

CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2020

The September 8, 2020 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in 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 Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Aaron Korte, and Marc Mays.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 17, 2020 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 17, 2020 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 17, 2020 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 27, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 87-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 67-13, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.", 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. 87-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 87-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 87-13 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to place Resolution No. 88-13 entitled, "A 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.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 88-13 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. McColly, for the adoption of Resolution No. 88-13. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 88-13 was duly adopted.

Discussion was held regarding the financial assistance request as part of Ordinance No. 89-13. It was noted that the application deadline for this funding is October 1, 2020 and the funding will be available in 2021 and if necessary the application for funding can be withdrawn.

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 first 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 first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of laptops or tablets for the members of City Council from CARES Act funds. Mr. Droll indicated that the City initially received CARES Act funding of \$262,000.00, of which \$182,000.00 has been accounted for including \$50,000.00 designated towards local small businesses; and today an additional \$131,000.00 was received for a total of \$211,000.00 now available. Mr. Droll noted that any funds that are not spent must be returned to the Wyandot County Commissioners by November 15, 2020. In a poll of the City Council members, Mr. Korte, Mr. McColly, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Wessler indicated that they prefer not to spend the funding on laptops or tablets. Support was expressed for additional funding for local small businesses. Mr. Spiegel indicated that he would like to see prices for this equipment and Mr. Mays noted his support of this purchase which would allow for the separation of work and personal information. It was agreed to table further discussion of this matter until the October 5, 2020 City Council meeting. Mr. Droll requested he be contacted with any ideas for the expenditure of these funds.

City Council members reviewed the credit card statements for August 2020 and voiced no objections.

It was decided that the September 21, 2020 City Council meeting will be held in the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park. It was also noted that a public hearing will be held prior to the October 19, 2020 City Council meeting to review a special use request from the Apostolic Gospel Church to open a child day care facility, and this public hearing must be advertised thirty days prior to the actual hearing with the location of the hearing to be noted in the advertisement. City Council members agreed that the October 19, 2020 Public Hearing and City Council meeting will be held at the white shelter in Harrison Smith Park.

Fall Clean-Up for residential sanitation customers within the City will take place during the week of September 28, 2020 thru October 2, 2020.

It was reported that the Safety Committee decided at their meeting held earlier this evening to have door-to-door Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., provided this is permissible under the Governor's guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 (coronavirus). It was also noted that the Park Board will be discussing Trunk-or-Treat in Harrison Smith Park on October 31, 2020 at their meeting to be held on Monday, September 14, 2020.

It was also reported that the Service Committee will be touring the new Water Reclamation Facility on Monday, September 21, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. prior to their meeting. City Council members are invited to attend.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Rick Roberts, President