

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 20, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, & Petrella.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Captain Kenny Anderson, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Financial Accountants Rebecca Colliflower, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for October 13, 2020. Second by Mr. Petrella. 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. 2020-67 – BY THE UTILITY COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE WEST END WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY NEED 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, REBIDDING IF REQUIRED, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.**

**NO. 2020-68 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, SPECIFICALLY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-68. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-68 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-68 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes for those who were able to participate Saturday was a lot of fun at Beatty Park for a couple of hours. We had more than a hundred children come in costume and a number of us had different spots with bags of candy to fill them and Lori served pizza and water in the shelter and it was a wonderful time and I definitely met people who have never stepped foot in the park before which is always an encouragement to see new people checking out. For those who are interested you can go on Facebook for the details but this coming Saturday there will be two historic tours up in Beatty Park and there’s specific times. You do need to sign up even though it’s free but they’ll take you through the park and point out a number of historical features and one particular gentleman although many volunteers contribute but one gentleman has cleared a set of stairs all the way up into Pleasant Heights and in some areas of it were covered in more than 18 inches of mud and he’s able to (inaudible) the whole set of stairs. And they did find at least two maybe three golf carts so if you might find the walk challenging they will be able to assist people. So that’s this coming Saturday and I think that’s the last event in Beatty Park apart from just volunteering. Okay thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have two items and one thank you to some individuals. First of all I have two ordinances I would like to sunshine; first is an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the Lincoln Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair and declaring an emergency and the other one an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of body cameras and various equipment accompanying the same and declaring an emergency. This is something that we discussed last week. Next of all I would just like to thank several people. First thank you Chief Capaldi and congratulate you on getting the Ambulance Service up and running. We thought it would take until the end of the year and we have it done by October 18<sup>th</sup> so I want to thank you very much. I want to thank you and your staff; I know Mr. Ribar has helped out a lot on this; City Manager I want to thank you as well you worked hard on this yourself and I thank you Jim from the bottom of my heart because we know we had to do this for the citizens of Steubenville. All of us in this room were very concerned about the way things were going and we needed to address this and I want to thank that Cares Act without that we probably couldn’t have done half of this. As I said before it’s a blessing and also I would like to thank Dave Lewis and his staff for being creative with this Cares Act and I thank you for all you and your staff done. Your staff is great you know that. And last of all I’d like to thank the 911 Director Rob Herrington he helped us in a lot of ways. We, Mr. Mavromatis, and myself, Chief Capaldi we went out and we met with Mr. Herrington and he’s helped greatly in this process and also through the Cares Act again we’re able to have Wintersville Ambulance EMS come in and help us in our city so I would like to thank everybody involved. Thank you ladies and gentlemen and let’s go from there.” Mr. Paul also thanked Mr. Costa Mastros for all that he has done with this project and also City Council.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. To brief Council on our current cases from last week under COVID that’s affected our County we’ve went from 406 to 460 cases; 54 cases in one week. But the other thing I just started to get and I didn’t know if I mentioned it last week 21 active cases in the City of Steubenville. We have now gone up from 12 a week ago we’re now 21 so we’ve gone up in the city. Now there’s other things that you need to be aware of we have a lot of people that do not reside in this city but they work in this city they shop in this city and when you get tested they have to report to their home of record so there is data that we may be missing here and we do have an influx of people that work here every day coming from West Virginia and coming from Pennsylvania. So this is still something that we need to be concerned with and we need to follow the regulations. I look at this; these are things and we’ve been blessed as a city all of our workers have been out there every day since this has happened. We’ve had this building shut down we are still able to service our customers but because of the due diligence of our employees and our employees in this building; the Judge’s Chambers here we’ve been able to minimize an exposure to our people but at any time you just don’t know when it’s going to surface. So again I will keep Council briefed on this as I get the information and I’m just grateful that we get the information on how many cases were dealing with actively here in the City of Steubenville. As Mr. Paul; Mr. Paul I appreciate that. I will tell you it’s been everybody in the surrounding area here that has been participating for many months here responding to ambulance service here Toronto, Mingo, these out lane communities here have all come in here and responded. Clearly Wintersville has caught the bulk of it but without the service of all of them I know they’re all grateful that we’re up and running now. I have a photograph that was sent to me on Sunday and this was from Trinity West you have the City of Steubenville ambulance, Wintersville, and TEMS had to be there; all three of them and I thought for a brief second this was a team photo; no this was actual runs that they landed at Trinity West at the same time. So again the business is there. When I finish here I’m going to have Chief Capaldi give you a short brief on what our business has been. The good news is on all the number of runs that we’ve had to make with our ambulances I think there was just one that there wasn’t some money that we would not have coming from one of the (inaudible) meaning Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance or no pay so that’s not bad. That will help offset some of the cost here. The only thing is not immediately it has to be submitted; it takes several months to get that but it is a revenue stream that will be coming in and again I can only tell you from citizens that have come to me they are grateful to see the Steubenville EMS and ambulance service running there and it doesn’t mean that ASI is gone. They’re dealing with issues with their own business and they’re still part of the service in this community here. There is still a desperate need for transportation. This is something that we cannot do at this time our primary service is to our citizens for emergency services that we have and on top of our ambulances going our fire engines have been rolling out there on emergency calls until an ambulance can get there and it’s turned over to the responding ambulance. Again that’s all I have tonight for Council I’d like to use some of my time for Chief Capaldi to give you a brief on how we’ve done for the first day.”

