



**Council Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2021  
6:30pm via Videoconference**

Mayor: Jody Carney – Fiscal Officer: Renee’ Sonnett– Solicitor: Paul-Michael La Fayette  
Council Members: L. Giaimo, S. Heineman, S. Pine, F. Reed, J. Rucker, M. Terry

Others present: Dale McKee (Police Chief), Haley Lupton (Management Analyst), Nathan Cahall (Village Administrator), Renee Sonnett (Fiscal Officer), Paul LaFayette (Solicitor),

Visitors: Roberta Scott, Kayleen Petrovia, Mark Bennett

Mayor Carney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approvals:** Minutes

Mr. Reed motioned to approve the March 22, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pine. Six yeas votes.

Mr. Reed motioned to approve the April 7, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Pine. Six yeas votes.

**Reports:**

Mayor

- Met with a few residents with the interest of starting the Plain City Arts Council. The group is working towards setting some goals and will partner with as many Plain City events as they can in 2021. The goal is to provide awareness of various arts groups. A letter will be sent to interested attendees, and people looking to showcase their art.
- Presented Perry Yoder well wishes on his retirement. Thanks to staff for helping to organize.
- Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day is April 23. Residents can drop off a bag and be entered into a prize drawing.

Fiscal Officer

- The street capital budget has been amended due to a new invoice received from a contractor who paved last year but still had retainage remaining.
- On Thursday, Ms. Sonnett will start training on labor relations.

Police Chief

- Officer Gary Sigrist completed Averting Targeted School Violence training.
- Administrative Assistant Sherrie Yoakam completed Public Records 101 & 102 workshop.

- Officer Flowers was issued a letter of congratulations for fifteen years of Continuous and Dedicated Full-Time Service to the police department and community.
- Chief McKee would like to recognize Canine Officer Hirtzinger and K9 Andor for their part with the apprehension of an escaped convict from West Central Correctional Facility in Marysville. Andor was able to track the escapee, which later resulted in the escapee being placed into custody.
- Chief McKee accepted an invitation to be the Master of Ceremony for the Union County Law Enforcement Memorial on May 13, 2021 in Marysville.

#### Village Administrator

- The budget revision plan of action is to proceed with the first reading, allow Personnel & Finance to review, and then have Council do a final vote.
- After Worksession, Mr. Cahall has done further analysis and would like Council to supplement the street capital budget by \$150,000 to get the parking lot project and the south sidewalk project completely finished this year. We will also review the rollover of the note.
- According to the Treasury, the Village will get the first round of Recovery Act dollars in early May. This amount will be around \$450,000.
- The Villa Drive watermain replacement project is underway. It will hopefully be done by the end of the week.
- The Gay Street project is still in progress, the new watermain cannot be installed soon enough. The Street Crew has been doing a wonderful job managing the breaks.
- The Streetscape Project will be bid out on April 22. The bid opening will be around May 10.
- Paving program is in the works; we are finalizing the street list to maximize the dollars.
- Staff is looking for some clarification on the Worksession meeting discussion.
- Staff is looking for clarification on the Farmer's Market responsibilities.
- Mr. Reed asked Mr. Cahall about the Recovery Funds; although the first amount received will be around \$450,000, another amount will be received up to a year later for the same amount. The total amount to be received will be around \$900,000. The funds will probably be put into their own fund, to ensure the following of administrative rules. Mr. Reed would like Council to consider multiple options for these funds.

#### President Pro Tem

- Met last Wednesday and discussed the streetscape during last week's Worksession.

#### Solicitor

- Mr. LaFayette finalized the contract for the Parking Lot owned by Mr. Craft. The title work is in progress.

#### BZA

- Meeting next Tuesday to discuss a sign variance. The ruling will take place the following Tuesday.

#### Planning & Zoning

- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 21 to discuss Madison Meadows.
- Ms. Brill is organizing the first Zoning Code steering committee meeting.

#### Capital Improvements

- Meeting with Personnel & Finance on Wednesday.
- Mayor Carney has an interested CIP committee member.

#### Parks & Recreation

- Meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm.

#### Personnel & Finance

- Meeting Wednesday at 7:00pm.

#### Fire

- Nothing new to report.

#### Design Review Board

- Met two weeks ago to hear several applications. One of them was for the air conditioning unit for the building at Main & Chillicothe. It was approved temporarily but the owner has six months to find a better solution.
- Approval was given for the window replacement at the church on S. Chillicothe. The owners are using Buckeye Art Glass; Council extended regards for finding a good solution.
- Approval was given for a few improvements at Mr. Dawson's building.

#### Charter Transition Committee

- Met on April 6 to review the codified ordinances that will need to change based on the Charter.
- Committee talked about a recognition event for the Charter members; if Council has ideas please email them to the Charter Transition Committee.
- At the next meeting on April 20, the committee will review the red lined ordinances, an updated Employee Handbook, and some other personnel updates.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Pioneer Pizza Liquor License Transfer - Council does not request a hearing. Mr. Reed noted that this address change may open the district to a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). The Mayor believes the amount of liquor licenses needed for a DORA is four, and this only makes three.

**Resolution 14-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Natureworks Grant Application by the Village of Plain City and the Subsequent Obligation of Village Funds for a Park Renovation Project in Union County.

Ms. Pine motioned to waive three readings for Resolution 14-2021, seconded by Mr. Reed. Six yeas votes.

Ms. Pine motioned to approve Resolution 14-2021, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. Six yea votes.

**Resolution 15-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Natureworks Grant Application by the Village of Plain City and the Subsequent Obligation of Village Funds for a Park Renovation Project in Madison County.

Ms. Pine motioned to waive three readings for Resolution 15-2021, seconded by Mr. Reed. Six yea votes.

Ms. Pine motioned to approve Resolution 15-2021, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. Six yea votes.

First Reading: **Resolution 16-2021:** A Resolution Approving a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds and Amendments to the Village of Plain City 2021 Budget

An amended version may be introduced for subsequent readings if changes are made.

**Discussion Item:**

*Rock the Clock & Farmer's Market*

Council would like Mr. LaFayette's opinion on supporting groups that are doing things for the community but would like to make sure it is all above board. If there are benefits to the Village, support may be given, but Council would like to do it the right way. For Rock the Clock, financial support for a stage has been requested. The Farmer's Market is requesting Village takeover of the event.

Mr. LaFayette will do some research and send options to Council. He is confident the Village can support the events and can do it within limitations.

Whenever the Village closes streets down for an event, they do charge a permit fee. When the events sell alcohol, they may also be required to cover police expenses. Ms. Sonnett noted that the Village does pay for the overtime for the Steam Thrashers event. The policy drafted by Mr. LaFayette should include an in-kind policy.

Mr. Rucker noted that the Run/Walk will be requesting to use the Park and Youth Building. Ms. Pine suggested setting up a grant amount each year that organizations can use each year. Mr. Terry also suggested that the policy cover any amounts of money that the Village receives each year, such as the money from the Federal government. Mr. Lafayette responded that the Recovery money will not be as strict as the CARES act dollars.

More information is needed from Linda Granger (Parks Director) to see if the Village can handle the Farmer's Market event. Staff will put together a cost estimate and send it to Council by Wednesday. Ms. Pine let Council know that UpCo will probably be meeting on Thursday, if the Village wants to attend. The Mayor will reach out to Ann Weeks, who is willing to staff the market. The volunteers will need to fill out the Village's forms.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Ms. Pine motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Terry. Six yea votes.

Ms. Pine motioned to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Giaimo. Six yea votes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Haley Lupton, Management Analyst