jenkins – “What we were told previously was for a broader area boil advisory. I say back in February when we had the Lawson Ave. break it affected multiple hilltops. I actually called them to do and notify people that they were going to be out of water and I believe that worked. But for the smaller areas I’m not sure they can do that so we’re trying to meet with them and I know Jim was trying to meet with them before hand or just trying to meet with them to figure everything else out on how we can better get that situated where everybody is getting notified and if it can be possible.”

Mr. Dressel – “Right.”

Jim Jenkins – “But we did call them twice but Rob Herrington is off on vacation. He should be back Monday so we’re going to put a call out there Monday so hopefully we’ll be able to talk to him. I just while I have the floor if I can update everyone on Phase 1 and Phase 2 and some other issues. Phase 1 we still have seven hydrants that are going to be replaced under the Phase 1 money so we talked about that today. We have around 100 valves that have issues that need to be replaced. We still have probably around; we have 12 vaults; the vaults in the roadways till we still have to remove those so they can assess those valves. We have been finding valves that were missing so which that number is rising on our valves. We did find four major valves on University Blvd. I don’t know if anybody has seen us up there digging. We found a major crossover between the Franklin

Ave. line and a University line that runs down University and one of those valves on there it broke. So we're putting a plan in place to fix that crossover so Franklin Ave. side gets full water pressure instead of going down University and then back up. The other thing we have a couple areas; the leak detection crew is back in town. Bob and a couple other people when they were up doing the water trough they uncovered a manhole and in that manhole there's a large volume of water going into it. We have a pretty compressive video on it. We're going to test that water tomorrow and depending on those results which it is a sewer so it's going to have water in it but it's awfully clear so we're going to test that. Depending on the results we'll start investigating that and then in the south end Lincoln Ave., Wilson Ave.; Wilson Ave. will; tomorrow will seem periodic breaks in their water; we're going to shut it off. We shut that area off probably a month ago and our downtown flows (inaudible) was cut in half. We had about 800 gallons a minute going downtown before we shut it off and after we shut it off it was about 320 gallons. So we're assuming that there's a large break down there. So we're investigating that pretty heavy so if we can get some of these larger breaks found; that area down there is hard to find because it's; some of those lines go up through the woods and different things like that but we are looking and we're progressing. Phase 1 is almost complete. Phase 2 is now underway; Efts Lane they got about almost 200 feet of line laid on Efts Lane and then I think they got; what do you think Mike? About 250-300 more feet to go before they turn it over to you guys."

Mike Dolak – "They probably have; yeah maybe a little bit more. They probably have two weeks to go and then they'll turn it over to us. We'll do some of the sewer work probably on September 16th – September 23rd."

Jim Jenkins – "But I just wanted to update you guys on that. That way everybody knows what's going on. But I will be sending out another press release tomorrow for Wilson Ave. and other areas down on the south end will be affected tomorrow and Thursday. Yes mam?"

Mrs. Hahn – "And you're posting those on the City website."

Jim Jenkins – "Yeah (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn talking)"

Mrs. Hahn – "Because anybody that's having trouble with water they go to the city website."

Jim Jenkins – "Yeah if they go to the city website it'll be on there. It's right on the front page. It's the first thing you'll see; it switches it goes through all the public releases that we've put out; engineering department puts out; wastewater puts out. We send it to our website; everybody in the city that has a city e-mail; we also fax it to the 911 center and that's what we're trying to figure out if that's the breakdown of communication is the facts but we also e-mail it and fax it to all the news outlets so we're trying to get them out there the best that we can. We even send it to Franciscan's newspaper so we're trying to get it out there the best we can. With the 911 thing we just got a little bit more to go on that so but we're working on it."

Mayor Barilla – "Jim nothing can you do on Facebook?"

Jim Jenkins – "I don't believe the city has a Facebook page."

Mr. DiLoreto – "We don't want no Facebook."

Jim Jenkins – "One good thing is when I do send it out to the city e-mails a couple Councilmen; Eric is always good; Scott's really good. They usually post it right away on Facebook so it is getting out there."

Mrs. Hahn – "If you could show me how to do that. I tried to copy and paste it and I couldn't do that. So I don't know (all inaudible from Mr. Jenkins talking)."

Jim Jenkins – "Scott will be able to show you how to do that."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay if you would because (all inaudible)."

Jim Jenkins – "But they're really good. It's usually as soon as I send it; Eric usually it pops up Eric and Scott sent it out."