Chief Capaldi – “Thank you sir. Basically I was going to give an update; Sunday morning at eight o’clock we ran out first ambulance the fire department. Since then we’re running one ambulance a day. We have enough to staff one ambulance a day; well technically we’re paying a shift overtime to staff that until we hire the three guys that you just passed today. We’re going to swear those three guys in next week on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Once we get that we’ll run one ambulance without any overtime. Sunday we ran 10 calls with the ambulance. Monday we ran 11 and we’re already up to 6 today so and those are all calls with our ambulance that we didn’t have to send the fire truck on anymore. Those are also calls that Wintersville didn’t have to come in and cover us. Like I said we’re doing what we can with what we got; both ambulances are running out of headquarters right now just

because we're only running one so they're both there. Like I said it seems to be going well the guys that run the ambulances are you know they were kind of excited; 10-11 calls with one ambulance is kind of busy so that's why sooner or later we're going to get the second one up and running once we get some revenue coming in. Anywhere from 30 to 60 days before that starts rolling in from the first billing cycle and like Willie was saying there was a lot of people; the City Manager, Dave Lewis, Costa, Council, Me and my staff, Rob Herrington and 911, Wintersville Fire Dept., all the surrounding Fire Departments, all of our guys, the Cares Act, all of this went into getting one ambulance up and running. So now we got to carry the ball forward and try to get that second one up and running. Also with Jefferson County 911 they are now dispatching all of our calls. We moved our dispatch to them so we can free up our dispatcher to work on the ambulance. That's how we got one guy on the ambulance is we're now not dispatching so when you call; if you call the Steubenville Fire Department emergency number it is transferred to 911 so if you have an emergency Fire, EMS, even Police call 911 and they'll dispatch to the appropriate agency. So that was one of the things; we've been talking about it for years and finally we did it because we needed that guy on the ambulance. So like I said everyone involved there was a lot of people that worked on this and without all those pieces we couldn't of did it. So I thank everyone and that's the update right now. Anyone has any questions feel free to call me or email me I'll answer anything."

Mr. Paul – "I have one. What is their shift? Is it 24 hours shift? Is it a 12 hour shift?"

Chief Capaldi – "We work 24 hour shifts. Once we hire the three guys next week each day we should have 3 to 4 people that can rotate on that ambulance. A 24 hour shift on an ambulance when we're running 10-12 calls a day is busy so we're going to try and break it up into 12s. Like someone works the a.m. someone works the p.m. so they're not running (all inaudible) leave and they're not back for 5 hours because they just keep getting them so that's why we need people to have a rotation; the paramedics are kind of stuck because sometimes they have to go on every call. Now we're trying to give the paramedics a break but they understand. But yeah it's a 24 hour shift; we're running 24 hour shifts but we're trying to rotate them to give them a break."

Mr. Paul – "I figured that's going to be tough on them guys."

Chief Capaldi – "It is and you know what eventually everyone we hire from 2012 on has to be EMTs or above. Eventually someday down the road maybe after I'm gone everyone will be an EMT or above and then you'll have a big enough rotation where there has (all inaudible) on the ambulance 24 hours. But it's getting there; everyone knew it was going to be kind of rough for the first couple months and we're getting there. I was in the back of the ambulance on the first call. You know we're all pitching in."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah I just wondered the second we started on Sunday have we had to use any type of mutual aid or anything like that since we have been busy? I was just curious."

Chief Capaldi – "Yes even on Sunday when we answered 10 calls with our ambulance there was still two or three calls where mutual aid ambulance had to come in and we still had to send the fire truck on those three calls but it was better than all 13. Monday where we did 11 calls I think Wintersville had to come in twice so their participation has went way down in those couple days and I think they're kind of happy about that so but yeah it's helping already."

Mr. Timmons – "(all inaudible)."

Chief Capaldi – "And you know what going forward as long as we only have one ambulance we're still going to need help and if someone else needs help we'll send that ambulance there. So that's how mutual aid works."

Mr. Villamagna – "Chief next Tuesday can you have them guys bring the ambulance down here and let us look at it?"

Chief Capaldi – "Yeah we could do that. Just out front?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah just out front so we can take a look at it."

Chief Capaldi – "Yeah we can do that. We have two; the first two we bought are fully stocked ready to go. The third one went down today to get its radio put in and the mount for the tablet; I still got to get it striped but it'll be ready to go next week. So we'll have three fully stocked and ready to go ambulances."

Mr. Paul – "Would you like us to come down at 7:00? I mean I don't think we have anything going on next week."

Chief Capaldi – "It'll be dark if you wait until after the meeting. I can have it out here at 7:00 if you want to show up a little early you can look at it."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's fine."

Mr. Petrella – "I got a question for Jim or Dave. We always said we're going to keep all this money separate from the billing and Dave said we couldn't have a special enterprise fund correct?"

Dave Lewis – "Yeah the auditor said it is not an enterprise fund."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay I just want to make sure that we have that fund; a line item for that fund and all those monies go back right directly back to the ambulance."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's exactly where it should be going."

Dave Lewis – "That's how we're going to set it up. There will be a separate line for all the revenue."

Mr. Petrella – "Is it already set up?"

Dave Lewis – "It is not but it will be very soon here."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I just want to let Council know this has not been quickly on what you're going to vote on next week with this Cares Act money purchasing these body cams. A lot of research went into this; Costa spent several weeks here and just so you know prior to even bringing this to Council this was submitted to our auditors too and they're fine with it. I wanted to make sure that they would sign off on this and they have. They're in agreeance with it so we're prepared to do this and we're getting the necessary information we need for the protection of our Police Officers and Fire people that are going there and we're looking at some other

things too that may benefit our Fire Department because this is not going to go away it's going to be here for the next several months. So I wanted to make sure that we have the right tools for our employees to do their job. That's all I had Mayor."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

### MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR