

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 13, 2023

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, March 13, 2023 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 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.

Mayor O'Callaghan informed Council Mr. Prunier is on vacation and would not be attending the meeting. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that his absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and his absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the February 13, 2023 council meeting. There were no corrections.

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.

3. Mayor O'Callaghan recognized Mr. Rodney Creech our new State Representative, District 40 and asked if he would like to say a few words.

Mr. Creech introduced himself as the new State Representative currently serving his second term. Mr. Creech said he is from Preble County but he covers northern Montgomery and Miami County. Mr. Creech explained the state went through a redistricting process multiple times until the mapping was complete. This held things up and he apologized that he was not able to visit sooner because he wanted for the Council to put a face with the name. Mr. Creech continued to say he is very accessible and you have my cell phone number and can call anytime if there is something you need. Also, if there is an event in your City please keep him in mind, his goal is to meet people he represents. He continued to say we can only represent the people if we know the people.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Creech for coming.

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4. Mayor O'Callaghan introduced Mr. Adam Schwiebert who was present from the Dayton Metro Library.

Mr. Schwiebert said he wanted to take a few minutes and introduce himself. He continued saying he is the government relations director for Dayton Metro Library. This is a new position that the library never really had in the past. So now we have someone dedicated to outreach to our local communities and state officials as well. We want to make sure that we have really strong relationships with all our local officials and we want to hear from each and every one of you if there is something we can be doing better. Please check out the new Northmont Library facility if you haven't already. I will make sure you have my contact information and you can reach out to me at any time. Thank you.

Mayor O'Callaghan recommended it if you haven't been to the new library that it is certainly a fantastic facility. Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Schwiebert.

5. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1766 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UNION AND TO AMEND OR ENACT SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO CONFORM TO ENACTMENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate explained Ordinance 1766 is our annual code book update and includes enactments by the General Assembly to our traffic and general offenses regulations and it is staff's recommendation that council passes this as an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1766 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the Ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1766 was declared an emergency.

Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1766. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1766 was adopted.

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6. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that council adjourned to executive session to discuss letters of interest to fill the Council seat that was Ms. Kyles. This includes Council and also Mr. Moore, Mr. Applegate and Ms. Winemiller. Mr. Niemann seconded the motion. All concurred.

Mayor O'Callaghan said action will be taken when we reconvene. Council adjourned to executive session.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to reconvene the council meeting. Mr. Bruns seconded. All members concurred and the meeting was reconvened.

Mr. Bruns moved that Council appoint Robert Bennett to fill the unexpired term of Jean Kyle. Mayor O'Callaghan seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Bennett was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jean Kyle.

Mayor O'Callaghan confirmed that Mr. Bennett will become our new Council member and will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

7. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. He also touched on the Easter Egg hunt again. The Easter Egg hunt will be April 1st and people need to arrive at 10:00 a.m. and the Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp. There will be about 4,000 eggs and they will have candy or a prize in every egg. Some of the prizes are Easter baskets, certificates for the Fun Center and ice cream certificates. Everyone will get something. We would appreciate it if anyone would like to show up and help out a little bit.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth mentioned that a City worker from the water department came to her home to replace her water meter and he did a wonderful job. He was polite and efficient and she was very impressed.

Mr. Bruns asked if there is anything that requires us to have a second meeting in March? Mr. Applegate said not at this time. Mr. Bruns moved that they cancel the March 27th meeting and our next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2023. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the second meeting in March was cancelled.

Mr. Bruns thanked Legrand and Northpoint for inviting us to attend their grand opening. Hopefully the first of many coming. I would like to mention that I have been re-elected to the Executive Board of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for another year. I'd also like to thank Adam Schwiebert for his presentation on the Library. Mr. Creech, thank you very much for attending our meeting and introducing yourself.

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Mr. Bruns mentioned that Mr. Bennett was out of town and was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Applegate also thanked Mr. Creech for attending and said the meetings have been very informative, especially the first one and he is looking forward to working with him for the good of the City and of the State.

Mr. Applegate commented that the Legrand opening was good. It is one of several that will be this year. We anticipate Amazon to open in the second quarter of this year, in June. Then shortly thereafter, I would say possibly in the third quarter we will have TJX which is Exeter's building that's being built for HomeGoods/Marshalls. We've been busy the last couple of weeks with several potentially new clients. We've had our first meetings with them and it is very exciting. We are working and doing the due diligence on several potential new businesses coming to the community.

Mr. Applegate updated Council that the new Police Department building is almost done and to be thinking about when would be the best date and time for an open house for the new building. We are thinking sometime in April.

Mr. Applegate said the City will be starting the industrial park round-about the end of March and hopefully it will be done in June. We are excited about that. We are looking at the extension of Douglas Way which will start by the first part of May and completed in July. We have the final re-surfacing on north Dog Leg Rd. and south Dog Leg Rd. to complete. Annexations have been filed with the County Commissioners. You will be seeing a Resolution on the next agenda concerning services. And it will be a type four annexation and we filed to complete other type two annexations, and we are working on several others. Al Neyer who is purchasing the Water Wheel farm located on the south side of Jackson sent the City an email and it looks like they are getting ready to start developing their property.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Applegate and appreciated all his hard work.

Denise Winemiller mentioned that the City Council was provided with the water and sewer rate study. She said that Union is ranked very favorably amongst all the other jurisdictions. We have the second lowest water rates out of 67 Communities surveyed. For sewer we estimated that we would be a little bit higher than where we are at on this rate survey but there were a lot of other communities that raised their rates. We ranked fifth lowest in the combined rates. The City is very pleased where we rank. This study takes into account the rate increase the City enacted.

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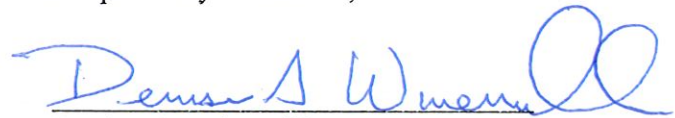
Mr. Applegate said it is amazing when you look at the number of increases from the combined rates. A total of 36 communities enacted increases. It shows the effect of the cost of things.

Mr. Moore had no comments at this time.

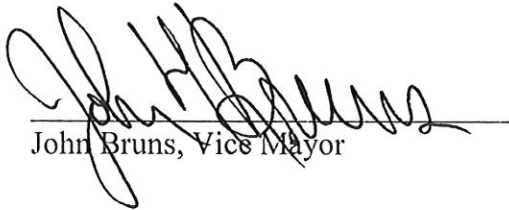
8. Adjourn

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