

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 29, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, & Dressel.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Financial Accountants Jeff Yoder and Rebecca Colliflower, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 22, 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. 2020-58 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

NO. 2020-59 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 2nd reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 521.10(A) REGARDING THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND WEEDS.

NO. 2020-60 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES FOR USE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR 2021, AUTHORIZING THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO OF CONTRACTS, AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

NO. 2020-62 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2020 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 16, 2020 AS NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY.

Mr. Dressel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-62 by roll call. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-62 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-63 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10, 2020 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-63 by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-63 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you. Okay under Parks and Recreation we have a few items. First of all there’s some events coming up at Beatty Park. The first one is Shakespeare in the park; the first time the Harmonium Project is putting on Midsummer night’s dream; the performances are going to be this coming Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evening 6:30 to 9:00 at Beatty Park. That’s the old new pool I think; it’s the lower pool area and they’re managing lighting and parking. It’s free to the public if you just put in midsummer night’s dream in Steubenville it will come up but you do have to have a ticket so Saturday’s tickets are already gone. There’s 20

left for Thursday and then there are more than 50 left for Sunday night. Second thing October 17th is going to be Halloween at Beatty Park. The Parks and Recreation Director is going to put it on with volunteers from the committee, the Parks and Rec Board, and we're going to set up different stations; we've had different people who'd offered and we have more than enough candy that's been donated and then she's also going to provide pizza and bottled water for the children. So that will be on Saturday October 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the children are to come in costumes. Also there will be a bouncy house and the person who runs the bouncy house has worked with the County Health Department before he knows all the restrictions and it'll just mean fewer in there at one time. Alright and then also Beatty Park Saturday October 24th is the Historical Walking Tour they're going to offer special tours at 10:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. We'll have a handout available. They have food trucks that are going to come in but they will provide some free cookies and bottled water to people. The food trucks will be available for sale and they're hoping if anybody has access to a golf cart that they might make available; they have one possibility maybe two they'd like to get them available so that people would have an easier time being able to take the historical tour and that they are also going to have some prizes and do a drawing in the hopes that this will be a bit of a fund raiser done by the friends of Beatty Park not the Parks and Rec department because the Parks and Rec department can't do fundraisers and there's more details on the Facebook page. The baseball season is going well it's kind of our first time having little league do a fall season. When that ends the little league is working with the parks and rec department and they will be able to put in two full dugouts in one of the ballfields. They we're more expensive than they thought so it'll only be two dugouts this year. They're looking for grants for more. The last thing I wanted to mention that's more under economic development and just trying to help everyone work through this whole COVID shutdown the Harmonium Project is having their First Friday this coming Friday night beginning at 6:00 and they wanted me to express their thanks to Council for working with them. It'll cover two blocks and they've rented tables and chairs so that people could be adequately spaced. Octoberfest is theme and they will have a professional German Polka dance crew and three bands and there will be some special family activities including decorating pumpkins. That's it. Thank you very much."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. I have one it's a resolution by Council as a whole." Mr. Paul sunshine a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application for a grant from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration's Pubic Works Program to be used toward funding the University Blvd. District Sewer Upgrade Project, and to execute contracts as required. "They're going to ask for 1.5 million dollars for this grant through the EDA. Also they're going to see if they can get some funds through the ARC and also the Ohio EPA. This is something Mr. Murphy has been working on for several years now and this money will help us work on that University project. That's all I have you're Honor."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. Current numbers today in our county are 343 with 17 active cases that they're tracking. So this is total we have as of today and this was supplied to me by the health department. I have been in contact with the Harmonium Group their plan that was submitted to the Jefferson County Health Dept. was approved and they have requested that the city has supported them to have the 100 block North 4th and the 100 block south that will be blocked off so they can have their First Friday here. They understand that they have to have their coordinators to keep an eye and follow the rules that have been set up by the Health Dept. As you heard the briefing from the Fire Chief we have just about everything here to roll an ambulance out. It's disappointing that we didn't get the safer grant. I do want Council to know that our Councilman Mr. Johnson sent a support letter for it and it was Mr. Johnson's office that was able to furnish me the information that we didn't make the selection this year but we will reapply for it as soon as they open it up and the best that we can tell from our checks that they finished this year's selection on the funding but we will still apply for that. Based on the new hires that we're bringing on board we have EMT certified firefighters and we have a couple paramedics that are firefighters so that will help us have the manpower and this is why it's important that we get the next three positions on board and we have the selection process that will give us paramedics as well as EMS qualified individuals and that's all I have to report for tonight Mayor. I'm sorry and I have Chris Petrossi here tonight that would like to address Council."

