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MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 8, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 said that Mr. Blackwell was absent due to a work requirement and he moved that his absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Perkins had some surgery and he moved that her absence be excused. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed. Mrs. Perkins' absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the May 11, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were approved.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

3. ONE READING –RESOLUTION 20-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO ADOPTING THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT.

Mr. Applegate said this resolution authorizes the city to participate in requesting reimbursement for funds spent due to Covid-19. Mr. Applegate said it was not yet known how much money would be distributed. The city has to figure what was spent for hand sanitizer, etc. and can request reimbursement.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was money given to the city but any overage, would it have to go back. Mr. Applegate said it would. They will have to account for all the

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expenses and have documentation for all items purchased. He said he did not know what the breakdown would be but submitting this resolution was a requirement.

Mr. Bruns moved that Resolution 20-04 be adopted. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

4. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said he was seeing businesses and activities starting back up and he advised everyone to continue to be cautious and practice social distancing but he was glad to see restrictions lessening.

The Mayor also noted that with everyone staying home, people had been fixing up their homes, mulching, planting flowers, etc. He said they were looking to award the Spirit of Union Award in the next month or so and he asked if anyone noticed a property that was looking exceptional, to call city hall and nominate a homeowner so the city could acknowledge all their efforts.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth asked what the status was of finding a new planning commission member. She said she thought it would be best for people to be assured of a quorum.

Mr. Bruns asked if the city would plan on advertising. Mr. Applegate said they could do it again.

Mr. Bruns said the Planning Commission needed to have a minimum of three members and if one person was ill, they would not have a quorum.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any need for a second meeting in June and Mr. Applegate said not at this time. He moved that the June 22, 2020 meeting be cancelled. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said they were running a little late on the asking budget, which is not a requirement but they still planned on doing it. He added that he was not comfortable with the revenue numbers and what they would be. He said they are working on a rough draft but wouldn't feel good about having it passed with so many unknowns. Mr. Applegate said he would like to see how things looked by the end of June and have the budget ready for July 15. He said he didn't want to present something

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to the council that could be way off. He said certain things could change, like the federal income tax collection could be extended.

Mr. Applegate said the city is opening up the parks, like most communities. He said the State of Ohio was frequently modifying their decisions. Mr. Applegate with the data that they were looking at, people can make certain decisions and do what they need to do.

Mr. Applegate said if people are uncomfortable going into restaurants or resuming other activities, then don't do it. He said adults should make their own decisions.

He said people needed to use common sense. He said children have always been told to "go wash their hands" and that is still good advice. He said you can't shut the world down.

As an example, Mr. Applegate said due to certain factors, he is more at risk. He said he gets a flu shot every year but during flu season, he may compromise and not go out as much and that is his choice.

He said the city is opening up the basketball courts, and people can use them at their own risk, which is always the way it has been.

Mrs. Oberer said that this situation had affected the children more than everyone else. She said they have nothing to do and she had seen them walking down the streets, bouncing a basketball.

Mr. Applegate said the city staff and employees were all doing well.

Mr. Moore said that another interesting thing had happened with the legal system. The Supreme Court of Ohio has made a decision regarding notarized documents. Certain forms do not need to be notarized now. Mr. Moore said this is the first time this has occurred. This new rule would be in effect until further notice in the State of Ohio, due to Covid-19.

Mrs. Winemiller said that for the record, she had provided the council with April and May fund sheets and they could give her a call if they had any questions.

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

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The next council meeting will be on July 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor