

CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2020

The September 21, 2020 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the White Shelter in Harrison Smith Park by Rick Roberts, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, John Walker; Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, Marc Mays; and Kyle McColly.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; Chad Perry, Tiffin Pedal Company; Zach Morral; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 Public Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 9, 2020 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 14, 2020 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 15, 2020 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Chad Perry addressed City Council and indicated that he and his brother, Mr. Dan Perry, co-own the Tiffin Pedal Company and they would like to branch out their business to Upper Sandusky and partner with Mr. Zach Morral to provide tours and parties with a pedal bike. Mr. Perry indicated that the bike seats fourteen people plus the driver and tours last for two hours at a total cost of \$300.00. Theme tours and parties include: history tour, ghost tour, coffee tour, birthday parties, anniversary parties, kids parties, pizza tour, bar crawls, happy hour tours, and bachelor/bachelorette parties. Mr. Perry noted that the consumption of alcohol on the bike is permissible and is addressed in Ohio House Bill 47. Mr. Perry indicated that each patron, 21 years of age and older, is limited to 36 ounces of beer or 18 ounces of wine, but no liquor is allowed; and patrons must bring their own alcohol. Mr. Perry also noted that the Tiffin Pedal Company has not experienced any injuries or any safety issues with the operation of their business. Hours of operation were discussed and concerns, including noise, were raised. Mr. Perry and Mr. Morral indicated that they are willing to work with the community, the City, and the Police Department. Mr. Perry invited the members of City Council to Tiffin to visit the Tiffin Pedal Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 89-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 89-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 89-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 89-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. McColly, to place Ordinance No. 90-13 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2020 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES: TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH: TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER: AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 90-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 90-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 90-13 was duly adopted.

It was noted that Mr. Droll will be providing additional information, following discussion held at the September 8, 2020 City Council meeting, on the cost of laptops and tablets for the members of City Council from the CARES Act funds.

Mayor Washburn provided sample legislation from several communities addressing rules and regulations for the operation of food trucks. It was suggested that if City Council is interested in enacting rules and regulations, including parking, that this be addressed before the spring of 2021. Mayor Washburn indicated that organizations have worked with Police Chief Ross for their events and he has requested that for events where the food trucks are parked on the street that they be parked with the service area towards the sidewalk. City Council members will review the information provided and further research this issue. Mr. Roberts suggested a committee consisting of City Council members and members of the community be formed for additional input.

It was noted that there will be a cruise held in the downtown area on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., instead of the annual car show which was cancelled due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Mr. Buckland distributed information on political yard signs containing profanity, and noted that these signs are protected speech under the First Amendment. It was also noted that these signs must be located on private property and not within the City right-of-way or else they can be removed.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Rick Roberts, President