

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 8, 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 Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 1, 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

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

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-52. If you would like to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-52 please state your name.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-52 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on October 8, 2020.

**NO. 2020-53 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-53. If you would like to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-53 please state your name.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-53 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on October 8, 2020.

**NO. 2020-54 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-54. If you would like to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-54 please state your name.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-54 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on October 8, 2020.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes tomorrow evening at 7:00 is the Parks and Recreation Board meeting and this month we’re going to be meeting in the Council Chambers so it is not in the clubhouse it is in the Council Chambers 7:00 tomorrow night and the public is welcomed. That’s all.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Is the MLK Center opened? Do you know?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I have not been told it was closed.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes it’s been opened since July 7<sup>th</sup>.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay. People have been asking. They didn’t know if it was closed back up or not.”

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “I have on the phone this evening; he’ll speak after I get done is Superintendent Jimmy Jenkins and this is in regards to Mr. Dressel’s request on the Ohio EPA on their notice of violation. We’ll give you an update on that. Next Tuesday I’m asking Council if we can start our regular sessions back. It’ll still be restricted to the number of people that come out but it does not include us but it’s the number of citizens that come in and go back to the Council Chambers so I wanted to bring that up. This Friday the September 11<sup>th</sup> is the due date for the Department Heads on their worksheets; (inaudible) in regards to the budget and then on September the 22<sup>nd</sup> we would like to start the budget meetings which we will hold in Council determined with Mr. Paul our recommendations on the amount of time that we need but we can brief Council next week on that. Also next week we’re going to request to go into executive session this is on our pending lawsuits on our conservation districts. We have some information back from our lawyers and on some proposals that we need Council to take a look at. We also had a request for First Friday they have been directed to the Health Commissioner’s office to submit a plan. The Health Commissioner’s office is requesting that people who want to hold events to submit a plan at least two weeks prior to the event so they can be properly looked at and if any corrections need to be made. So I notified the Harmonium Group this is where they need to start with on a plan if they want to hold an additional First Friday. Mrs. Anyabwile to answer your question earlier there has been one First Friday and that was it and the rest have been postpone until further notice. Mr. Dressel is regards to your parks question we had a meeting today between Chief McCafferty, Lori Fetherolf and myself and we’re working on a possible solution but all of the parks there’s only some that can be closed and we’ll work on getting those closed. That will not stop individuals from walking in there but Beatty Park that needs to be closed by a Police Officer in the evening for the simple fact that vehicles do go up there and park and the park has to be checked and that should be the job of the Police doing that. So that’s what we’ll have as far as Beatty Park. The others will be set up that they can be closed. They will be on a master lock; our Police Officers will have a key to that lock again (inaudible) any calls for service back to back they will get up there in the evenings and close the park. It works so much easier in the winter time because it’s from dawn to dusk and we’ll work on securing that better. At this time I’d like to have Jimmy Jenkins answer any questions that Mr. Dressel you may have in regards to this Ohio EPA notice that was sent out and our response to it.”

Mr. Dressel – “I don’t have any questions. I read the letter.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah I sent out a letter to Council just to update everyone on what we’re doing, our response to it and kind of what we feel led up to the TTHM violation. Our level was exceeding of the standard not by much but it was exceeding. We initially seen this coming being the COVID restrictions businesses were shutting down; we have had higher numbers in the past on TTHM on 2007 we violated but we’ve always been under the limit but they’ve been a little bit elevated as far as close to the level but not (all inaudible) of the level. So we’re always vigilant of our numbers back in May and June we actually took special tests; those are not reported to the EPA but we did take several tests; those numbers came back at .024 and .023 so we (all inaudible) good however those tests are taken out of hydrants; those (inaudible) are not allowed to be taken during the actual testing of the TTHM we actually had nights that’s been (inaudible) of the testing site from a study performed back in early 2000s so we have to take those tests from the actual site and this site was actually closed during our March testing cycle because we do these tests quarterly to where we actually substituted; we had an alternate site which we were fine and then this (inaudible) site opened back up and we had to take the sample there since they were (inaudible) but the letter explains everything as to what we ran into; what we’re doing to correct it; we’ve had potassium (inaudible) issues that we’ve used to control (all inaudible) on the intake screen and also to control some of the organic materials that does make its way to the reservoir; it does react with that and does kill that organic material. We’ve had issues with that over the past six years of it actually not running at all and then through this year intermittently running and now we have it running in full operations but I’ve laid that all out in the letter. We will constantly keep an eye on this. This is something we’ll always look at and unfortunately this time we did have an (inaudible) but if any other Council members have questions please feel free to ask and I’ll be more than happy to answer.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim Jenkins thanks for keeping up on it and staying ahead of it and letting us know what’s going on. Thanks Jim.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah and I’ll keep Council apprised our next testing schedule is in October for these tests. We did start back up our hydrant flushing program which has not taken place in at least eight years so we are back to that; our biannual flushing which helps flush out the (inaudible) water in our system and some of the debris that builds up over time so we’re getting back to where we need to be unfortunately with businesses being shut down and water flow is not like it usually is it kind of got us. But I’ll keep Council apprised of the situation as we move forward and progress forward on it and I just wanted to state that this is only one site. We test four sites as the letter states each time we test those four sites can change but it’s always those four sites and this is

