

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 28, 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 Council members Anyabwile, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, & Villamagna.

Mr. Timmons made a motion to excuse Mr. Dressel and Mrs. Hahn from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mr. Petrella for July 21, 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. 2020-46 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Resolution No. 2020-46. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2020-46 please state your name.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I have a question. I need for someone to please explain it to me because I don’t understand what each thing means.”

Dave Lewis – “That resolution that you have in front of you is just an annual document that comes over from the County just indicating what our property tax rates are. There are no changes. It’s always the same. All of our property tax levies are inside or outside millage. So nothing to exciting it’s just the County telling us that the rates are the same as they were last year.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “So on the second page where it says current expense levy authorized by the voters is that five dollars? What does that mean?”

Dave Lewis – “That’s five mill. Yeah that’s the one we renew every five years it’s been on the books for decades now so it’s on there again for this coming year.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay. So does the levy provide for the firemen’s pension and the police’s pension? I don’t understand why their pensions are listed here.”

Dave Lewis – “That’s how the levies were set up. You’re talking decades ago if not a hundred years ago the levies were set up that so much went to the Police and Fire pensions obviously in today’s day in age it doesn’t cover all the costs so the money does go into the general fund and the rest is subsidized by the general fund. If you pull your Council book there’s a section in there about all the levies and I’d be happy to go over it with anybody who has questions but there is a two page report about all of our tax levies. I’d be happy to review that with anybody if you’re interested.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-46 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-46 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Anyabwile – “We will for the Pride Committee have another clean up this Saturday and it’s going to consist of S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.; the alley between Slack and South and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and what I’m understanding is because the weeds are so dense back there people are dumping; I don’t know if it’s from another state or if it’s people from here but there’s sofas back there, big containers so some of the volunteers were going to go through with a truck and put all that stuff on a truck and it’s going to end up on the corner of the alley of Slack and the alley and it’s going to be this Saturday coming up. That’s what I wanted to report in terms of Pride Committee.”

Mayor Barilla – “Have you talked with Mr. Baird about picking that up after they’re put at the corner?”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “No not yet. I was hoping he would be here but I will talk to him tomorrow.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor. I have three ordinances under Finance and I want to call a meeting next week.”

Mr. Paul sunshine an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2019-93 to amend the Revenue Tax Budget for the year ending December, 31, 2020 to adjust for the change in revenue received from

Jefferson County as a result of the application for Cares Act Funds and declaring an emergency. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-94 to make appropriations for year ending December 31, 2020 for authorization to appropriate and authorize the expenditure of cares act funds and declaring an emergency. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-43 specifically amending the method of payment for the purchase of ambulances with Cares Act Funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Paul – “Okay those are all three under Finance you’re Honor and also next week we want to have an exit conference; our auditors from Julian and Grove and I would like to call a Finance Committee meeting; I’m pretty sure we’ll have to do it on the phone I’m not sure but it’ll be at 7:00 p.m. and we’ll go directly into executive session to discuss the close out for our financial audit that Mr. Lewis each year does a great job with.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna - “Yes Mayor I have an ordinance to sunshine from Mr. Dolak. An ordinance authorizing and designating the City Manager as the local official with the authority to execute the project agreement known as JEF-SR7 15.93 traffic signal upgrades, PID No. 113672, City Project Number 2020-131, and complete all necessary functions that may be required to complete said project, including but not limited to, engineering design services, right of way services including acquisition of right of way, utility relocation, construction administration/inspection services, bidding services, advertising for bids for construction, re-bidding if required, entering into a contract with the lowest most qualified bidder and authorizing payment therefore. That’s it.”

### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Mr. Timmons the tree that you reported up on Ridge has been taken care of so I wanted to let you know that. Also we had a gentleman sign up to speak tonight in public forum I spent 25 minutes with him on the phone answering several of his questions and a couple of things that have to be looked into which I will get back with him tomorrow. So he will not be down tonight and he seemed to be pleased with everything that was told to him on his questions. I was briefed today by our Health Commissioner as some of may remember June 30<sup>th</sup> we had a total of 80 positive cases in Jefferson County we’re now at July 28<sup>th</sup> and we’re 183 cases so from that date going through to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and weekends after that our numbers have now gone up to 183. We have a lot that’s tested that unfortunately do not live here such as in West Virginia but they work here so this is information that we do not get. It’s reported back to their home of record or their Health Department of their home of record. So you can clearly see that we are dealing with issues here that’s why we closed down our City Building. People can still come to the foyer, use the telephone and access where they need assistance and that has worked out pretty good so that’s where we’re at right now and that’s all I have to report Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mayor Barilla – “Alright we will now move to miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening under miscellaneous reports is Mrs. Anyabwile.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I had actually two questions. The first question is I’m getting complaints from people saying that their neighbors have; they say about 50 cats but is there an ordinance saying exactly how many cats and how many dogs a resident is allowed to have on their property?”

Mayor Barilla – “Not to my knowledge.”

Chief McCafferty – “There’s no; cats aren’t governed by the State of Ohio and so the City doesn’t govern them. We’ve gone through this numerous times. I’d have to check but I believe if you’re running a kennel you might have to have a kennel license through Jefferson County but other than that there’s no city ordinances.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay so a person can have as many cats as they want but if they are disturbing neighbors are there laws you know to ask them not to have their cats go and poop in their yard and disturb their flowers and those kinds of things. What kind of safe guard can we have when neighbors complain?”

Chief McCafferty – “It’s not covered by the State so the City doesn’t have anything because of that they’re considered feral animals. They are not licensed by the County. They’re not licensed by the State. It’s a problem everywhere. We’ve gone through this before. There’s people that come down and find the feral cats and neuter them but I mean it’s a problem that’s been here for 20 years at least.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay and again I am still interested in helping to change the regulations on public forum. I’m not quite sure if there’s an ordinance or is it a resolution and how to present it but I will ask questions this week and try to present it next week. And that’s all I have.”

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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