

Minutes of Logan City Council Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers 7:00 P.M. October 13, 2020

(Due to the need for Covid-19 related need for social distancing, meetings are held at the Logan-Hocking Middle School Library.)

Guests: Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Safety-Service Director Bruce Walker, Law Director Abby Saving, City Auditor Chris Robers, City Treasurer Jen Fickle, Police Chief Jerry Mellinger, City Code Enforcement Officer Joe Posey, Logan Daily News reporter Aleksei Pavloff, Carmen Chukes, Michael Elliott and Leland Vogel

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Robinson gave the prayer.

Roll Call: Present – Mike Berry, Shirley Chapman, Dave Driscoll, Judie Henniger, James Martin, Jim Robinson and Ed Tucker

Approval of Proceedings: Chapman made a motion to approve the September 22, 2020 minutes as submitted and was seconded by Henniger. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

People Appearing Before Council:

Carmen Chukes, who first appeared before council in May, returned to to thank police for their efforts to curb criminal activity in her neighborhood. Previously, Chukes complained that police had turned a deaf ear to her concerns about suspected drug activity near her home. Chukes felt threatened and unsafe and felt desperate for protection. After an extended period of feeling ignored, Chukes said she ultimately called the FBI. After that call she felt things changed; police cars regularly patrolled the area. She feels someone has “hacked” her home and is concerned someone is listening to her conversations; she must talk to police outside her home. She is appreciative of the police department “stepping up” and having a greater presence around her home. She was grateful they encouraged her to call them at any time. She suggested that Logan needed to create a platform to address diversity issues in the community; she had never before lived in a place where she felt unsafe or vulnerable in a community, without type of program she felt she could not recommend Logan to others. But she concluded by again thanking the police and for their ongoing support. President Hawk thanked Chukes for coming.

Michael Elliott and Leland Vogel – Elliott, an attorney and Vogel, the project developer, gave a brief presentation on their proposed industrial site, funded by C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy), special funding available for energy efficient structures. They have chosen Logan as their location, wishing to utilize land at the Logan/Hocking Commercial Park on Chieftain Drive. With community support, more CPACE projects can develop using this program. Elliott

Vogel had previous conversations with the mayor and city law director and were encouraged by their support. The structure will be 50,000 sq. ft., constructed with clean-energy efficiency and designed to house 8 small industrial company tenants. There are no designated tenants yet but Vogel was enthusiastic about the need for this kind of industrial space in the community. They plan to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to get approval for the appropriate legislation to be on the agenda at the next meeting. Robinson thanked them for considering Logan for their project and Vogel again indicated they were excited about the need for this kind of industrial space, encouraged that their project would do well here.

REPORTS:

Mayor – The mayor said he had attended many types of meetings since the last council meeting. One meeting concerned the DORA program: Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. This program enables the community to have open carry of alcohol for outdoor events, serving it in recyclable cups that enable it possible to keep count of the amount served. Two blocks could be closed down, food trucks brought in and people would move between alcohol vendors. More research needs done to determine if this program would work for Logan.

Fraunfelter also had a meeting with a group of concerned citizens who want to renovate the wooden playground at Mingo Park. The old wooden installation is in disrepair but this group assured the mayor they had donations and a work crew that would like to try to restore the playground. Fraunfelter was also visited by Greg and Tricia (Hartman) Cole, a couple who want to invest in Logan. They want to purchase the Office City building, make repairs and develop an apartment upstairs.

Safety-Service Director – The old water plant is “now rubble;” it has been torn down. The new water plant has been up and running for four weeks now and they are “getting the bugs worked out.” Walker also updated on current water line issues. Berry inquired if they were mapping water line issues as they find them. Fraunfelter said Stantec was mapping the entire water line system, layer by layer, keeping track of everything, adding issues as found.

Law Director – No report

City Auditor – Robers submitted his September Auditor’s Report for approval. Robinson made a motion to accept the report as submitted which was seconded by Tucker. After a voice vote the report was unanimously accepted.

City Treasurer – Fickel submitted her August and September Treasurer’s Reports for approval. Robinson made a motion to accept both reports as submitted which was seconded by Driscoll. After a voice vote the reports were unanimously accepted.

Finance – Robinson submitted the minutes for the October 5 and 6, 2020 meetings.

An issue discussed on October 5th was the \$35,000.00 needed to cover the pool expenses which ran over budget, thanks to electrical issues with AEP. Gary Silcott gave a report on Stantec projects throughout the city at the October 6th meeting. The next meetings are set for October 19th and 20th at 9:00 a.m. Berry inquired about a \$4,000.00 movement of money from the water fund and Robinson explained that was regarding an employee issue.

Robinson indicated the next dates for the upcoming Budget Committee meetings – October 19, 20 and 26 2020. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Utilities - No report

Recreation No report

Water & Sewer – Berry submitted the minutes for the September 28, 2020 committee meeting. At the meeting Shannon Wenger explained fees are charged according to proposed occupancy of residence as per EPA formula. Concern was expressed about the excessive fees and how it could impact companies that might locate here. Wenger agreed to research comparable sized city's approach to fee determination. The next meeting will be Tuesday October 1:00 p.m.

Streets and Alleys –Henniger submitted the minutes for the September 23rd and September 29th meetings. ODOT representative Alan Craig discussed the problems at the Walmart entrance/exit from St. Rt. 664. He sees no possibility of creating a second entrance but feels a safety study for the area needs completed. The study would result in a short term (least costly), medium and long term (most costly) solutions. The turn from St. Rt. 664 to Lake Logan Road was then discussed, committee members feeling it was the most serious problem. Again, Craig suggested a safety study needed to be completed here. ODOT already has \$500,000.00 grant money designated to solve problems at the Hunter Street/St. Rt. 664 intersection. Work should begin July 2021 and be completed in 2022. The committee decided to accept ODOT's offer to complete safety studies, which will take place either January or summer of 2021. A short meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 12: 45 p.m.

Public Safety – No report but inquired about the need for a system of communication to community members when water is going to be turned off or when there are boil orders. It was suggested community members can go the Hocking County EMA site to sign up for the RAVE program to receive alerts and indicated this information should be published in the paper. Driscoll expressed appreciation to the workers who worked diligently to repair the several water line breaks in recent days.

Planning and Annexation – No report

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

Resolution No. 20, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOGAN AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Law Director Saving explained the Stantec had determined they no longer needed this legislation at this time and suggested the resolution be tabled indefinitely. Chapman made a motion to table Resolution No. 20, 2020 indefinitely which was seconded by Robinson. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously carried.

THIRD READING:

None

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. 51, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Ordinance No. 52, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$4,900.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 53, 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TWO NEW LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND THE SUM OF \$11,241,365.48 TO THE NEWLY CREATED LINE ITEMS AND INCREASING EXPECTED REVENUE IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND BY \$11,241,365.48. This is to create documentation of the grant funds received.

Ordinance No. 54, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$35,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. This money is to complete payment for the new pool.

Ordinance No. 55, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

Ordinance No. 56, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE SEWER FUND. Both ordinance No. 55 and 56 are for special legal employee situation.

Resolution No. 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DOT'S 2020 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. This is from the Finance Committee. This resolution is to extend the new side walk construction one block on the east and west ends of the downtown area.

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Fraunfelter requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee issue. Robinson made a motion for Council to enter into an Executive Session which was seconded by Chapman. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed. The regular session reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Driscoll to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote – all yea. The meeting adjourned 8:27 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Fred Hawk, Council President