just one test in one area of the city. That doesn't mean that at your house you have an exceeding of TTHM but it's basically at this business or it could be within that area that the sample was taken. It's not really the entire city water supply so it's kind of a precursor or a warning just to keep your eyes out because it could get out of hand where it does affect the entire water supply so we're just keeping an eye on it and we're moving forward or progressing to get it rectified."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay they started our roof repair today and this will be going on for the next 30 days. Our Police cruisers are being parked over between our lot behind the city building between the Grande Theatre and Court Alley so until we get this building done we have to block off the whole south side so they can remove the shingles and bring in the proper equipment they need to put up there so I wanted to let Council know the roof job is on its way and they will keep us apprised if there's any issues that come up during this and Mayor that's all I have for this evening."

Mr. Mastros – "Just briefly Mr. Mayor as Mr. Mavromatis mentioned I'm going to request that we go into executive session next week to discuss our pending lawsuit with the (all inaudible) commission. I did have a conference call today with our lawyer and our insurance adjustors and so we're going to be presenting to you a possible resolution and we need to brief you on that and engage where we want to go from here. So I will make that request next week and that's all I have Mr. Mayor thank you."

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "Next on the agenda is miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening we have Mrs. Anyabwile."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Thank you. I have a couple of questions. Next Monday is the Planning Commission and that's 7:00 do we have to be there in person or can we call in?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well we're still under the orders that we can go and Costa please give your opinion; we can still go in on meetings by calling in through December 31<sup>st</sup>. I'd have to verify if everybody is there it is opened to the public and there's limited seating for them based on the numbers. Are you calling in to ask questions or calling in just to listen?"

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I'm calling in just to listen unless I have a question. And then also next week will we be coming to the building for City Council meeting?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes mam. Regular Council Meeting in City Council Chambers."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Okay and my next question getting back to the cat problem. If a person has multiple cats and they let them roam the neighborhood if the cat go onto another person's property can that person capture the cat and call the Humane Society?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right now I don't believe the Humane Society; well the Humane Society might the County dog they won't pick up cats."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "So who could pick up the cat?"

Mr. Dressel – "Nobody is picking up cats right now."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Nobody. So it's hard to find a solution for the cat problem because I've got complaints up on Oakmont and up on Lawson."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah well we have them down here too. It's always been a problem."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "And we can't find a solution."

Mr. Dressel – "The problem you're running into and I know one of them that you're talking about you remember a couple years ago the State of Ohio passed a law that made killing animals a felony so that no longer happens. The Humane Society is more or less is merged with the Jefferson County Animal Shelter and there is no room for cats generally and I think we're talking about like a hundred cats probably so it's not a simple problem. We have the same problem on the south end and we have it up here on North 4<sup>th</sup> they're all over the place and they have been for decades."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I just have people that you know they come and they mess in their yard. They make noise."

Mr. Dressel – "Yep same problem. They poop everywhere I agree. That will be a problem that they're better off resolving it on their own and not talking about it."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Okay. 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