Chris Petrossi – "The City Manager asked me to get some pricing on some additional work with this building. As you know we have a contractor that's currently working on a roofing project and I was asked to get a price on painting and repair these entry doors on the sides. I think everyone has noticed that there's wood panels that really need replaced on the entry doors. I did get a price and to repair the wood on the entry doors was \$2,150.00. To paint the windows and doors was \$21,500 and in total \$26,450.00 the contractor is asking for additional work."

Mr. Dressel – "Around the entire building right?"

Chris Petrossi – "Yes."

Mr. Mavromatis – "One thing I asked at this point since this was not in our original plan I would ask that we put out for bid because what I recommend to Council now the roof looks good; what they've done so far. They have

touched up the painting under the (inaudible) but if you take a look I noticed outside today out front even one of our gutter has rusted through. I would ask that we take a look at least get the numbers to present to Council because as we start going in to the end of the year we may find that we have money that we should replace these gutters and we should paint everything that's exposed outside. Clearly those south doors need to be replaced but I think we should put this out for bid to see exactly what we're looking at here."

Mr. Villamagna – "I agree 100%."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Because again at least the outside is going to look good and then we can focus on what we have to do on the inside. Is that agreed with Council? At least let's get the numbers to you and then we'll make a decision on what we have to do."

Chris Petrossi – "The architect also reviewed the prices and he made the same recommendation to see other prices from other contractors."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Chris go ahead and proceed that way and then we'll present to Council and then Dave will see where we're at financially."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim I have a question for you. What time will they be setting up for this First Friday on Friday?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "6:00. It's 6 to 11 I believe."

Mr. Villamagna – "What time will they be setting up? To start blocking the roads?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I would imagine probably 4:00 to set the stage up but I imagine 5:00 they'll block off the streets to get the cars out."

Mr. Villamagna – "And the other thing is Halloween is the 31st is that correct?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "What's the hours going to be?"

Mayor Barilla – "5 to 7."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you Mr. Mayor. Just briefly as Mr. Jenkins briefed you on the Ohio University water (inaudible) plan I'm just going to ask for a motion and a voice vote to allow Mr. Mavromatis to sign the MOU."

Mr. Dressel made a motion to move forward with the Ohio University water mapping project and give the City Manager the authority to sign the MOU. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "We do not have anyone signing in under miscellaneous."

Mr. Paul – "You're Honor? I'm sorry I forgot to mention that next week we'll still continue with our budget hearing committee meetings and we will discuss the M&R, sanitation, engineering, Street projects and Mr. Lewis just asked me if we would like to go over the August Month-end reports. We'll meet at 5:30. Go over this at 5:30 and then we'll go over the rest of the budget hearing at 6:00 okay? We'll let Mr. Lewis update us where we're at in our financial situation. Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay and this was to be in my report but we had said last week that we would get a parks and recreation committee meeting off a week and I don't think we want to come any earlier than 5:30. So can we schedule the parks and recreation committee meeting no later than the following Tuesday? It's about 15 minutes and it is something we need to consider before the parks and recreation board meets the next week."

Mr. Mavromatis – "So October 13th?"

Mrs. Hahn – "And can we do it right at 6:00 to 6:15?"

Dave Lewis – "You actually have recreation budget workshop right after that."

Mrs. Hahn – "Well that's perfect."

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR