

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 9, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, 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 moved to excuse Mr. Blackwell from attending the meeting due to his having to work. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed and Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mrs. Perkins be excused due to having to work. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed and Mrs. Perkins' absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mr. Bruns had called and was ill so he moved that his absence be excused. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Bruns' absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that all of the council members were excused from attending the meeting.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the October 26, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mrs. Thomas Roth moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer 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. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 1714 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020. (three readings)

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Mrs. Winemiller said that changes have been made for the appropriations amendment and a new one was on the agenda, Ordinance 1716. She asked that Ordinance 1714 be withdrawn.

Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to have Ordinance 1714 withdrawn. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Ordinance 1714 was withdrawn.

4. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1715 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PID 106-424-MOT ST 48 25.12, IN THE ODOT DISTRICT 7 FISCAL YEAR 2022 WORK PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that since they did not have five council members at the meeting, Ordinance 1715 would need to be tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1715 was tabled.

5. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1716 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor O'Callaghan said since they did not have five council members present, Ordinance 1716 would need to be tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1716 was tabled.

6. **Open Agenda**

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked everyone for getting out and voting on November 3. He said the number of people voting was amazing and he appreciated that the street levy was passed.

He commented that Wednesday was Veteran's Day and if you had a flag, you should fly it and honor and support the Veterans.

Mayor O'Callaghan said he wanted to address the city workers and said to hang in there, that he knew they were all working very hard for the city, and he wanted to offer words of encouragement.

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The Mayor also mentioned that the Corona virus was making a comeback and people should continue to wear a mask, wash their hands, and practice social distancing.

Mayor O'Callaghan also commented that the pear trees along Main Street look fantastic and many of the council members agreed with that.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth asked if they would need a second meeting in November and Mr. Applegate said they should plan on it and that they would need to have five council members present.

Mrs. Oberer said she couldn't wait to see the lights on the pear trees and Mr. Applegate said they were working on that.

Mr. Applegate said they were also working on the storm sewer line on Phillipsburg Road and were getting ready to cross the road. He said they were converting the head wall from 48 inches to 60 inches which should help with some of the flooding that they have had in the past to due exceptionally heavy rains.

Mr. Applegate said they were working on the roof of the community center (the former church at 201 West Martindale), what they call the west wing and everything was going well.

Work was continuing on the wastewater treatment plant and they were getting the pumps, controls, and piping done and were making progress.

In response to a question from the council, the leaf pickup was going well and they were now getting into the heavy part with many leaves down.

Mr. Moore said they had been looking at the charter, code, and rules of council, due to the Covid-19 virus and looking at voting, meeting, etc. He said the law is there and lots of answers are in the regulations but they have not been used very much. He said there is an answer for most of their questions.

Mrs. Oberer asked if they could have a council member attend "virtually" on a computer. Mr. Applegate said that is one of the things that they were looking at, and may possibly consider amending the regulations on that7`` if there is not a quorum.

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5. Mrs. Thomas-Roth 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 Monday, November 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor