



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021 · 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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

Present: J. Carney, J. Rucker, L. Giaimo, S. Heineman, F. Reed, M. Terry

Absent: S. Pine

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Approvals: Agenda: Council Meeting – July 26, 2021
Mr. Terry motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – July 7, 2021
Mr. Terry motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

Recognition: Sergeant Aaron Howard

Chief McKee introduced Aaron Howard as the new Plain City Police Sergeant. He just celebrated his eighth year at the Police Department and has been a leader in the department. Sergeant Howard thanked everyone at the Village and looks forward to working in his new role.

Visitors:

James Skaggs – Mr. Skaggs expressed concerns about the construction at Jefferson Village. He provided pictures of the outlet and described the danger of the intersection, the future intersection of the traffic of the new residents, and the retention pond on the property. He believes the pond will take away water from his home's well.

Mr. Cahall provided an update per the speed limits with ODOT. A speed study is required, and staff does believe the speed limit should be reduced. But changes are based on ODOT's flexibility, and hopefully it can be adjusted in the future.

Mark McClish - reiterated Mr. Skaggs' comments regarding the dangerous speed and the well situation with the retention pond. He would like the Village to look into the well situation. He

suggested a sign that says “Reduced Speed Ahead” or “Prepare for stopped traffic” to manage the situation before the speed can be reduced.

Eric Medici – Mr. Medici handed out the Design Review Board ordinance. Last Council meeting, it was stated that historical standards only apply to actual historic buildings such as the old Bank Building. Mr. Medici asked Mr. Lafayette about his position – Mr. Lafayette responded that his opinion has already been given at the Design Review Board.

Mr. Reed added that a legal opinion is needed, not just this Council discussion. This will be added as a Worksession agenda item.

Ina Medici – Mrs. Medici is interested in the long-term streetscape plan for Chillicothe Street, for business planning purposes. Mayor Carney responded that this is a goal of Council for budget reasons. Mr. Cahall added that the 2022 budget includes the development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Uptown District. The streetscape enhancements for north on Chillicothe and south on Chillicothe will be included in this planning process. Stakeholders will be engaged in this process.

Mike Walters – Asked about the progress of the Wastewater Treatment plant and when it will be going under the Big Darby. Mr. Cahall shared that the Darby Station developer is soliciting bids from utility construction firms. From there, they will be engaging with a firm to do the boring under the Darby. The sizing will be big enough for future developments as well in that area. A utility corridor will be able to tie into this force main as well, to the plant.

Mr. Walters also asked about the progress of the noise ordinance. Council responded that they are waiting on guidance from Legal Counsel.

Rochelle Pellegrene – Ms. Pellegrene introduced herself, she is running for Village Council this fall.

Reports:

Mayor

- Staff and the Mayor attended the Daily Needs restaurant. It was great to see the children’s skillsets and commends the program for everything they’re doing at DNA.
- Steamthresher Show had record breaking attendance. The mayor participated in the Touch a Truck event. This is a wonderful event for the community.
- This week, the mayor is assisting the Fire Department with Safety Town. Thanks to Jonathan Alder, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for participating in this great program.
- Rounding out the Summer with Rock the Clock this weekend. Information on road closures will be sent out later this week.

Finance Director

- Nothing to report.

Police Chief

- Chief would like to thank Chief Golden of Marysville PD, Chief Deputy Morgan of the Union County Sheriff's Office, and Lt. Curry of the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their assistance with the Sergeant Panel Interviews.
- The Steam Threshers event and parade went well with just a few minor incidents. Saturday during the event was very well attended.
- Chief McKee attended the Union County Advisory Board meeting. One of the discussions was the fees for the MARCS Radios.
- Chief McKee attended the Madison County Safe Communities Coalition concerning upcoming events and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.
- Detective Greenbaum attended Cell Phone Investigations at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.
- Reminder that the Rock the Clock event is this Saturday. Due to the number of people expected to attend, Chief McKee has increased the number of officers that will be working the event for safety concerns.

Mr. Reed asked about the parking plan for Rock the Clock. Chief McKee responded that Mr. Dawson provided a plan, and it was provided to the Village and the Fire Department in preparation.

Village Administrator

- Tonight's agenda has enabling legislation to role the notes that were part of the FY2021 budget.
- Budget for 2022 has begun. The salary survey update is in progress and can be presented soon.
- Staff continues to work on I&I reduction efforts. Once the camera work is completed, the bid package will go out. Mr. Cahall would like the disconnection issue to be a Worksession agenda item. There is the potential to put in storm sewer lines.
- There is also enabling legislation tonight for the Noteman Road construction OPWC money.
- Gay Street paving is done, and the final walkthrough occurred this afternoon. Signage and pavement markings will be done tomorrow. It should be open Wednesday midday. The project was completed within budget.
- The 2021 Paving Program will start in the next couple of weeks.
- The Uptown Streetscape bids were rejected, and the new advertisement was sent out today. A bid addendum may be added to the Uptown Parking Lot project.

President Pro Tem

- Next Worksession is August 4 at 6:30pm.

Solicitor

- Mr. Lafayette has been working on various utility issues and a few other items.

Capital Improvements

- CIP was unable to meet in the past month, but the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28.

BZA

- The meeting last Tuesday was well attended with the conditional use and an appeal, with the Findings of Fact will be tomorrow, July 27 at 6:30pm.
 - There was an issue with the notice saying that letters would be read, but they were unable to be read aloud. They were sent to the Board members for the record, and the notice will be updated in the future. Mr. Terry reassured everyone that the voice of the citizens was heard, and the letters were reviewed. The video of the meeting is available to stream on YouTube.

Planning & Zoning

- There was not a meeting this month. The next meeting is August 18.

Parks & Recreation Committee

- Nothing to report.

Personnel & Finance

- The committee will meet on July 28 at 7pm. Mr. Reed will review the meeting agenda with Mr. Cahall. He would like to speak about accounting for depreciation and contingency funds, and potentially the Wage & Benefits update.
- Mr. Reed suggested that this is a potential time for pay increases for Council and the Mayor. He would also like the consideration of the coverage of expenses.
- Mr. Reed would also like more consideration about the level of control of budgeting and Council oversight.
 - Mr. Rucker asked Ms. Sonnett if audits have found problems with the level of control. Ms. Sonnett responded that no, there is not an issue.

Fire

- Next meeting is Thursday, August 5.

Design Review Board

- Meeting is this Wednesday, July 28 in Council Chambers.

Rules

- There is a discussion item tonight about Council Rules.

Old Business:

No new business.

New Business:

First reading: Ordinance 22-2021: An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Unvoted General Obligation Notes in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$1,450,000,

In Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Various Municipal Public Improvement Projects

Mr. Reed asked if this is a rollover and the benefit of the rollover. Mr. Cahall responded that yes, this is a rollover, and this was put into a note for the low interest rate, and results in an interest cost savings by doing each year.

First reading: Ordinance 23-2021: An Ordinance Approving a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds and Amendments to the Village of Plain City 2021 Budget (Request Waiver of 2nd Reading)

Mr. Rucker motioned to waive the second reading for Ordinance 23-2021, seconded by Mr. Terry.

Yea- Rucker, Terry, Giaimo, Heineman
Nay- Reed

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Ordinance 23-2021, seconded by Mr. Terry.

Yea- Rucker, Terry, Giaimo, Heineman
Nay- Reed

First reading: Resolution 26-2021: A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required (Request Waiver of 2nd Reading)

Mr. Rucker motioned to waive the second reading for Resolution 26-2021, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Resolution 26-2021, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor

Discussion Items:

Council Rules

The committee was unable to meet last month and will determine an August meeting soon.

Street parking

A summary memo was put together after a meeting with the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works staff to limit street parking in some areas of concern. The main issue is the limitation of safety service vehicles. Staff is proposing to move forward with communications to residents on these streets, stressing that this is a pilot program, and a public meeting will be held with residents to see if its working.

Mr. Rucker asked if Napa Alley could be added as a consideration for a one-way street.

Mr. Terry asked if there would be a grace period during this pilot program, with citations. Mr. Cahall added that educational materials will be given to violators at first, but no official citations.

Mr. Terry would like staff to move forward, echoed by Ms. Giaimo. Council agrees. Staff will move forward.

Nomination of Personnel Board of Appeals members

Mayor Carney has not had the chance to identify members yet but is working on the specifications before she advertises the positions.

Council agreed to allow public comment.

Mr. Tyler Lane asked what Mr. Reed feels should be further compensated in the Council position. Mr. Lane believes that these duties are covered in the current Council pay. Mr. Reed noted that Council has other expenses that go into the position, and just wanted to bring this up as a discussion item.

Council closed public comment.

Executive Session:

Mr. Rucker motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Terry. 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. Rucker motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor

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

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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Clerk

Mayor