

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 13, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Bruns, and Mrs. Kyle.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mrs. Perkins had left a message that she had been detained at work and was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the December 9, 2019 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mrs. Thomas-Roth abstained and all of the other council members voted that the minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

There were several appointments and positions to fill for the new year.

3. Mayor O'Callaghan moved to reappoint John Bruns as Vice Mayor. (two year term 1/20 to 12/21). Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Bruns will continue on as Vice Mayor.

4. Appointment to Safety, Street, and Budget Committees. (two year terms 1/20 to 12/21)

New appointments need to be made for the city's Safety, Street, and Budget Committees.

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Mayor O'Callaghan recommended that the safety committee be set up with Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Thomas-Roth in addition to himself. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. The Safety Committee will consist of Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Thomas-Roth.

For the Street Committee, Mayor O'Callaghan asked that Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. Oberer continue to serve on the Street Committee, in addition to himself. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed.

In setting up the Budget Committee, Mayor O'Callaghan moved to have Mr. Bruns and Mrs. Perkins, along with himself serve on the budget committee. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

5. Reappointment of Denise Winemiller as Clerk of Council (two year term, 1/20 to 12/21)

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to reappoint Mrs. Winemiller continue another term as Clerk of Council. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

6. Appointment of Council Representative to Planning Commission. (Previously John Bruns, four year term) (New term – 1/20 to 12/23)

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Bruns should continue to serve as the council representative to the Planning Commission. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

7. Appointment to Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board. (Previously Helen Oberer, 3 year term) (New Term 1/20 to 12/22)

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to appoint Mr. Oberer for a new three year term on the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

8. Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Miami Regional Planning Commission.

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Mayor O'Callaghan moved to have Mr. Bruns serve as a representative to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to appoint Mr. Applegate as the alternate to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

7. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he had received a letter to the Union Fire and Rescue Department that he would like to read.

The letter was from a couple in the eighties that were unable to maintain their smoke alarms. The Union fire department assisted them in replacing the batteries in the smoke alarms. The resident said the fire department was "awesome" and they "appreciated their kindness and caring".

Mayor O'Callaghan commented that it was a very nice letter.

He wished everyone a happy new year and welcomed new council member Mrs. Thomas-Roth and said he looked forward to working with her.

The Mayor commented that there were some vacancies on the Park Board and the Planning Commission and said if any resident was interested, they could fill out an application and submit it to the Union office.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth asked about the openings and the Mayor said they were volunteer positions and there were two vacancies on the park board.

Mrs. Kyle also welcomed Mrs. Thomas-Roth as a new council member.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was anything for a second meeting in January and Mr. Applegate said there was not. Mr. Bruns then moved that the second meeting in January be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred so the next council meeting would be held on February 10, 2020.

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Mr. Applegate said they are continuing to work on projects that they had started last year such as the new community center and the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Applegate said they would also be working on starting the new street program.

Mrs. Winemiller welcomed everyone to the new year, especially Mrs. Thomas Roth.

8. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be on February 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor