



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2021 · 6:30 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**Mayor:** Jody Carney **Administrator:** Haley Lupton  
**Director of Finance:** Renee' Sonnett **Director of Law:** Paul-Michael La Fayette  
**Council Members:** President J. Rucker, L. Giaimo,  
S. Heineman, S. Pine, F. Reed, M. Terry

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

Present- J. Carney, J. Rucker, S. Heineman, F. Reed, M. Terry, L. Giaimo  
Absent- S. Pine

**Approvals:** Agenda: Council Meeting – November 8, 2021  
Mr. Reed motioned to approve the November 8, 2021 agenda, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – October 25, 2021  
Mr. Reed motioned to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Terry, All in favor.

**Visitors:**

Tim Dawson

Mr. Dawson expressed his interest in seeing the plans for the Uptown alley from Bigelow to Main. Council responded that this alley will be drawn up as part of the Streetscape Phase II in 2022.

Tyler Herriman

Mr. Herriman noted that the Village needs to make sure all new developments are sent to the Board of Elections in order to prevent what occurred on the General Election, where 12 houses did not have the right ballot. He also would like the Village to look into a public notification system for residents.

Eric Medici

Mr. Medici also brought up the alley from Bigelow to Main and requested that it be vacated to the building owners. He also noted that the noise on the weekends is overly loud and causes issues for his business.

Mayor Carney thanked everyone for their input, and requested that, going forward, the Village be a united entity in order to work towards our vision of Plain City.

### **Reports:**

#### Mayor

- Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at DNA Community Center on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- Jonathan Alder schools unveiled “Think Big” space.
- Christmas Under the Clock will be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> with a business open house on Rt. 42 in the morning.

#### Finance Director

- Absent

#### Police Chief

- Office Hogston completed mental illness training.
- The Police Department is holding a women’s self-defense training this week.
- Trick or Treat went very well with no major incidents.

#### Village Administrator

- The waterline project is in full swing – they brought in some heavier equipment to complete the boring today. We have notified homeowners and let the contractor know to notify homeowners as much as possible before driveways and yards are torn up. Everything will be reinstalled in its original or better condition.
- The parking lot is being paved and should be opened to the public Friday at the close of business, if the weather stays nice. The alley way is next, and the contractor has the changes discussed by Council last week.
- The sidewalk project is also moving along, the curb should be installed next and we expect it to be wrapped up in a couple more weeks.
- Speedbumps were installed today at the park.
- There is a public comment meeting on Wednesday at 5:30pm regarding the recent changes to parking on Lantern, Carriage, Murlay, Cooper and Dickens Lane. We have received a lot of positive feedback, along with some suggestions, so we will be reviewing that and deciding if the changes will become permanent.
- We received notice today from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that both of our grants were funded.

#### President

- Mr. Rucker said in lieu of normal work session, we have a special work session to discuss streetscape will not discuss public comment on noise issues. We will not have additional meetings re specifically. Mr. Terry noted that DNA is having a fundraiser on the same night as our meeting in December, can we look to reschedule?

Solicitor

- Nothing to report.

BZA

- Meeting next Tuesday. Three items on agenda: a new building at 42 and Alcott and two accessory dwellings.

Planning & Zoning

- Meeting November 17 to discuss zoning code rewrite and design standards.
  - Mr. Reed requested that Council see a draft of the Zoning Code rewrite soon, before it moves too far along in the approval process.

Parks & Recreation Committee

- Meeting Tuesday.

Personnel & Finance/CIP

- There are two resolutions on agenda tonight: comp plan endorsed by finance committee and 2022 budget endorsed by the Finance Committee.

Fire

- Met this past Thursday, Shane Hammond was promoted. The fire department is working on their budget.

Design Review Board

- No meeting in October, not made aware of applications for November yet.

**Old Business:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Ordinance 29-2021:** An Ordinance Setting the Costs for the Certificate of Registration Fee and the Construction Permit Fees for Right-Of-Way Program

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Ordinance 29-2021, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 38-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded In 2022

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 38-2021, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 39-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Govdeals, Inc. For Internet-Based Auction Services for 2022.

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 39-2021, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 40-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing Participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program For 2022

Ms. Giaimo motioned to approve Resolution 40-2021, seconded by Ms. Heineman. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**1st Reading Resolution 42-2021:** A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Dispose of Village Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

**1st Reading Resolution 43-2021:** A Resolution Appointing an Interim Village Administrator, Setting Compensation and Approving Agreement for Same and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Rucker motioned to waive the second reading of Resolution 43-2021, seconded by Mr. Reed. All in favor.

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Resolution 43-2021, seconded by Mr. Giaimo. All in favor.

**1st Reading Resolution 44-2021:** A Resolution Accepting Determinations of Compensation Plan Update

**1st Reading Resolution 45-2021:** A Resolution for Final Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village Through December 31, 2022.

**Discussion Items:**

- Noise ordinance update

The Solicitor has sent an amended ordinance to Council for their review. Mr. Reed requested that the amended ordinance be posted on the website for resident input. Ms. Lupton will post the ordinance. Council will consider the changes and decide in the future on how to proceed.

- School Crosswalk on S. Chillicothe

It has been brought to Mayor Carney's attention that some residents are concerned about the school crosswalk on South Chillicothe, and that traffic does not notice it enough. She asked if the Village could do anything to draw more attention to the crosswalk. Mr. Rucker asked if the school had crossing guards available, and whether they could be stationed at the crosswalk. Council also brought up the option of extending the school zone to include this crosswalk or extending the sidewalk further down so the cross walk is within the already existing school zone. Ideas will be considered, and Council will try to figure out a solution with future discussions. Mr. Reed asked Mayor Carney to bring this issue to the school board for their consideration as well.

- Recognition Signs for Plain City

Mayor Carney has received a request for a “Home of *Former Resident*” sign to be installed on the Village signs when you are coming into town. Mr. Terry requested that a process be implemented to set the criteria for these types of signs. It should be an exclusive and rare opportunity. Staff will work on an application and criteria process.

- Tentative Worksession on November 10

There will not be a Worksession on November 10. There will be the meeting for parking changes.

- Administrator Search Committee & Administrator Job Description

Mayor Carney has begun the process of updating the Administrator job description, with the input of staff. Mr. Terry believes that this should be a transparent and professional search, and the search should be led by Council rather than the mayor. There was some discussion about the number of Council members who could be on a “committee” or “group” before the meeting becomes an Open Meeting, per Ohio Sunshine Laws. Mr. Rucker nominated Ms. Giaimo as the lead Council member for the recruiting process.

Mr. Terry suggested that the group be made up of a council member, a staff member, and the mayor. Mr. Reed would like as many council members to be involved as possible, without requiring an open meeting. The Village Solicitor will look into the process and make a determination and suggestion for how to move forward. The group would determine the job description, receive resumes, and vet candidates before they meet Council as whole during an executive session. This committee will be an item for future Council meeting discussion.

Mr. Rucker motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

**Executive Session** – Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G 2 – To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code.

Mr. Terry motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.**

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**Clerk**

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**Mayor**