

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**September 14, 2020**

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, 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 moved to amend the council agenda to add Item # 6, Resolution 20-06, a resolution to support the street levy. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan said Mr. Blackwell was on vacation so he moved that Mr. Blackwell be excused from the meeting. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the August 10, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

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

3. Speakers from Northmont Kiwanis Club.

Three people were at the council meeting representing the Kiwanis club, Bill Pees, Kelly Faas, and George Doyle. They had a presentation provided information on the Kiwanis. They are hoping to start an organization in this area.

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Mr. Pees thanked the council for allowing them to come and said he enjoyed seeing the Sheets rifle mounted in the council room.

The Kiwanis organizations are in 80 countries worldwide and have clubs located in Brookville, Northridge, and Beavercreek. He said they concentrate on youth activities from kindergarten through college.

He asked for Kelly Faas to talk to the council about some of their activities. She said they have assisted with Habitat for Humanity in Clayton, and the Community Table food pantry in this area and also the Bolts Food Pantry, through the school. They have participated in a program to provide shoes and also one for safety locks, and they have provided scholarships for high school seniors.

Mr. Pees said they donate time and talent and want to help the youth in this area.

They are hoping to start a club in this area and Mr. Doyle lives in this area. They would like at least fifteen people to start a club.

They talked about \$100.00 for a corporate membership which he said was very reasonable.

### **4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1713 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Thomas-Roth moved that Ordinance 1713 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance. Mayor O'Callaghan seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1713. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1713 was adopted.

### **5. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 20-05 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Mr. Applegate said this is the annual housekeeping resolution and this is in line with what they have done every year, determining what amounts will be collected by the county for all of the tax levies.

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Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 20-05. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 20-05 was adopted.

6. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 20-06 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF 3 MILLS OF AN EXISTING STREET LEVY FOR THE CITY OF UNION.

Mr. Applegate said this was a renewal of the street levy on the ballot. It was established in 1976 and is still the same millage. He said this will allow them to continue to go forward maintaining the streets.

Mr. Bruns re-stated that it was a renewal, not an increase.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 20-06. Mayor O'Callaghan seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

7. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said they had awarded the Spirit of Union to this year's recipient. The property owners are Terry and Dave McMenamin at 107 Peggy's Path in the Lindeman Commons subdivision. He said they have done an excellent job on their property and there are many colorful flowers in their yard.

Mayor O'Callaghan commented that they were working on the streets again. Mr. Applegate said the roads they are doing are Nordhoff, Skyles, Richard Court, Warner, and Lang Court and also a portion of Marrett Farm off of Phillipsburg-Union Road. Mr. Applegate said that \$500,000 was spent to do that work.

The Mayor said he wanted to remind people that if they were posting political signs in another person's yard, get their permission first and always keep the signs out of the road right-of-way.

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Mrs. Perkins asked if the city was having Trick or Treat this year? Mr. Applegate said some cities are and some have decided not to. They were going to discuss that at an upcoming conference call with the Mayor's and Manager's Association. Mr. Applegate said it might be down to the parents to make the decision on what they want their kids to do.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any need for a second meeting in September and Mr. Applegate said not at this time. He moved that the September 28, 2020 meeting be cancelled. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mr. Bruns said the next meeting would be Tuesday, October 13, after the Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

Mr. Applegate said they were almost done with the back filling around the tanks at the wastewater treatment plant and things were going well.

The street resurfacing was also going well. Mr. Applegate said it was very important that the city get the street renewal levy passed. He said due to Covid-19, the funds coming into the city is down by 10 to 15 percent, since the reduction revenue from the gas tax, etc. He said when they tried to get a 1 percent increase on the income tax, it was for a ten year program to resurface all streets. That failed in getting that voted in but they were able to get a ½ percent income increase, which extended the street project from 10 years to 20 years to be completed. He added that if the city lost this renewal, they would not be able to take care of the streets. The passage of this street renewal levy means a lot to the city.

Mr. Applegate said they will start doing some decorating in October and also start the leaf pick up program, on October 19, after the Columbus Day holiday.

Mr. Moore cautioned everyone to watch their speed. He said if people were caught going more than 10 miles per hour, it would be much more than a ten dollar court cost fee. He said there are a few trials going on. He recently attended one that was a non-jury trial, with three parties. He and one attorney were six feet apart and the third attorney was in his office and it was all done remotely, possibly a sign of how things will be done in the future.

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8. 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 Tuesday, October 13, 2020, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

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John Bruns, Vice Mayor