

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 12, 2023

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on June 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 to the minutes of the May 8, 2023, Council meeting. There were no corrections.

Mr. Bruns moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. Mrs. Thomas Roth seconded the motion. Mr. Bruns, Mr. Bennett, Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mr. Prunier and Mr. Niemann concurred. Mrs. Oberer abstained and the minutes were accepted as prepared.

Mr. Bruns said there is a correction on the Agenda and moved that the Agenda be amended to show Item 4, Citizen's and Visitor's Comments as item 2. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the Agenda was amended.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments.

There were no comments.

3. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 23-05 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS PROGRAM.

Mr. Applegate said Resolution 23-05 is the final step in the Gas and Electric aggregation plan that was put forward for a public vote. The results of the election are provided in the Council packets. The electric and gas aggregation consists of 18 communities right now.

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Including Centerville, Germantown, Kettering, West Carrollton, Trotwood, Brookville, Englewood, Xenia, Miamisburg, Moraine, Huber Heights, Union, Clayton, Riverside, Troy, Eaton, Fairborn and Monroe. The participation in this program is voluntary. Any individual can decline to be a member of the aggregation program and remain with AES for electricity and Centerpoint for gas. You can also enter into a standard service contract with any competitive retail supplier. The ORC requires that there be two public hearings held. The public hearings were held on May 31, 2023, at 12:00 pm and at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Applegate said the City is an opt out Municipality. Eligible residential and small business customers in the authorized areas will receive a letter setting forth the rates, terms and conditions of the program. The purpose of the Aggregation program is to provide competitively priced rates for power supply and gas.

Mr. Applegate confirmed that he thinks this is a good thing. He hopes everyone ends up saving some money because that is the goal. Each Aggregation participant shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. Mr. Applegate said several residents asked how much the City of Union will make off the aggregation program? He confirmed that the City does not receive any proceeds from the program. He added that the rules and regulations for the program are available for anyone who would like a copy. They can call the City, their supplier or Palmer Energy. It is staff recommendation for Mayor and Council to approve Resolution 23-05

Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and pass Resolution 23-05. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 23-05 was accepted.

4. ONE READING: - RESOLUTION 23-06 - A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PRELIMINARY CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PID 113767; ODOT DISTRICT 7, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TYPE A ANCHOR ASSEMBLIES FOR GUARDRAIL.

Mr. Applegate explained that Resolution 23-06 is ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) asking Mayor and Council to consent to them being in the Right of Way to do the work. They decided to replace the guardrail that is currently in place at Mill creek on both sides of Old Springfield Road. It is being 100 percent paid by the state through a safety program and all the City needs to do is give ODOT consent. Staff recommends that Mayor and Council approve Resolution 23-06.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 23-06. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 23-06 was accepted.

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5. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked everyone for coming to the Police department open house. It was well attended and there was a lot of positive comments.

Mayor O'Callaghan reminded Council that the City is still looking for Spirit of Union Award nominees. If you are out and see a house that is worthy of being nominated, please call in and nominate them.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that recently the City had a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting and at this time there are two vacant positions available to be filled. If you know of someone that may be interested let them know that they need to fill out an application and submit it to the City.

Members of Council congratulated the City Manager, John Applegate and City staff for the incredible job on the new Police station.

Mr. Bruns asked if there is any legislation that will require a second meeting in June?

Mr. Applegate replied, there is nothing at this time.

Mr. Bruns motioned that the June 26, 2023, meeting be cancelled unless there is legislation requiring a meeting and the next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting on July 10, 2023. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the second meeting in June was cancelled.

John Applegate said he is like everyone else and loves this community. He loves the old part of town that he grew up in. The City renovated the old fire house and now we were able to save the church building. It took three years of hard work but it is now a gorgeous building inside and out and he is extremely proud. He thanked Council for making it possible approving the re-construction of the building.

Mr. Applegate said that he has been working on the list for the street program. He will have a street list available for Council. We are working out the numbers right now and what the schedule is going to be. We will start in the next 30 days.

Mr. Applegate updated Council that the Montgomery County Commissioners have the Hanauer annexation on their agenda to be approved tomorrow. This is the next part of the process.

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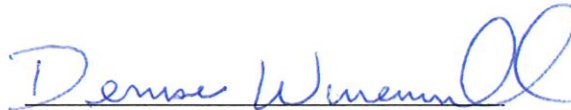
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It is a type 4 annexation and will be held for a 30 day appeal period. If no one files an appeal it will go to the City and will be held for an additional 60 days before Council votes to accept the annexation.

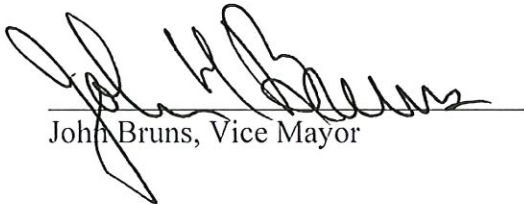
6. Adjourn

Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council


John Bruns, Vice Mayor