

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 26, 2021

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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. Perkins was out of town so he moved that she be excused from attending the meeting. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed, and Mrs. Perkins' absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mr. Blackwell was unable to attend the meeting due to illness so he moved that Mr. Blackwell be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the March 8, 2021 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All the council members voted in favor of the motion so the minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There was no one present that wished to address the council.

3. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said that he hoped everyone had received the spring newsletter. He said it contained lots of information about garage sales, permits, and the annual water and sewer survey of area communities was also included. Union is the lowest in water rates and the lowest in combined water and sewer rates.

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Mr. Applegate said he was glad that Mayor O'Callaghan had brought that up. He said it was not always best to be the lowest of over sixty communities. He said this would be something to be discussed in the future. He said that in completing the metrics as part of an Ohio EPA requirement, the City of Union should increase their water rates over a two to three year period. He said there were things that the city needed to do and they would have to keep ahead of the ball game, and would need to look at that.

The Mayor said that he hoped that people would enjoy the summer. He said they could also use some nominations for the Spirit of Union award.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth said that the pear trees were beautiful this year and everyone agreed.

Mr. Bruns said that he had been asked to invite the Mayor and Council to attend the Memorial Day ceremony from the American Legion 707. The ceremony would be held at 10:00 am on Saturday May 29 at Northmont High School, by the tennis court and ball fields.

Mr. Bruns added that their next regularly scheduled council meeting will be on May 10th.

Mr. Applegate said everything was going well at the plant and they were hoping to meet the deadline. They had asked for an extension, due to Covid-19 and needed a couple of extra months for the first step, and another twelve months for the renovation of the existing facility.

Water and sewer lines have been started on Dog Leg Road. They hoped to have the sewer done by next week, then will start going south.

Currently they are working closely with five developers, and one site is moving very rapidly. He said he hoped that there would be a news release in two weeks. This would be a big shot in the arm for the community.

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Mr. Applegate said that the council had probably heard but there had been an incident at the basketball court, involving graffiti and the park had been closed. Mr. Applegate said they had taken the rims down and said they would not tolerate what took place. He said he would considering mounting some cameras but if that kind of activity continues, it will be closed indefinitely.

Mayor O'Callaghan said it was a nice facility but they have been leaving trash all over it. The park has signs asking for trash to be placed in the trash cans and there is trash all over the park and the cans are sitting empty.

Mr. Bruns added that Clayton and Englewood had also been invited to attend the Memorial Day ceremony from the American Legion.

4. 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 May 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor