

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 14, 2020**

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 Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, & Anyabwile.

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, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 7, 2020. 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. 2020-1 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT BY WILLIAM MCGOVERN.**

Mrs. Haley – “Resolution No. 2020-1. A resolution honoring the achievement of Eagle Scout by William McGovern. Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America are one of the pillars of our communities across the nation and provides our youth with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and whereas, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in the Boy Scouts of America and since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank; and whereas, former Eagle Scouts include four Nobel Prize laureates, eleven Medal of Honor recipients, and other notable citizens, including Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, and Sam Walton, founder of Walmart; and, whereas, the requirements and review process are lengthy and arduous, including earning at least 21 merit badges, and presentation of extensive service project that the scout plans, manages and organizes; and, whereas, Liam McGovern of Steubenville, Ohio attained 33 merit badges and for his service project built an acre large security fence to secure a multi-acre health care property called the Friendship Room; and, whereas, Liam McGovern has not only proved himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America, but has attained this highest honor bestowed upon a Scout, a distinction that will follow him throughout his life, and will be an example to others of the leadership quality and commitment this young man has demonstrated. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio; Section 1: That the Steubenville City Council, the Mayor, and the City Manager hereby recognize and congratulate Liam McGovern upon his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-1 by roll call. Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-1 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna – “Liam it’s an honor to give you this.”

Liam McGovern – “Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I was a scout when I was a young man and I know how hard it is to become an Eagle Scout. It was a rank that I did not obtain. I’m very proud of you. I know what it takes to do it. You did it and it’s between juggling that and high school and everything else. I’m very very proud of what you did.”

Liam McGovern – “Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Congratulations.”

Liam McGovern – “Thank you very much.”

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I had a request this morning; I’d like to call a Safety Committee Meeting I was made aware of the situations forming prior to Bob’s meeting next week. So Bob’s meeting is at 6:45 it’s going to stay there or?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay I want to call it for 6:00. Okay? ASI would like to come down and do a presentation for us. That’s the ambulance service they want to come down and speak with us. So that’ll be 6:00 Safety Committee Meeting next Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2020. Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”

Mr. Villamagna – “If; I’ll know a little bit further if I need 15 more minutes I’ll get ahold of you maybe we can change it till; we’ll just bump everything back 15 minutes.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. I don’t know if it will take that long for the presentation.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah I don’t think so either but I mean for mine either but just in case.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss the sale of property. Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Anything else?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah couple of good things. At the mall there’s two new stores that are trying to negotiate right now to get into the mall and there’s another store that is pretty good that’s going to be into the old K-Mart Plaza where Rural King is. So they’re almost done and I can’t wait to be able to announce what they are but it’s pretty much sealed up right now. And the next thing and I got; this was sent to me; I don’t know much about it other than what I saw it’s on HGTV where they can; we send a video in of the town and they want to restore; they want to redo a whole town but there’s some guidelines to it and one of them is you got to have video of the town some pictures and stuff. So I was thinking this Chad Mason I don’t know; everybody has seen his work if we can maybe reach out to him and ask him to do this take the video with the drone and everything of the city. I mean I don’t know it’s probably one in a million chance but they’re doing it. They’re going to do a whole town and there’s some guidelines though which; can you contact Chad? Do you know Chad?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah I know Chad.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’ll get you the information and everything and then…”

Mayor Barilla – “Sure I’ll be glad to do that. Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It sounded pretty good. My buddy from Louisiana sent it to me.”

Mr. Timmons – “Bob? Was there a population guideline?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Under 40.”

Mr. Timmons – “Under 40 okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah. It was under 40 and there was some other things too. Lori you know what I’m talking about right?”

Lori Fetherolf – “So yeah I’ve already been in discussion about; I wrote the subject with the Harmonium Project because I knew we didn’t have a way of videoing it. Under 40,000 they want to come into like (inaudible) with the downtown; do some housing stuff; do some; make everything better and historic. If it’s historic that’s really what they’re looking for.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s a combination of everything from what I’ve read historic, business, residential.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I mean it would be unbelievable if we got it but you Mayor want to; he knows this Chad Mason who does beautiful work with; and I’m sure this Chad is probably tied up with the Harmonium somehow. Okay? But you have the information then Lori?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Dressel?”

Mr. Dressel – “Well I wasn’t sure if I should bring it up or not. Theirs is; I was contacted today by someone who used to do production for one of those shows. I watch HGTV all the time just to avoid the news. So the people that are doing this show have a show called Hometown that they do pretty much pretty standard renovation. They do nice work but it’s realistic it’s not like the California show that have million dollar budgets. So they’re looking to do something even though they’re saying a whole town it’s like they want to focus on like a commercial building, a residential building, and something else so it won’t be like the whole town because there’s not a budget for that but so there is I think right now two people working on putting this together. I don’t actually know but all I know is that she is looking for things to shoot to put together a video as well. So I’ll put her in contact; well I actually already mentioned you today once but because she’s looking for people to talk too and she’s also looking for a face to use to make the video appealing to the market that would be determining where to go and I did recommend some people that are part of the Harmonium Project because they sort of have this all family sort of hometown look kind of thing so there’s a good chance you know that we would have a good chance and there’s no reason why we can’t enter more than once. So that’s not a problem.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah that was weird because the city can enter more than one time. I don’t understand.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well because you’re going to get different perspectives on a community from different groups and we’re right in the running as far as size and we certainly need things renovated so it’ll be great. Just so you know if I hear any more I’ll let you know too.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay and that’s all I have tonight.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. We’re finally back open for business. We got our P.O system back up and running. Everything is moving; we’re restocking all our supplies and everything and our crews are working. Next Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. I’ll be meeting with Ohio EPA in Columbus, Ohio along with Chuck Murphy, Costa Mastros, Mr. Hoyt from Cincinnati our attorney and this is in relation with our consent decree. We’ve reached a point that I believe we’ve done everything we can do; our attorney has and we need a decision made and hopefully we can get this rectified there so we can move on. Again as I said before Ohio EPA has looked at us our town how we’ve progressed in the last year and a half and they’re using us as; referring us as a model to other areas such as St. Clairsville so again they say we are trying to do our job that we need to do and I’ve told then repeatedly if it wasn’t for the assistance in funding a lot of this we couldn’t do. It’s a matter of dollars and cents but this consent decree has been hanging over our head for over 20 years. We need to get this done and hopefully we’ll get this rectified and I’ll be able to brief you Tuesday night of next week. Our crews are hard at work; last New Year’s Eve we got hit with snow later on and ice; I happened to be out that night; I came back into town around 8:00 to see our streets were nice and wet; our pre-salt worked and our streets were cleared. Unfortunately Wintersville was not so it shows that our crews are out there working and we need to get the job done and they’re doing that. So I look to Council this year that we can work together on a lot; a few projects one of them being this roof here to get this fixed so we can protect what’s left of here. There are some things that are coming up with the Judge here there is a possibility that he may move down to the Justice Center. If he does this will free up this whole building basically this will be ours so we can rework this room here as a proper Council Chambers and get the rest; get this roof finished here so we can start focusing on what we want to develop here. But again all of you have your respected areas; your wards; if there are certain things that you would like to get accomplished then let me know. Again some of them may have to be prioritized but I would like to have some input from you so let me know. We can try to get this done. Again to my department heads thanks for your hard work last year. I think we’re going to have a pretty good year this year and let’s just hope the snow gives us a break for the last quarter here and we’ll be in good shape and that’s all I have to report Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Barilla – “And also we do not have anyone signing in under public forum.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.  
Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Dressel sunshine an ordinance for the sale of property at 230 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

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