

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 10, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, February 10, 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, 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 had called in and was ill so Mayor O'Callaghan moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Perkins had also called and was absent due to recovering from surgery. Mayor O'Callaghan 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 January 13, 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. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1708 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UNION AND TO AMEND OR ENACT SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO CONFORM TO ENACTMENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Applegate said this was the annual code update where all the changes in state law and legislation and ordinances that the City of Union had adopted over the last year, were entered into their City of Union Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1708 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 1708. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1708 was adopted.

4. **FIRST 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)

Mr. Applegate said the purpose of this ordinance is to increase the motor vehicle license fee tax for an additional \$5.00. Mr. Applegate said they had hoped to put this fee on for 2019 but the deadline to submit the legislation to the state was July 1, so the city is doing the Ordinance now so they can start collecting fees as of January 1, 2021.

Mr. Applegate said that the first five dollar fee was passed in 1989. So with this additional fee the city will be collecting \$10.00 on each vehicle that has been licensed. This brings in roughly between thirty-two to thirty-four thousand dollars a year.

Mr. Applegate said when the legislation for the first five dollars was passed, all of Union was in Montgomery County. Now that the Union corporation limits has extended into Miami County, this ordinance adds Union residents living in Miami County and they will also have to pay ten dollars per license.

Mr. Applegate said this ordinance would have to be passed in three separate readings.

Mr. Bruns asked if these fees would go towards the roads. Mr. Applegate said yes, that the funds collected are earmarked to go to the street fund. He explained that this is one category in the budget. The city gets all fees collected for the motor vehicles and a portion of the additional license fees that Montgomery County collects. There was also a

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comment that the portion of the money that the city receives from what the county collects on license fees must go towards the improvement of county roads only, such as Phillipsburg, State Route 48, Old Springfield, and Martindale Roads.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth moved to have the first 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 second reading.

5. PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF UNION.

Mayor O'Callaghan read the proclamation for April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Union.

6. Open Agenda

Mr. Bruns reminded everyone that the city council's Ethics information needed to be completed and submitted by May 15.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was anything for a second meeting in February and Mr. Applegate said there was not. Mr. Bruns then moved that the second meeting in February be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred so the next council meeting will be held on March 9, 2020.

Mr. Applegate said they were still working at the wastewater treatment plant, trying to get work done in between the rain.

He said that he was working on the street improvement program, following the plans that they had developed when they were trying to pass 1.5 percent income tax.

He said so far, it had been a quiet winter, with not a lot of salt used, which is good.

Mrs. Winemiller said that she had provided the council with the 2020 January fund sheet and also the sheets for the second half of fiscal year 2019.

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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 March 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor