

Minutes of Logan City Council Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers 7:00 P.M. February 25, 2020

Guests: Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Safety-Service Director Bruce Walker, Auditor Chris Robers, Treasurer Jen Fickel, Law Director Abby Saving and John Stran (Logan Daily News)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Jim Robinson.

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 February 11, 2020 minutes as submitted which was seconded by Henniger. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

People Appearing Before Council:

Betty Shaw – Shaw spoke to inform Council of the up-coming annual Ag Days event scheduled for April 18-19, 2020 at the Hocking County Fairgrounds. The event gets larger, more memorable each year, involving progressively more of the community. The event usually celebrates ag history but this year it will also acknowledge the military and veterans. The high school choir will perform patriotic songs. She asked for continued public support and invited members to attend Farm Bureau meetings at the Old Dutch on the second Thursday of each month.

Bob Davis – Davis introduced himself as “part of Betty’s show” and discussed a specific aspect of the Ag Days event. To show support for a member with Stage 4 cancer, the group wished to stage a Tractor Ride through the city, starting at the fairgrounds, parading through town to St. Rt. 180, around Lake Logan then back into town over the St. Rt. 664 overpass (and roundabouts). Davis was asking Council for permission to stage this event. The Tractor Ride was planned to leave the fairgrounds at 10:00a.m., returning by noon. A \$20 fee would be charged to each participant with potentially as many as 100 involved.

At this point Police Chief Mellinger and Captain Gabriel expressed concerns about the safety issues involved in this event. Chief Mellinger, who had recently discussed parade issues with the Street Committee, informed Council this would cost the city \$3-5,000.00 in overtime for police working to insure traffic safety during the event. Captain Gabriel explained serious traffic safety issues that would occur at the St. Rt. 664 roundabout intersection. Due to the slow speed of the tractors and the tremendous amount of tourist traffic that occurs there as cars exit U.S. Rt. 33 via a ramp intersecting there, the traffic build-up would spill onto the busy highway. The

potential for serious accidents using this route created genuine concern to him and the police department.

Robinson asked Davis if other routes had been considered. Tucker suggested that Council postpone the decision to support this event until Chief Mellinger and Captain Gabriel have met with Davis to explore other route options.

Andy Jones – Jones, a volunteer naturalist, informed council that there was an opportunity for naturalist training approaching in the spring. The group meets quarterly and next month's meeting featured a special speaker – former State of Ohio First Lady, Hope Taft. She works to promote native plant development and wants to designate April as Native Plant Month. The group is seeking volunteers to raise awareness to promote this. The meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Hocking County Community Room and everyone is invited to attend.

Ben Fickel – Fickel expressed the need to meet with the Finance Committee to renegotiate the township fire service contracts. Robinson responded there was a problem with meeting to accomplish this; the Green Township Trustees meeting was at the same time as City Council; could the council meeting be pushed back to 7:30 to allow him and Law Director Saving to attend the 7:00 township meeting then report back to Council. This change would allow them to resolve the contract issues. Robinson assured Fickel that all townships were insured to receive fire coverage until this was resolved.

Fickel then stated he was up for re-election as the Hocking County prosecutor and that there was another candidate running against him. He said there was "a lot of stuff out there being said about me;" he would soon publish a statement addressing this. When he first took office, Fickel said he had promised to "stand up to back-door politics" that had been previously part of that office. He felt he had done a good job addressing this. He stated it was not always the easiest way to do what is right but that is what he was trying to do. He was currently working well with the police and wanted to stand up to those who "wanted to maintain the status quo." He expressed that it was now possible to vote and that Election Day was March 17, 2020.

Mayor – Fraunfelter provided information regarding INI – infiltration of ground water into the city sewage system. This influx of extra water creates additional stress on the water treatment plant as it processes unnecessary amounts of water. Maps provided spots of concern in the city where these problems occur. Although the problem is not yet being specifically addressed, Fraunfelter wanted to acknowledge the problem was known, with possible solutions being investigated.

Safety-Service Director – All projects are still on schedule. The waste water treatment plant should be opening soon.

Law Director – No report

City Auditor – No report

City Treasurer – No report

Existing Structures Ad Hoc Committee – Robinson submitted minutes from the February 20, 2020 meeting, which readdressed the city code citation policy. There are still three areas of concern that must be resolved which they hope to complete at the next meeting, Wednesday February 26, 2020. When work is completed it will all be turned over to Law Director Saving who will formalize the work for presentation to City Council in the near future, possibly as early as the next meeting.

Sanctuary City Resolution Review Committee (subcommittee of Public Safety)– Driscoll said no decision had been made at this time but set the next meeting for Monday March 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance – No report but a meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the auditor’s office. Robinson expressed the importance of meeting with all township trustees to create a continuing, “same-for-all” contract for fire service, one that would have inflation built into it. As is, the contracts are much in need of being “cleaned-up”.

Robinson made a motion to have the March 10, 2020 City Council meeting moved back from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., which was seconded by Driscoll. After a voice vote the motion unanimously carried.

Public Utilities No report

Recreation – No report

Water & Sewer – Berry submitted minutes for the February 18, 2020 committee meeting. One more meeting is required to resolve the issue of concern, which he scheduled for March 3, 2020 at 9:00a.m. in Council Chambers.

Streets and Alleys – No report but a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Safety – No report

Planning and Annexation – No report

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

Resolution No. 8, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THIS FINAL RESOLUTION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE A PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS PID NO. 106654, SAID PROJECT CONSISTS OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG MAIN STREET BETWEEN SPRING STREET AND MULBERRY STREET, INCLUDING LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Chapman moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the second and third reading. This motion was seconded by Robinson and unanimously passed after a roll call vote. Robinson moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Chapman. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

THIRD READING:

Ordinance No. 6, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND THE SUM OF \$281,080.00 AND INCREASING EXPECTED REVENUE IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND BY \$281,080.00. Robinson moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Driscoll. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Ordinance No. 7, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$700,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE POOL CONSTRUCTION FUND. Chapman moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Tucker. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Ordinance No. 8, 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW LINE ITEM WITHIN THE WWTP IMPROVEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WWTP IMPROVEMENT FUND THE SUM OF \$65,000.00 TO THE NEWLY CREATED LINE ITEM. Tucker moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Driscoll. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Resolution No. 5, 2020

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE SEWER FUND, OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2019 TOTALING \$2,980.65, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2020 BUDGET. Chapman moved to pass the

Resolution, which was seconded by Robinson. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Resolution No. 6, 2020

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE WATER FUND, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2019 TOTALING \$2,755.66, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2020 BUDGET. Robinson moved to pass the resolution which was seconded by Driscoll. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Resolution No. 7, 2020

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE GENERAL FUND, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2019 TOTALING \$2,197.00, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2020 BUDGET. Robinson moved to pass the resolution which was seconded by Henniger. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. 11, 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOGAN AND OAPSE/AFSCME LOCAL 4/AFL-CIO AND ITS LOCAL #002A, CONCERNING WAGES, BENEFITS AND WORKING CONDITIONS. The contract between city and city employees has been in the process of development for quite some time and has now been accepted by employee representatives. Council must now peruse the document and determine if they will vote to approve it.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 12, 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$856.91 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND. This amount reflects a donation made to the police department to be used for Safety Town, an educational program for children.

Ordinance No. 13, 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW LINE ITEM WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND THE SUM OF \$13,765.00 TO THE NEWLY

CREATED LINE ITEM. This is money required to upgrade the code enforcement officer's vehicle; a mechanically sound 2015 commercial grade Explorer.

Ordinance No. 14, 2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR PARADES AND RUNNING EVENTS.

Ordinance No. 15, 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, OWNED BY THE CITY OF LOGAN, LOCATED AT 546 CHURCH STREET, LOGAN, OHIO WITH PARCEL NUMBER 04-000642.0000, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 721.28 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR A MINIMUM BID OF NOT LESS THAN \$11,000.00, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO SIGN THE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOGAN. This lot is the former Tansky property. The cost for razing the house there was \$11,000.00, which the City hopes to recoup through the auction of the property. Chapman was concerned if the price was too low, and feeling the minimum bid should reflect the property value as well as the cost of razing the house. Saving did a property value search and informed Council the lot value was listed by the county auditor as \$10,800.00. Saving felt the competitive process of bidding should work to get the full value of the land. It was mutually decided that \$11,000 was acceptable at this time but future auctions should also consider property values and not just expenses to the city.

Resolution No. 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2019 TOTALING \$5, 223.21, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2020 BUDGET. This amount reflects the 2019 fourth quarter costs paid to the Hocking County Indigent Council.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Chapman and seconded by Henniger to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote – all yea. The meeting adjourned 8:17.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Fred Hawk, Council President