Mrs. Hahn – "Good."

Jim Jenkins – "It always makes me feel better whenever I see it on there because at least is it getting on there."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay."

Jim Jenkins – "Alrighty?"

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Mr. Villamagna?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Mike; one of yins; is that on Efts Lane will that still be done in December you think or will we still..."

Mike Dolak – "Waterline work will go until September 23rd. Now that waterline work there's still a lot of work to do out there."

Mr. Villamagna – "Right."

Mike Dolak – "We'll move in and we'll take about a month so October 23rd and they'll move back in from Starkdale finish the waterline work and that should be finished by December but the paving of actually Efts Lane won't take place until the spring of next year."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah but I mean the waterline."

Mike Dolak – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "Everything will be done by December."

Mike Dolak – "Yep."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay Mr. Dressel is that it?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yes. Sorry. Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. Last week I called a Finance Committee meeting for 5:00; I think it was the very first next Tuesday the 27th and we; there was a couple e-mails going around that we wanted to maybe back off because of the recreation because we weren't sure of what Jim was going to do with the parks. Which ones he

wanted to close; things of that nature. I just spoke with Dave and we were going to make it at 5:30; we're going to still go at 5:00. What we're going to do; I'll let Dave he'll give us the financial report for the month of July and then that way we'll have a little bit of; we'll be you know up to speed on what's; how our budget's going? Where we can go? We will not have Parks and Rec but we will do everybody else that was on the agenda that Dave had posted for us. Okay? We'll do Parks and Rec another time. But we'll move it back; Parks and Rec and we'll still go forward with our monthly finance update on the month. Next week. 5:00; because I think Mrs. Hahn has something at 5:30 or was that you at 6:30? Or was it you that had something at 6:00?"

Mrs. Hahn – "I think Bob."

Mr. Paul – "Something like that. Yeah you were at 6:00 and I think she was 6:30 the following week so we're going to still go at 5:00. But we'll have Dave go over the finances for the month of July. Alright? You good with that?"

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. That's it?"

Mr. Paul – "I'm good you're Honor. Thank you."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – "Yes I have to sunshine a few resolutions tonight. First one a resolution proclaiming the month of September 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Second one to honor Sandy and Paul Rue for their accomplishments at the Senior Olympics and then also one for Steubenville Track; Steubenville High School track team accomplishments at the State track meet. And also tonight we're wearing our local school apparel to support the new school year and remind everybody to pay attention to kids in the streets; at bus stops on their way to school. So thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes Mayor. In the paper today there was an article about the sign down here; the new sign that you were looking for a landscaper."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "(Inaudible) to do it. So as a result to that newspaper I received a call from Russel Hunt of Total Lawn Care and he offered his services. He will take care of that; he takes care of both signs at both entrances and he takes care of the roundabout. So I told him that I would tell you; double check with you and he's going to draw a design up and submit it to you and everything and he'll pay for all the material and everything. So that's great news."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "Then you don't have to worry about that and..."

Mayor Barilla – "Right."

Mr. Villamagna – "It's free."

Mayor Barilla – "Right."

Mr. Paul – "Can we donate? Donate some (all inaudible) to help offset the cost? Yeah I'll donate."

Mr. Villamagna – "But that was real; he's always stepped up. He called me. He volunteered for the two entrances and the roundabout."

Mayor Barilla – "Well that's lovely. Thank you. Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay that's all."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you Mayor. I apologize for this. We have a lot of starts and stops in our litigations because I have requested an executive session a couple of weeks ago; didn't quite work out the way I wanted it; that was on our healthcare litigation and our Sinclair Ave. issue so but I think we're ready for not the healthcare but Sinclair Ave. issue so I'm going to call for a very short executive session after the council meeting next week. Thank you."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "Alright we'll move over now to miscellaneous reports. I do have a comment under miscellaneous. I would like to acknowledge on the sign that's located on Washington and Route 7; Chris Petrossi and Mike Dolak were instrumental (all inaudible from coughing) in putting that together and the folks that actually did the work would be Signs Unlimited, Mr. Rice, IBEW, Jason Hendricks did the (inaudible) work, Columbia Gas, St. Thomas Construction, and Mike Thomas the architect. Did I miss anybody else there Chris? Well I want to thank you guys for all you did for that. You know I thought that was a (all inaudible from noise) some years ago but you resurrected it. Thank you Mr. Lewis for putting it in the budget."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We had a person sign in under public forum but I don't see Sarah DiCarlantonio in the audience."

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