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MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 14, 2022

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mr. Prunier, Mr. Niemann, 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 January 10, 2022 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns 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 any citizens or visitors in the audience.

3. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 22-04 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF UNION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ODOT'S STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500,000 FOR THE OLD SPRINGFIELD AND DOG LEG ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Applegate explained that this resolution authorized the city manager to submit an application to the state for \$13,500,000. This has already been submitted to get the application in the queue, and now they are doing some of the formalities that are required. He said Mr. Bruns had noted that the signature on the application was dated 2023. Mr. Applegate said Mr. Steve Stanley from Montgomery County TID was present and working with the city. Mr. Applegate said that they were borrowing the money to work on roads for the industrial park. He said they would be working on Union Airpark to the intersection of Dog Leg and Old Springfield intersection and on Dog Leg Road to the Union Airpark Blvd. on a new roundabout. The application has been started and they have made commitments to Amazon. Mr. Applegate said the funds to pay back the loan will come

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from TIF funds, grants, and fees and that no funds are coming from Union on the other side of the river.

Mr. Applegate said he recommends the approval of the resolution, honoring their commitment to Amazon, affecting the safety, truck traffic and maintaining high standards. Mr. Applegate said he wants to be proactive and getting these road improvements built would be a very good improvement. Mayor O'Callaghan said that "Union had been proactive for the past 25 years, why would they stop now?"

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 22-04. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 22-04 was adopted.

4. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 22-05 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT (**THIS PROJECT DAYTON FREIGHT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, (the "**City**"), STREAMS EDGE PROPERTIES, LLC., A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, (the "**Developer**"), AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (the "**District**") UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

Mr. Applegate said that this was a development agreement with Dayton Freight. He said this would be on Old Springfield, west of Peter's Pike. The delay has been because of the approval process from the FAA to release the lots to be sold.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 22-05. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 22-05 was adopted.

5. Open Agenda

The Mayor wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor O'Callaghan also wanted to congratulate the staff on doing such a great job in plowing the snow the first week of February. Mr. Applegate said that they had done a lot of snow plowing and also had to take care of a water main break. He said that the Union employees did a great job plowing the snow. He said he had been worried about ice and had called in everyone at 1:00 in the morning to keep ahead of the ice. Mayor O'Callaghan said he appreciated positive comments from other communities on how well the City of Union roads are plowed. Mr. Applegate said that they plow every road, alley and street from curb to curb. He said that the city had declared the snow emergency early, at noon,

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and that was sent out in the city's hyper-reach program and they had a great response from the residents. He said they only had to tow six cars, and they were towed but not issued a ticket. He said they will probably put out the snow emergency notice early from now on.

Mayor O'Callaghan said he wanted to read a letter from a home owner on Sweet Potato Ridge. The lady had written about the Union police department, that she had always been "treated with courtesy, professionalism, and kindness." She gave several examples of times that the police had assisted her and wanted to let the council know how grateful she was for the Union Police Department.

Mr. Niemann said that he agreed about the police department. He had always found them very helpful and that they go above and beyond for people.

Mr. Prunier said he agreed with everything, and had found the police had been very helpful when he was on vacation, and had submitted a vacation check form and they had kept his property safe by making it look like someone was home, pulling in the drive and walking around the house, leaving foot prints in the snow.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth said she had lost her dog and the police had found her dog had given the dog a ride home in the back of a police cruiser! Mrs. Thomas-Roth added that Union had always been wonderful about plowing the snow, and she added that she had seen Mr. Applegate out plowing.

In another comment, Mrs. Thomas-Roth said she had driven by the new police department building and it looked beautiful, very nice with the lighting. Mr. Applegate said they would be doing some new plantings around the building in the spring.

Mrs. Oberer said in all her experiences with the Union police department, they had all been great.

Mr. Bruns said they appreciated what every officer did for the city up to and including the police chief.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was a need for a second meeting in February. Mr. Applegate said at this time, there was nothing. Mr. Bruns then moved to cancel the second meeting in February. The next council meeting will be on March 14, 2022.

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Mr. Bruns reminded everyone to turn in their financial disclosure form to the Ohio Ethics board and turn in the reimbursement form to the finance director. He said it is easy to do and if not done on time, the person could be fined.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if Mr. Stanley had any comments.

Mr. Stanley said he had never had an interaction with the Union police but that "life is long".

Mr. Stanley added that in his job, he has worked with many other cities and on basic public services, the City of Union does not take a back seat to anyone. He says that Union has the best public services, better than everyone else. He said they work so hard and know that it matters. Mr. Stanley said, "It has been my pleasure to work here. You really do a great job in every respect".

Mayor O'Callaghan said he appreciated Mr. Stanley's comments.

Mr. Applegate said that the biophase was up and running at the wastewater treatment plant. He said they were still doing some fine tuning and working on some odds and ends but both the new and old sections of the plant were on line and they were getting great results. He said, "I am elated!"

He said on the snowplowing, they had even called in the police chief to plow and he said the guys did a great job in a situation that can be really trying. He said they had a good response from the citizens and the Union maintenance department had done an excellent job.

Mr. Applegate added that there was a lot happening in the industrial park. He said with the SIB loan it would be awesome on the improvements that can be made.

Mr. Moore said as law director, he works mostly through the Vandalia courts, on civil and zoning cases. He said that he never receives any calls regarding the Union police officers not being prepared, that they always do things the right way and it is a very good police department.

Mrs. Winemiller said it was so nice to hear all of the great comments and that she knew that the police did a good job.

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Mayor O'Callaghan said we appreciate what everyone does for the city.

6. 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 March 14, 2022.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor