

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 11, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, May 11, 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 about the coronavirus. Mrs. Perkins 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 April 27, 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 1711 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED IN PROPOSING A RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STREET LEVY FUND AND CERTIFYING THE QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said the title for the ordinance explained the purpose of this legislation. He said this was the procedure required by the Ohio Revised Code to place the renewal of the street levy on the ballot. It was requested to be passed as an emergency to meet the time requirement of getting this to the Board of Elections in time to be placed on the November ballot.

Mrs. Perkins verified that this was a renewal levy and that it was the same as what had already been passed. Mr. Applegate said that was correct – it was maintaining the

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status quo and they would be collecting the same rate as when voters first passed the levy in 1976.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1711 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 No. 1711. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1711 was adopted.

4. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if the East Martindale water main replacement project was completed and when the road would be opened. Mr. Applegate said he hoped it would open the next day. He said in a week or two, they would do the final layer of asphalt and the road will be closed again for just a couple of days.

The Mayor said he hoped everyone in the city was doing well, and he understood the stress everyone was under, and suggested people keep up with the social distancing, wearing a mask, and don't give up. He said to keep going to the end of this pandemic.

Mrs. Perkins said she was cautiously optimistic about the situation and said that safety is important.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any items for an additional council meeting in May. Mr. Applegate said not at this time. Mr. Bruns then moved that the second council meeting in May be cancelled and that the next council meeting would be held on June 8, 2020. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said that the work on East Martindale Road was coming along nicely and they hoped to have it open soon.

As far as the Covid-19 virus, Mr. Applegate said everyone in the city was doing well. He said that the city employees were practicing safety procedures and continuing to do their jobs.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any changes as far as the city's finances. Mr. Applegate said he thought that they would be okay through May and after that, they

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would have a better idea of the numbers. His thinking is there will be possibly a 25 to 35 percent reduction in funds coming in. He said they would be looking at the asking budget later.

Mr. Applegate said that Metronet was working all through town. Mrs. Oberer said that they were very good at cleaning up their mess from digging in the yard, installing the fiber optic lines. Mr. Applegate said he had received a few calls that Metronet had been very responsive. He said some equipment had been left in a person's yard and they let Metronet know and they were there within the hour and had it moved.

Mrs. Oberer said she was very impressed. They had been very nice and never blocked the driveway.

Mr. Applegate said he thought they would be in town for a few more weeks.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if they would be starting the street program. Mr. Applegate said they were but it may be reduced. He said they would have to wait and see how things go.

Mr. Moore said that he had filed many annexations for the city over the years and now, everything has to be filed electronically, and recently, the county system was down for an entire week, and nothing could be filed in that time.

5. 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 June 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor