

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 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 Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 18, 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. 2020-52 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 1st reading

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE 2021-2025 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS 5 YEAR PLAN.

NO. 2020-53 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 2021-100, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

NO. 2020-54 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 1st reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO BE USED TOWARDS FUNDING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE 2021 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 2021-100 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

NO. 2020-55 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE FOR PAYMENT OF AND COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE I WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY THE VALVE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT AND LEAK DETECTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-55. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-55 please state your name.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All Ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-55 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2020-56 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-56 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – “I have one ordinance to sunshine under utilities.” Mr. Dressel sunshine an ordinance authorizing and designating the City Manager as the local official with the authority to execute the projects known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Aeration System Upgrade and Paracetic Acid System Replacement Project 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 and most qualified bidder and authorizing payment thereof and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes there is a committee meeting for Friends of Beatty Park; we will meet and now we’ve met before in the clubhouse and sometimes in Council Chambers so this is in the clubhouse; it’s tomorrow night Wednesday August 26th from seven to eight o’clock and Lori Fetherolf just wanted everyone to remember that they need to bring a mask and we will separate. But we’ll hear what the improvements have been in the last month and what’s on tasks for the coming events and there’s an event this coming Saturday at Beatty Park the naturalist is going to come back and do another walk through. It’s very interesting the first one and I think there will be more details after tomorrow night. Also there is a Facebook page for them you can check that out as well. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor.” Mr. Paul made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss the possibility of looking for an Assistant Supervisor in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I checked with the Health Commissioner today the County is currently at 266 total cases. There were no new cases for today so that’s good news we’re at a standstill right now. Last week the State came out with its orders for the sports. I had a meeting Monday with Ms. Archer this is the lady that wanted to have a softball tournament in support for Ms. Barker that was killed several weeks ago. We’ve postponed this right now we’re looking at October 3rd and this will be dependent on where we’re at because currently right now they cannot meet the standards that the State put out right now so what we will do is wait until then and see what the standards are then and if we can do it then we will support them in any way we can. So at this point Ms. Archer is aware of this she will contact us back in mid-September and we’ll see where we stand in the County as well as the State on these sporting events that they want to have. I met with Mr. Baird today we’re discussing some possible solutions; we’re inundated with places around the city with overgrown grass and a lot of this is on land that does not belong to the city and how we can tackle these issues. What I would like Council to do for me you know your respective areas if you could email with your top three places so we can focus on these for you and see what we can do within the law that we have to deal with so we can try to clean up some of these areas here.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I was thinking about this and is Costa there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “You know how the newspaper has their daily happenings in which they list crimes reports; it’s not even necessarily a definite crime but the police are called and they look for spent casings and that kind of thing. So what I wondered was I know Judge Mascio said we had to do the notifications in the paper if we’re going to go on someone’s property; by the time they are cited that is; it’s illegal for them to have their weeds over you know and grass over 12 inches especially some of the ones that are literally over 10 feet tall. Is it possible that instead of doing weeks in a row and having to pay for specific advertisement on one page could we list it as a crime or list it on that daily happenings; list it five days in a row and there was no response then we would only be delayed a week just having our own crew go onto their property and take care of it and then lien the property?”

Mr. Mastro – “Unfortunately the answer is no. It’s a good thinking out of the box though Mrs. Hahn but the statute is pretty particular as to how we have to perfect notice and service to the homeowner so unfortunately we cannot. The statute is pretty specific.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And that’s the same whether if we’re demolishing the property or just cutting the weeds?”

Mr. Mastro – “Correct.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mrs. Hahn. That’s all I have Mayor for tonight.”

Mr. Mastro – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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