

**Minutes** Logan City Council

**Regular Meeting**

**City Council Chambers** 7:00 P.M.

**October 26, 2021**

**Guests:** President Fred Hawk, Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, City Service Director Bruce Walker, City Auditor Chris Robers, City Treasurer Jen Fickel, City Law Director Abby Saving, Code Inspection Officer Joe Posey, Deb Tobin (Logan Hocking Times), Keri Johnson (Logan Daily News) and Rick Webb (City Tree Commission).

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:03 p.m. Hawk lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Robinson lead the following prayer.

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

**Approval of the minutes:** The October 12, 2021, minutes were not available for approval. Approval will be determined at the November 9, 2021, meeting.

**People Appearing Before Council:**

Rick Webb - Mr. Webb appeared before Council to give a City Tree Commission report of recent accomplishments. Webb stressed the importance of city trees, saying they increase property value by 20% and are essential to water remediation, which is the biggest concern to the city. The commission has planted over 300 trees in Logan; Webb indicated spots throughout the city where some are located. In recent years the commission has planted 50 trees a year. Webb provided a map of Mingo Park to show where 33 new trees will be planted in November and 40-50 trees next summer. Webb expressed appreciation for the continued support of Council to improve the city tree canopy. Robinson indicated appreciation to Webb for his long-term efforts to accomplish this goal.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor - Mr. Fraunfelter informed Council that it had been necessary to defend an ODOT grant request and had done so successfully - the city received the grant. ODOT will pay 95% of the costs to resurface/improve St. Rt. 93 North, beginning at the GE plant and following the route south through town to Mulberry Street. The work not starting until 2025. The city's 5% costs will be approximately \$670,000.00; Mr. Berry pointed out that if

that amount was 5% of the project cost, it must be a very expensive project. Fraunfelter agreed, indicating this was why he had to defend the grant request. Mr. Robinson pointed out the city has the opportunity to do this project but has not yet committed to it.

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Secondly, Fraunfelter expressed hope that everyone had read the letter regarding revitalization.

Lastly, he said the city must again do a water asset management plan. Two employees attended a backflow prevention seminar, reporting back that "Logan is in the Flintstone age while others are in the Jetson age" regarding preparedness to handle backflow prevention. This problem has never before been addressed. Ms. Chapman inquired "What are we supposed to do about backflow problems?" to which the mayor responded, "we don't yet know". They have 6 months to watch lengthy video presentations on how to address this issue. Mr. Walker said the county previously was responsible for this issue, but the EPA requires the city now create its own backflow prevention program.

Service Director - Mr. Walker informed Council that the city had finally received the dump truck they had ordered last January.

Auditor - Mr. Robers submitted the September Auditor's Report for approval. Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the report as submitted and Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. After a voice vote the report was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer - Ms. Fickel submitted the September Treasurer's Report for approval. Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the report as submitted and Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. After a voice vote the report was unanimously accepted.

Law Director - No report

Finance - Mr. Robinson submitted the minutes for the October 20, 21 and 22, 2021 budget meetings. No future meetings were scheduled at this time. At the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Robers reported that ODOT had informed the city that the 93/33 paving project bid came in higher than anticipated and additional matching funds of \$26,344.00 were required. At the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the water fund was addressed line-by-line. They discussed Phase II of the water project, which includes

repair/repainting of the water reservoirs and 8,000 feet of water lines. The committee determined they could afford to move forward with this phase. They also addressed the sewer fund line-by-line. They discussed Phase III of the sewer project and determined they could move forward with this phase. Robers also informed the committee that an additional \$2,000.00 was needed for the legal notices line item to finish the year. At the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting the committee conducted a review of each fund to determine if the proposed appropriations listed from the previous two meetings were accurate, adequate, and affordable.

Ad Hoc -Robinson submitted the minutes for the October 15, 2021, meeting. At this meeting the committee completed a line-by-line review of the proposed

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legislation with a couple of minor changes. The committee moved to have the Law Director prepare the proposed legislation to be presented to Council for consideration.

Public Utilities - No report

Recreation - No report.

Water & Sewer - No report. Berry reminded Council that there was a meeting for the Ad Hoc committee designated to redesign city voting districts on November 2, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Streets & Alleys - No report, but President Hawk expressed appreciation to Ms. Henniger for her initiation of last week's "stroll" to talk to business owners on the north side of Hunter Street, giving them an opportunity to voice their concerns. He felt the experience had been positive for all. Henniger said there were still three businesses from the north side of the street that must be included in the stroll for south side Hunter Street businesses scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021. She suggested the new hotel, restaurant, and the moonshine retail store, all located a block away from Hunter Street, be included in that event. Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. in front of the FroYo store for that event.

Public Safety - No report

Planning & Annexation - Chapman reminded Council of the public hearing scheduled for November 1, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to make the final decision regarding the request of

Stimmel Construction for a zoning change from residential to manufacturing to acreage near the Dicken Addition.

Cemetery & Parks - No report

**Reading of Communications** - None

**LEGISLATION:**

**EMERGENCY:**

None

**THIRD READING:**

None

**SECOND READING:**

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Ordinance No. 66, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$75,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

Ordinance No. 67, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE SEWER FUND.

Ordinance No. 68, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$14,500.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND.

**FIRST READING:**

Ordinance No. 69, 2021

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 153.09, ENTITLED "VACANT BUILDINGS"; SECTION 153.10, ENTITLED "FORECLOSED PROPERTIES AND BUILDINGS"; AND, SECTION 153.11, ENTITLED "RENTAL DWELLING PERMIT", ADDING SAID SECTIONS TO THE CITY OF LOGAN EXISTING STRUCTURE CODE; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 150 OF THE CITY OF LOGAN CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "REGISTRATION OF VACANT PROPERTY". Robinson said, "This ordinance is the direct result of hours of work by the Ad Hoc committee,"

thanking them for their work to get to this point. He felt the committee "has done their due diligence." Lengthy discussion then transpired between members of council and Code Inspector Posey, regarding Metropolitan Housing, inspection fees and fee schedules. Chapman said she felt the inspection fees were too costly for Metropolitan Housing, which was already inspected federally. Posey indicated HUD housing should be inspected by the city despite already being federally inspected; sometimes houses pass federal inspection but are unable to pass the city inspection. Berry inquired if there were exemptions of fees for subsidized housing in other communities, and Robinson suggested investigating how other communities handled these concerns. Posey emphasized the importance of minimizing city liability by prioritizing inspections of all housing. After more questioning, Driscoll pointed out that this legislation could be picked apart endlessly; it was important to get legislation passed to provide tools to enforce city code and assure safety. Robinson assured council that the document can be altered as problems are discovered. Posey pointed out that inspection standards benefit landlords as well as renters. Concerns were expressed about passing high costs of fees onto renters and the already high cost of renting in the city.

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Resolution No. 31, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF LOGAN MAYOR GREG FRAUNFELTER TO ENTER INTO A SUBGRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HOCKING, BOARD OF HOCKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REFERRED TO AS GRANTOR AND SUBRECIPIENT LOGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO AS THE SUBGRANTOR THROUGH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN UNDER OVW FY 2020 IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING GRANT PROGRAM IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$55,348.00. Robinson indicated that while this provides funding, there is no new position being created in the police department for this three-year program. An officer within the department will oversee this program. There was a discussion regarding who would provide recovery services.

At 8:18 p.m. Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Robinson. After a voice vote the motion unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Fred Hawk, Council President