

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 9, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, March 9, 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, Mrs. Kyle, 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.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the February 10, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mrs. Perkins abstained and the other councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

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

3. SECOND 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 second reading of Ordinance 1709. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Ordinance 1709 will be on the next agenda for the third reading.

4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1710 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE SECTION 1312.04 OF THE CITY OF UNION CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Applegate said this is an amendment of an existing ordinance, concerning storage units or Portable On Demand (POD) units. There had been a discussion on a unit that has been moved in and a dispute if the ordinance covered the situation. Mr. Applegate said this amended ordinance is making it clear that portable storage units are allowed for thirty days with one fifteen day extension, which was the original intent of the ordinance. Mr. Applegate said this further defines the ordinance.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1710 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance 1710. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1710 was adopted.

5. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 20-01 – 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 is a requirement that this resolution be passed so that they can have it approved by the Montgomery County Auditor. After that, the city would need to pass additional legislation to put the levy on the ballot. This is for a renewal of an existing street levy that was originally passed in 1976. It was a renewal only. In response to a question, this was something that needed to be passed every five years. If not passed, the city would lose \$275,000 for streets. He said this is the same rate that was collected when the levy first passed in 1976.

Mr. Blackwell expressed his concerns about the additional money being collected for license plates, Ordinance 1709. Mr. Applegate said that would bring in roughly 32 to 34 thousand dollars, depending on how many licenses plates were issued. Mr. Applegate said all communities were passing this. Mr. Blackwell just thought it would be adding up for the residents, even at \$5.00 a vehicle, and he didn't want to jeopardize the passage of

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the levy. Mr. Applegate said this would be on the November, 2020 ballot and the additional license fees would not start being collected until January 1, 2021.

6. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he did not have much to add except that he hoped that everyone was enjoying the spring weather. He also said he would let Mr. Blackwell talk to the council about the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Blackwell said that it was planned for Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 at the Phillipsburg-Union community park. He said the donations were already in and the eggs had been delivered and were at city hall. Mr. Blackwell said there weren't going to be much changes from last year, except because he was having to work, he had turned it over to the City of Union Park Board. Mayor O'Callaghan said Cynthia Bernacchi had offered to take over for Mr. Blackwell on running the egg hunt.

Mr. Bruns said he was reelected to the MVRPC.

He asked if there was a need for a second meeting in March. Mr. Applegate said there was not.

Mr. Bruns then moved that the second meeting in March be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said he would need a motion from the council to dispose of equipment that they longer needed.

The items were a stump grinder from the service department. It is a small one and they have a large one now.

There are two vehicles from the police department, a 2003 Ford Expedition and 2005 Ford Explorer, and the Fire Department has a stair chair, and a gurney mattress.

Mr. Bruns moved that the City Manager be authorized to sell unneeded equipment. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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

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The next council meeting will be on April 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor