

RECORD OF REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 14, 2020

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order via Zoom followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Ms. Carney, Ms. Heineman, Mr. Lee (arrived at 6:45), Ms. Pine, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Rucker (arrived at 6:50).

Also present were Penny Scheunke, Kelly Spence, Julie Miller, Mandy Craig, Mark Bennett, Christy Hatcher, Tim Dawson and newspaper reporter Kayleen Petrovia.

Ms. Heineman motioned, seconded by Ms. Pine to approve the August 24, 2020 Council minutes. Four yeas votes.

REPORTS

Mayor Lane- He informed the council that he wouldn't be attending anymore Council meetings and his last day as Mayor will be September 30, 2020. He thanked staff for doing a job well done. He encouraged Council to stop the semi traffic on Bigelow St because it is dangerous to travel on that street. He also told Council they need to encourage business owners to invest in the community.

Fiscal Officer- Ms. Sonnett disclosed she had received a liquor transfer request and if there were no objections, she would respond to Liquor Control indicating Plain City didn't request a hearing. She emailed monthly financial reports to Council members and encouraged them to contact her if there were any questions.

Chief McKee-He attended the small protest at the edge of town and there were no issues. Interviewing for the open police officer positions will take place next week. He wanted to commend Officer Drake and Officer Howard for their quick reaction to save a life.

Mr. Cahall- One more connection is needed to complete the South Chillicothe St water main project. He attended the Pre-Con meeting for the pathway connection between Darby Fields and the Elementary School. The project should begin in the next 2-3 weeks. The bid opening for the Gay Street project is this Thursday, September 17, 2020.

President Pro Tem- Ms. Carney's reported at Work Session it was discussed the status of the 2020 goals and possible 2021 goals. It was agreed there would be a Special Council meeting on September 23 at 6:30 to discuss the uptown improvements. She informed the Council members there will be open council position at the end of the month and encouraged residents to visit the village's website to obtain an application.

Park- Ms. Carney said the committee discussed winter camping.

Personnel & Finance- There will be a joint CIP and P&F meeting on September 15, 2020 at 6:30. Mr. Reed asked Council members to forward project ideas to him prior to the meeting.

Fire- Mr. Rucker indicated the department was getting ready to take possession of a new medic.

DRB- Mr. Rucker said the committee is trying to set a meeting date for September or October 7 depending on availability.

VISITORS

Mr. Dawson was present to request assistance with his outdoor dining. He indicated Union County Visitor's Bureau was assisting restaurants with providing outdoor tents to help with outdoor dining. He would like the ability to set up a tent in the alley next to his building and serve food and liquor during the fall season. Council asked Mr. Dawson to provide a plan and a list of requests as soon as possible and they would entertain emergency legislation to help with the outdoor dining requests. Penny Scheunke indicated that she would like the same allowances for Lee's. Mr. Cahall said Mr. Dawson's request is pretty straightforward but the Lee's alley closing might be more challenging.

Mr. Rucker said he would like to see something in writing as to exactly what is being asked. Mr. Lee said the village could approve their requests on a 30-day renewal process. It was decided to discuss the proposal at the upcoming Special Council meeting on September 23, 2020. Mr. Holthus (Paul Lafayette's replacement) said he would have Mr. Lafayette do research about using the public right of way for private use.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 23-20- A Resolution approving a supplemental appropriation of funds and amendments to the Village of Plain City 2020 Budget and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Reed motioned, seconded by Mr. Lee to amend Resolution 23-20 to include \$55,000 for income tax refunds. Six yea votes.

Mr. Lee motioned, seconded by Ms. Pine to waive the three readings for Resolution 23-20. Six yea votes.

Ms. Pine motioned, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve Resolution 23-20 as an emergency. Six yea votes.

First reading Resolution 24-20-Amending fees for Pastime Park, Recreation Fees, and Aquatic Center rates and fees.

First reading Ordinance 17-20-Approving the vacation of a public alley within the Village of Plain City near the intersection of West Main St and North Chillicothe St. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the vacation and public process. Mr. Reed expressed his concerns over the alley closing. He said he wanted to know, prior to approval, the plan for the alley once it is closed. He also suggested other uses for the alley. He said the petitioner hasn't given enough information and a good enough reason for the alley closing. The majority of Council disagreed with Mr. Reed and decided to move on to the next topic.

OLD BUSINESS

Third reading Ordinance 14-20-Establishing Codified Ordinance Chapters 961, 962, 963, 964, and 965 Establishing development impact fee procedures and imposing impact fees on new land development in the Village of Plain City for providing new roadways and related traffic system facilities, sanitary sewer system improvements and infrastructure, and public safety vehicles and equipment; providing for placement of revenue collected, exemptions and credits and use of dedicated impact fee funds.

Ms. Heineman motioned, seconded by Ms. Pine to approve the third reading of Ordinance 14-20. Six yea votes.

Second reading Ordinance 15-20-Amending village Ordinance 123.01 to amend locations for posting of Ordinances, Resolutions, and notices.

Second reading Ordinance 16-20-Amending Codified Ordinance section 1165.02 (Permitted uses in the B-3 Central Business District) to add Physical Fitness Facilities as a permitted use.

Second reading Resolution 21-20-Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Right-of-Way License Agreement for the property located at 157 Church St.

Second reading Resolution 22-20-Consent legislation for Ohio Department of Transportation Project PID 111195, D06 City NHS Guardrail Upgrade, US Route 42 Guardrail.

Discussion Items

Ms. Sonnett brought up for discussion related to the Council Clerk position. She requested the position to be considered full-time and the person would perform multiple duties along with the council clerk duties. Council was in favor of the position and asked Mr. Cahall and Ms. Sonnett work on a job description and get it advertised.

Mr. Cahall explained the recent change in the vacation accrual policy and the inability to use the leave due to the pandemic has caused several employee's vacation balances to exceed to allowed amount to keep in the bank. Mr. Cahall suggested allowing the employees to exceed the allowed balance until the end of the year which would give the employee's ample time to use the excess leave balance. Council was in favor of the request. Mr. Cahall will draft the motion for the September 23 Special meeting.

Adjourned at 8:30PM

Renee Sonnett, Fiscal Officer

Darrin Lane, Mayor