

Minutes of Logan City Council Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers 7:00 P.M. January 26, 2021

(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, City Auditor Chris Robers, City Treasurer Jen Fickel, Deb Tobin (Logan-Hocking Times) and Ohio State Representative Brian Stewart City Law Director Abby Saving was absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with prayer following.

Roll Call: Present – Mike Berry, Shirley Chapman, Dave Driscoll, Judie Henniger, Jim Robinson and Ed Tucker. James Martin was absent. Hawk made a motion to excuse Martin’s absence. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Proceedings: Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 12, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Henniger. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

People Appearing Before Council:

Brian Stewart- new Ohio State Representative – Mr. Stewart introduced himself to Council, informing them of his past experiences in local government in Pickaway County and efforts he has already taken to serve our area at the Columbus Statehouse. In particular, he feels confident that the broadband legislation (already passed in the House), that will benefit rural Hocking County, will be passed in the Senate. He invited Council to ask questions and offered contact information so people could make inquiries as needed. Tucker asked Stewart if he could advocate for the restoration of local funding from the state. As a former councilman, Stewart understood the need and explained that the financial stability of the state had been impacted negatively by Covid, making decisions on how to spend available money very difficult. The triage of financial need was changing. There was a brief discussion between Stewart and Robinson about utilizing the state’s Rainy Day Fund, both agreeing that it is indeed “currently raining” and that money should be utilized to relieve problems created by Covid, but the extent of using that money will be determined by the House and Senate. He mentioned his podcast, “Brian Stewart,” that has been developed as a means of keeping his constituents informed on state matters. He indicated he had already interviewed Councilman James Martin regarding the restoration of the Logan Theater.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Fraunfelter said the new street lights should be ready to be turned on by

this weekend. Chapman inquired about the status of the old light fixtures, wondering if they could be utilized as an asset in some way. Walker indicated it was the contractor's prerogative as to what would be done with the fixtures. Henniger inquired about lights that were not working and he said they would be repaired after new lights were working.

Safety Service Director – No report

Auditor - No report

Treasurer – No report

Finance – Robinson submitted the minutes for the January 19, 2021 meeting. Most of the meeting will be discussed later with the pending legislation but Robinson did say that the Mellinger had not yet heard about the JAG grant he had requested. Robinson set the next meeting for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. He hopes to look over the fee restructuring so committee members should look over information before coming to the meeting.

Law Director – No report

Public Utilities – No report

Recreation – No report

Water and Sewer – Berry submitted the minutes for the January 19, 2021 meeting. Walker had told the committee that it was discovered that a water line on Wood Street was partially collapsed so there will need to be a proposal from the Finance Committee on how to pay for repairs. Shannon Wenger pointed out that when water/sewer fees for customers had been restructured, there were components that had not been considered which now need addressed through additional legislation. Berry scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Safety - No report

Planning and Annexation – No report

Cemetery and Parks Committees - None

Streets and Alleys – Henniger submitted the minutes for the January 20, 2021 meeting. Steps were outlined for tentative plans for future street vacations. Henniger scheduled the next committee meeting for February 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

Ordinance No. 5, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$58,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This legislation is to pay for repairs to problems with water service to the Oak Street and Poplar Street areas. Robinson moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the second and third reading. This motion was seconded by Tucker and unanimously passed after a roll call vote. Tucker moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Driscoll. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

Ordinance No. 6, 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74, 2020, TO CORRECT THE GRAND TOTAL OF 2021 APPROPRIATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This legislation is to make corrections in the amounts listed for the 2021 appropriations budget. Driscoll moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the second and third reading. This motion was seconded by Chapman and unanimously passed after a roll call vote. Driscoll moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Tucker. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

THIRD READING

Ordinance No. 85, 2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER AND SEWER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING CAPACITY, USAGE, AND INSPECTION FEES; SETTING AN ANNUAL THREE (3%) PERCENT INCREASE; AND, SETTING A ONE-TIME ACCESS CONNECTION FEE. Driscoll moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Chapman. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2, 2021

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CANAL ALLEY IN THE CITY OF LOGAN, PUSUANT TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 723.07 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Ordinance No. 3, 2021

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CROSS STREET IN THE CITY OF LOGAN, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 723.07 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Ordinance No. 4, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

Resolution No. 3, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO ENTER INTO THE ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 7, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$5,274.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND. This money is necessary to cover increases in insurance costs.

Ordinance No. 8, 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$360.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND. This covers an insurance increase for the new water plant.

Ordinance No. 4, 2021

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2020 TOTALING \$211.19, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2021 BUDGET.

Resolution No. 5, 2021

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2020 TOTALING \$1,775.00, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2021 BUDGET. This money is to pay for hill landscaping.

Resolution No. 6, 2021

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2020 TOTALING \$260.46, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2021 BUDGET. This is to pay Motion Industries, a bill incurred by the waste water plant.

With nothing else on the agenda, Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Henniger. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Fred Hawk, Council President