

Minutes of **Logan City Council** **Regular Meeting**
City Council Chambers **7:00 P.M.** **September 22,**
2020

(Due to the need for Covid-19 related need for social distancing, meetings are held at the Logan-Hocking Middle School Library.)

Guests: Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Safety-Service Director Bruce Walker, Law Director Abby Saving, City Auditor Chris Robers, Police Chief Jerry Mellinger and City Code Enforcement Officer Joe Posey. City Treasurer Jen Fickel was absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Robinson gave the prayer.

Roll Call: Present – Mike Berry, Shirley Chapman, Dave Driscoll, Judie Henniger, James Martin, Jim Robinson and Ed Tucker

Approval of Proceedings: Chapman made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes as submitted and was seconded by Henniger. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

People Appearing Before Council: None

REPORTS:

Mayor – The mayor first mentioned the proclamation provided by the DAR to acknowledge Constitution Week, and the hope to educate people about its significance. Work has begun today with the CGI Company on the video to promote Logan. They will return again in October for more filming, hoping to capitalize on the fall foliage. They worked most of the day to complete the opening welcome of the video.

Safety-Service Director – The old water plant will be turned off permanently this week, so the life line for the new water plant will be gone; the new water plant will be on its own. The new water lines project is still ongoing; they are now connecting the service lines to the main lines.

Law Director – No report

City Auditor – No report

City Treasurer – No report

Finance – Robinson submitted the minutes for the September 14, 2020 meeting. A primary concern for the meeting involved pros and cons of leasing electric vehicles for the city. The most obvious concern is the initial cost for the fleet but with minimal need for maintenance and the longer battery life, that cost no longer seems

prohibitive. The current annual fuel cost for the city is "astronomical" so the long battery life per vehicle creates a considerable savings. Chapman inquired if the committee had considered the cost of insurance for a fleet of electric cars; would it be more expensive? She also inquired about the necessary charging stations. Robinson felt there would be no significant difference on insurance costs and said charging stations would cost \$5-700 (each) to install. They would be located next to the City Building. Chief Mellinger stated the city could save \$22,000.00 per year on fuel, plus reduced maintenance costs, citing this as a strong reason to support the leasing program. At this point Tucker admitted he had initial apprehensions of the leasing program due to fear of the unknown, but the more information he heard the more he was convinced that leasing a fleet of electric vehicles was a great plan.

Robinson addressed a few more issues. He said the committee discussed the pros and cons of leasing trucks as city vehicles. The city was going to need to pay an additional \$100,000.00 for the city jail space due to increased costs caused by the corona virus. The possibility of utilizing the CARES Act money to meet this cost was discussed.

The ODOT grant for the downtown sidewalk improvements may be able to extend the project one block on both ends of Main Street. The hope is to keep "plugging away" to get the entire downtown portion of the street completed. The mayor will be sending a letter to ODOT to indicate interest in obtaining the additional money.

Since the period of employment for the summer intern was now over, Posey requested to continue her employment on a part time basis, paying her \$2,500.00 for the remainder of the year.

A list of improvements had been submitted by the Recreation Committee but it was sent back to the committee requesting they prioritize the list for the most important.

The Finance Committee recommended paying Michelle Maniskas, the City Pool Manager half salary for the work she has done this summer in anticipation of the new pool being completed.

Robinson indicated the dates for the upcoming Budget Committee meetings – October 5, 6, 19, 20 and 26 2020. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Utilities - No report

Recreation No report

Water & Sewer – Berry submitted minutes for the September 28, 2020 meeting. Water fees and approaches to appropriately set them were discussed. The next meeting will be Tuesday October 1:00 p.m.

Streets and Alleys –Henniger submitted the minutes for the September 23rd and September 29th meetings. ODOT representative Alan Craig discussed the problems

at the Walmart entrance/exit from St. Rt. 664. He sees no possibility of creating a second entrance but feels a safety study for the area needs completed. The study would result in a short term (least costly), medium and long term (most costly) solutions. The turn from St. Rt. 664 to Lake Logan Road was then discussed, committee members feeling it was the most serious problem. Again, Craig suggested a safety study needed to be completed here. ODOT already has \$500,000.00 grant money designated to solve problems at the Hunter Street/St. Rt. 664 intersection. Work should begin July 2021 and be completed in 2022. The committee decided to accept ODOT's offer to complete safety studies, which will take place either January or summer of 2021. A short meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 12: 45 p.m.

Public Safety – No report but inquired about the need for a system of communication to community members when water is going to be turned off or when there are boil orders. It was suggested community members can go the Hocking County EMA site to sign up for the RAVE program to receive alerts. Driscoll expressed appreciation to the workers who worked diligently to repair the several water line breaks in recent days.

Planning and Annexation – Chapman submitted minutes for the September 14, 2020 meeting concerning the new sign ordinance proposal.

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

None

THIRD READING:

Ordinance 50, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$800.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND. Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Driscoll. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 19, 2020

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. Chapman made a motion to

approve the resolution which was seconded by Henniger. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. 51, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Ordinance No. 52, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$4,900.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 53, 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TWO NEW LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND THE SUM OF \$11,241,365.48 TO THE NEWLY CREATED LINE ITEMS AND INCREASING EXPECTED REVENUE IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND BY \$11,241,365.48.

Ordinance No. 54, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$35,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Ordinance No. 55, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

Ordinance No. 56, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE SEWER FUND.

Resolution No. 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DOT'S 2020 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Fraunfelter requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee issue. Robinson made a motion for Council to enter into an Executive

Session which was seconded by Chapman. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed. The regular session reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Chapman and seconded by Robinson to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote – all yea. The meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Fred Hawk, Council President