

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 27, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, April 27, 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, Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. Bruns.

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

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Kyle was absent due to concerns regarding the current pandemic so he moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the March 9, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

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

3. **THIRD READING** – ORDINANCE 1709 - AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.06 AND 4504.173 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO. (three readings)

Mrs. Thomas-Roth moved to have the third reading of Ordinance 1709. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. Mr. Blackwell voted against the motion and the other council members voted in favor of the ordinance. Ordinance 1709 was adopted.

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4. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 20-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 20-01. (Passed at the last council meeting – being replaced by Resolution 20-03)

Mr. Applegate said after the passage of Resolution 20-01 at the last meeting, the resolution had been sent to the Auditor's Office and they said that the Resolution needed additional information provided so this resolution is to repeal 20-01.

Mr. Bruns moved that Resolution 20-02 be adopted. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 20-02 was adopted, repealing Resolution 20-01.

5. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 20-03 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL OF 3 MILLS OF AN EXISTING STREET LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF UNION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS.

Mr. Applegate said this Resolution 20-03 does have the additional information that was requested by the Montgomery County Auditor's Office.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 20-03. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 20-03 was adopted.

6. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting. He said he had felt it was important to have a council meeting and said with the number of people that usually attend, it would be easy to maintain social distances. Regarding the coronavirus pandemic, the Mayor said that every story has a beginning, a middle, and an end and that this story will have an end.

Mrs. Perkins commented that was well said and said people could contact her if anyone needed anything.

Mrs. Oberer suggested to everyone "Stay the course!"

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Mr. Bruns reminded everyone that the next council meeting scheduled would be on May 11.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth said that everyone should “Stay safe”.

Mr. Applegate said that the city was doing quite well with the Covid-19 pandemic and that everything was fine and everything was working in the city.

Mr. Applegate said he would like to bring the council’s attention to the water study done by the city of Oakwood. He said for the lowest water rates, out of 66 jurisdictions, Union was first. For the sewer rates, Union was 15th lowest out of 63 jurisdictions. For the combined rates of water and sewer, Union was 2nd out of 63 jurisdictions.

Mr. Applegate said they would have to look at increasing the water rate at some point in the future.

Mr. Applegate said that the East Martindale water line has been replaced and the project is moving along. A gas line needed to be replaced and the repair is now completed on the leaking gas line. Mr. Applegate said they would have that patched in a week and a half and then the road would be paved probably by the second week of June.

Mr. Applegate commented that the city crews were also working on the berm. He explained that the vehicle traffic had gradually broken down the pavement and they were going to be repairing that. He said that work was going well and that the road would be closed until it was patched.

Mrs. Oberer asked about the work going on Sheets. Mr. Applegate said that was Metronet, having all the lines marked to install new fiber optics.

There was a comment that the work done on the culvert to Old Springfield Road was a job well done. Mr. Applegate said they were going to be seeding that and also a few other places.

Mr. Moore said that the courts were still operating in a unique and limited manner. He said they were going to be doing a Zoom mediation with five different parties and people had to attend court wearing a mask.

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Mrs. Winemiller said for the record, she was providing February and March fund sheets to the city council.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked everyone for doing all that they do.

7. 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 May 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor