

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, & Dressel.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Engineer Director Mike Dolak, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Supervisor 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 March 3, 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. 2020-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS TO BE UNSAFE STRUCTURES AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so Parks and Recreation the board meeting is tomorrow night 7:00 at the Belleview Park Clubhouse. All are welcomed. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “One under safety you’re Honor. I have an ordinance under the Safety Committee; this is something that Mrs. Hahn worked very hard at. It’s an ordinance amending section 351.18 of the codified ordinance regarding residential handicap parking spaces. Okay? And that’s all I have tonight.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor couple things. I’d like to sunshine an ordinance authorizing and designating the City Manager as the local official with the authority to execute the project known as the City Hall Roofing Project, and complete all necessary functions that may be required to complete said project, including but not limited to, engineering design services, construction administration /inspection services, bidding services, advertising for bids for construction including any rebidding that may be required, and entering into a contract with the lowest bidder and authorizing payment therefore. Some; I think it’s good information; after we had that meeting and we discussed a lot of stuff that was going on with the building permits and stuff like that; Tricia Maple; I’ve been trying to research this and I tell everybody this all the time I’m not a real computer wizard so it’s a labor for me to do it but I was only a quarter of the way through what she did in a matter of seconds and sent it to me. So I really appreciate Tricia Maple from the Chamber of Commerce for sending that to me. So I just want to read some of this to you. Total businesses in the City of Steubenville are 679; in Wintersville there’s 437 which in a combined area of Steubenville/Wintersville 1,116. Jefferson County there’s 1,995 jobs; in Hancock County West Virginia 724; in Brooke County there’s 388 which are important because we always hear that West Virginia’s booming and we’re not so that tells you we’re not doing too bad. Our population is a lot bigger than theirs. Jefferson County business breakdown; well I’m going to read the whole thing what she said here. Jefferson County has 883 more businesses than Brooke and Hancock Counties combined.

Steubenville and Wintersville has 392 more business than Weirton approximately 54%. Steubenville proper 43952 has 45 less total businesses than Weirton proper 26062. Steubenville proper 43952 is about half the geographic size of Weirton. So and the business break downs are Adena is 46; Amsterdam is 47; Bergholz is 32; Bloomingdale is 100; Brilliant is 36; Dillonvale is 66; East Springfield is 1; Empire is 1; Hammondsville is 12; Irondale is 13; Mingo Junction 103; Piney Fork 1; Rayland 68; Richmond 74; Smithfield 1; Steubenville 679; Wintersville/Steubenville 437; Stratton 1; Tiltonsville 30; Toronto 226; and Yorkville 21 which gives us

that total of 1,995. So I think it's important to get that out to people and show that there are things that are going on. Not just where we're at but also around us and with that thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna also note that that was 2010 figures."

Mr. Villamagna – "When the census; the last census. Yeah."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah so those things will change."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'm glad you said that because it'll be interesting to see what the new census brings. This will probably increase."

Mayor Barilla – "Right. Correct."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah I'm glad you brought that up. Thank you."

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – "Okay two things to sunshine. One is under utility an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for design services for the CSO 003 Line Replacement Project, Phase 2 and declaring an emergency. So that'll be next week and then this one the final wording to be determined because right now it's my handwriting but it's an ordinance amending the table of organization to reflect the starting salary changes for new firefighters. I'm not quite sure that new firefighters is the official terms but we'll have the final wording next week when we have the first reading and that will have three readings. Thank you."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. Tomorrow I'll be attending the Health Department on a tabletop exercise on issues that may be possibly coming in the future. I can rest assure to the citizens here that we have no issues what so ever with any of the viruses that are going around in the United States. The only things we need to worry about here is the basic flu but again these are planning purposes only just to make sure that everybody knows their roles should something like this happen and again the best advice I can give the citizens here is use caution, use the basic things that you were taught to do; washing with soap and water; sanitary things; lotions of this nature and again use common sense where you go. Watch the news; I watch it daily as much as I can but you'll see how things change. Watch the max. What makes this difficult because of the modes of transportation that we have in our system today and again we've been blessed here in Ohio to my knowledge as of today there's only been three cases that's been in Cuyahoga County and it's been identified who had it? Where they attended? Two people came in from a cruise and one person attended a conference but what makes it difficult is tracking backwards. Where did they go? And also the veracity of it. Are they being truthful? And again we've been blessed here. We have a Health Department that is staying on top of this and again this is the purpose of having a tabletop exercise. In a week or so to come there will be a town hall meeting that at this time it's going to be on Lovers Lane at the Senior Center and information will be put out by the Health Department and I think this will benefit a lot of the people and put their minds at rest and that's all I have Mayor."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir?"

Mr. Villamagna – "I have a question for you. Every time I talk to you I mean to ask you this and it just slips my mind. The parking lot signs here..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Where we at?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "We met last week and they've been ordered. Bob is that correct? Did you?"

Bob Baird – "Yeah I met with the vendor. They are being designed. We're waiting on proofs and the proofs which I expect very soon we'll make sure that they meet with everyone's (inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "The Chief was there. Bob was there. I was there and it will be the south two lanes will be the parking permit areas there. But the signs will be clearly marked so there's no misunderstanding here."

Mr. Villamagna – "And that's when they'll start enforcing the..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Once we have the signs posted and we were able to have the people participate and they pay for their parking stickers then we'll be good to go."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because as of now we haven't charged anybody rent?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No. No we haven't."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay. Thanks Bob."

Mr. Mastro – "Thank you Mayor. Depending on what kind of information I receive between now and next Tuesday I might be asking you to go into executive session regarding personnel in my department and possibly some issues regarding some of our lawsuits that are pending right now but it depends on what kind of information I do get between now and Tuesday and I will let you know that on Tuesday. Thank you Mayor."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll it looks like we’re home free to end this Council Meeting this evening. We have no one signing in under miscellaneous and we did have; yes Mr. Mavromatis?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I thought you had three here that signed in for Public forum?”

Mrs. Haley – “They’re not here.”

Mayor Barilla – “No they’re not here.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Alright I just want to put this on the record Mr. Royal Mayo was scheduled to talk this evening but he came in to see me yesterday and I was able to answer all his questions.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Thank you.”

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