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MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 8, 2021

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 October 12, 2021 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. Mrs. Perkins abstained and the other council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were accepted as prepared.

Mayor O'Callaghan said Mr. Blackwell had called and was unable to attend the meeting due to having to work. He moved that his absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from any citizens or visitors in the audience.

3. Joe Braden from the State Auditor's Office attended the meeting to present an AOS award to the City of Union.

Mr. Braden said it was his honor to present the City of Union with this award for a clean financial audit. He said it was a very select group. Out of 6,000 audits that were done, only about 8% would be eligible. Mr. Braden read a long list of items that had to have been accomplished like the timely submission of financial

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reports, no citations or deficiencies, no reconciliation or public records issues, in addition to many other items. He said that this award represented a lot of hard work, and wanted to recognize Mrs. Winemiller, Mr. Applegate, the council, the Mayor, and city staff. He asked Mrs. Winemiller and Mr. Applegate to step forward and presented them with a certificate, the Keith Faber, Auditor of State Award for outstanding work.

Mrs. Winemiller thanked everyone for their support and said it was a team effort. Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Braden for his presentation and said the meeting was off to a good start.

4. ONE READING - ORDINANCE 1732 - AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE UNION GLOBAL LOGISTICS AIR PARK IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION PURSUANT TO ORC 5709.40(B); PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND SPECIFYING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS MAY BE EXPENDED; AND AUTHORIZING SCHOOL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS. (waive three readings)

Mr. Applegate said this ordinance was dealing with the TIF, (tax increment financing) the underlying values of land upon which the Amazon facility will be built. This valuation will go to the schools, (Vandalia-Butler) and other entities. It will be roughly \$85,000 to \$100,000 a year to the school, based on the TIF value of the ground.

Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the charter requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance 1732. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Ordinance 1732. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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5. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 21-12 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT INDICATING THE SERVICES THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE TO THE 2.308 ACRE TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED FROM BUTLER TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO THE CITY OF UNION AND BUFFER REQUIREMENTS THE CITY WILL ENFORCE AS PROVIDED BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023.

Mr. Applegate said this concerns an annexation of two lots that have been purchased by Balboa Realty for constructing a 215,000 square foot building. Mr. Applegate said this resolution is required by the Ohio Revised Code and states that the City of Union will provide services to these two lots.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 21-12. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

6. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 21-13 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH JAILABLE OFFENSES UNDER THE CITY'S LOCAL ORDINANCES.

Mr. Applegate said that this was a yearly resolution which was their contract to provide legal representation to indigent people. Mr. Applegate said the staff recommends the approval of Resolution 21-13.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 21-13. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 21-13 was adopted.

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7. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan congratulated Helen Oberer for being newly elected to another term on the council and congratulated Mr. Robert Niemann and Mr. Kenneth Prunier who will be starting their first terms on council in January 2022.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that the city had put out a fantastic newsletter, with information about leaves, snow plowing, etc. The Mayor said they had done something different this year, and the Spirit of Union award was for a true "Spirit" of Union, that rather than limiting the award to landscaping, they had awarded the Horine family at 123 Woodard for their exceptional Halloween decorations. He said he appreciated their efforts in the seasonal decorations of their property.

The Mayor said that the yearly Christmas tree lighting ceremony, held at the firehouse, was cancelled this year since it is an inside event and involves small children, due to Covid-19 restrictions. He said the police department was arranging to take Santa Claus around in different neighborhoods, sometime in December, with the information to be provided on Union's website.

Mayor O'Callaghan also hoped that everyone had put out their flags to honor the veterans on November 11, Veteran's Day.

Mrs. Perkins said the auditor's award was exciting, and she said she had served on the budget committee.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth and Mrs. Kyle wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was a need for a second meeting in November. Mr. Applegate said not at this time. Mr. Bruns then moved to cancel the second meeting in November. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the second meeting in November was canceled.

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Mr. Applegate said that they were trimming the trees and getting the lights on the trees along Main Street and that they were a little behind. Mr. Applegate said that they had been quite busy with other projects but the work crew was committed to getting the lights up and had worked on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Applegate said the expansion on the wastewater treatment plant was working well, and they were meeting the NPDES permit requirements. They are working on the old side of the wastewater treatment plant now. He said by the end of the year, they hoped to have the older section of the plant upgraded and back on line.

Mr. Applegate commented on the waterline extension to Aullwood that they were almost done with the road work and would have Frederick open with one more hydrant to install. Very shortly they should be on the south side of State Route 40 going to Aullwood. They were trying to get Frederick paved and open, in addition to finishing the drives and hoping to have the road opened by Friday night and then would be moving on to the south side of US 40 and could be done in a few weeks.

Regarding the work to be done on State Route 48 by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) the contractor doing the work was running behind and it might be necessary to put it off until spring. Mr. Applegate said he wanted it to be a good job so it likely will not happen until next spring.

On the new police department, Mr. Applegate said the concrete work was done and the landscaping would be added in the spring. He said the building is looking really nice.

Mrs. Winemiller said they were working on the 2022 budget and that Union was collecting for the holiday food drive, collecting donations for FISH.

Mayor O'Callaghan noted that they had royalty attending the meeting, the Milton-Union homecoming queen and king, Maddie Winemiller and Paul Lucente.

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Ms. Maddie Winemiller said her mother Denise Winemiller was the “Queen” for tonight as she had received her special award from the Auditor of the State.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned. The next council meeting will be on December 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor