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MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 10, 2023

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Tuesday, October 10, 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 for the minutes of the September 25, 2023, council meeting?

Mr. Bruns moved to amend the minutes of September 25 to include Mrs. Oberer in attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were amended.

Mr. Bruns moved to accept the amended minutes. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the amended minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Mayor O'Callaghan acknowledged Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Woodward said he lives on Rebecca Circle. Directly across from us lives Johnna Hammel who is here tonight. At the end of August, I walked outside and saw a gusher of water. Ritter Plumbing was contacted, and they came out and dug a big hole and fixed it. A few days later we had another leak. The first leak was Mrs. Hammel's line coming into the Homeowners Association water line. The second leak was a foot or two down from that. The biggest problem was, Ritter Plumbing could not find a shut off valve for the City of Union water lines. City of Union employees

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also could not find it. Somehow, Ritter Plumbing was able to fix it with the water still running out. So, we have two concerns. One, Mrs. Hammel had to pay between \$4,000.00 and \$4,500.00 excess costs due to the fact they could not turn off the water to fix the leak. The second concern is, what are we going to do in the future? She has now had a third leak and we do not know what the cause is. It could happen again. Is there anyway we could find the shut off valve and Mrs. Hammel be reimbursed for her cost.

Mr. Applegate responded that they have located the shut off valve and there is a plan in place to dig it up and repair it. It was milled off with the State Route 48 resurfacing and that is why it could not be located. We traced the line, and we know where it is. What happened with Mrs. Hammel's water line was due to electrolosis, a corrosion of the copper piping. It was the worst corrosion he had ever seen. Mr. Applegate believes the repairs could have been completed quicker and for less cost than what was charged. Mr. Applegate informed them that the City Ordinance is clear and states it is the responsibility of the property owner from the main to the house. The City cannot pay or reimburse the property owner. Mr. Applegate said knowing what Mrs. Hammel had to go through, the City will fix the valve at no charge to the association and will not charge for the loss of water.

Mr. Woodward asked if the valve out in the street is the homeowners responsibility?

Mr. Applegate replied that it is part of the line when the plat was built, that was all part of the association. It's a tap in valve and sleeve and it bolts around the main and there's a valve on the end of it. From that point in is yours. Since it is on State Route 48, Mr. Applegate told the street superintendent we will dig it up and take care of it at the City's expense. Mr. Applegate remarked he felt bad about it because he felt like it could have been fixed quicker and less expensively.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Woodward and Mrs. Hammel for coming and was sorry the City could not help more.

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Mayor O'Callaghan welcomed Richard Oaks who wanted to speak.

Mr. Oaks, a City of Union resident since 2003 who lives at 1397 Jackson Road addressed the Council regarding the need for traffic control speed signs. He asked that a sign be put up for the transition of 35 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour on Jackson Road. Also, he suggested a 35 miles per hour speed sign west of the intersection of Douglas Way.

Mayor O'Callaghan thanked Mr. Oaks.

3. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan wanted to encourage everyone to vote on November 7th. There are some big issues and some local people that are running for every election. I think it is important that we all vote, it is our constitutional right.

Mr. Bruns asked if there is any legislation that would require a second meeting in October. Mr. Applegate said there was nothing at this time. Mr. Bruns moved to cancel the second meeting in October unless there is legislation requiring a second meeting. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns reminded Council the next meeting will be on November 13, 2023.

Mr. Applegate informed Council the roundabout is on track to be finished by the end of October. The walls were poured and look very good. You should drive by and look. We have completed the road maintenance program and have started trimming the trees on Main street which is high on the City's list, and we are trying to get everything on our list finished for the year.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked Mr. Applegate about the leaf pick up. Mr. Applegate responded that the leaf pick up starts next Monday.

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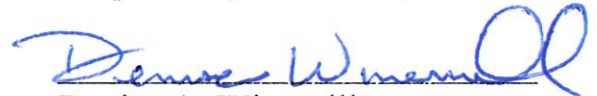
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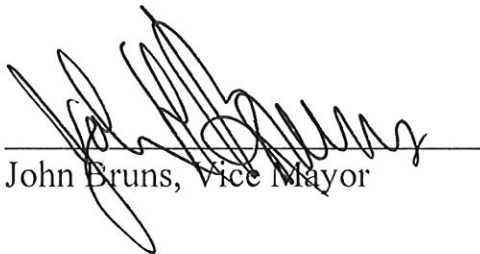
4. Adjourn

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