

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:37 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, Justin Ring, Mike Lampa, Chuck Kocisko, John Ruediger, Julie Field, Jennifer Wagner [all by Zoom video conferencing]

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: [by Zoom video conferencing:]
Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Darin Powers, Police Chief
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Joe Ciuni, City Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Ms. Wagner. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None received.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

None.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-6832 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF ONE HUNDRED N95 MASKS AND ONE HUNDRED BANDANAS FROM PERMCO INC. OF STREETSBORO FOR USE BY THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS; EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE COMMUNITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE RECEIPT OF THE DONATION.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-58.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6833 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(“ODOT”) AND COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE AND PURCHASING ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT 2020-2021 WINTER SALT PURCHASE CONTRACT AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE AND PURCHASING ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACT.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-59.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6834 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FRONTIER MV X LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEADOW VIEW PHASE 14 SUBDIVISION, AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-60.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

T-6829 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §125.04(C) BY ENTERING INTO A THIRTY-SIX MONTH CONTRACT WITH CINTAS TO PROVIDE FLOOR MAT AND UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO.

The Clerk said, after the first reading, the Finance Director had notified her that an account number for the Police Department was wrong in Section 2 of this ordinance and needed amended.

MOTION: TO AMEND AN ACCOUNT NUMBER IN T-6829 FROM ACCOUNT #101-11-5611 TO #101-11-5431.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading as amended.

T-6830 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE AND UPFITTING OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE TRUCK FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

Third Reading

T-6816 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH SIGNAL SERVICE CO., INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO THE CITY'S TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM DURING 2020.

The Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-61.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6817 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH LEBANON FORD, INC., BEST TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC., AND GRAPHIC EXPRESSIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE, UPFITTING AND VEHICLE GRAPHICS OF A FORD 2020 TRANSIT HR CARGO VAN FOR USE BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRADE IN TWO (2) CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AS PART OF THE TRANSACTION.

The Clerk read by title as directed for third reading. Mr. Ruediger said because the City had no idea of what might happen with the income tax receipts this year due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and unemployment increases during this period he was not comfortable spending any money, even if it was coming from the water accounts which were rather healthy. He didn't want to spend money on anything (T-6817 Van for Water Dept., T-6818 F-350 Pickup Truck for Water Dept., and T-6830 Parks and Recreation F-350 Truck) that was not an immediate need for the safety of the City or for the services provided to the citizens.

Mr. Ring added that this van would be purchased from the Water Fund which was not impacted as much as the General Fund by unemployment increases because the water used by the customers would still have to be paid for eventually. He asked if the money for these vehicle purchases was already in the Water Fund, or the Capital Fund for the Parks truck. Ms. Esarey said the Capital Fund was not yet fully funded to cover all the expenditures for 2020. In a memo she had distributed to Council last week she had proposed to put all the income tax receipts in the General Fund, wait on these capital purchases, and if money was available, money could be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Fund later. She said the Capital Fund would be short by about \$457,000 this year, even without purchasing the Parks truck and just doing the projects the City was already committed to (street striping, minimal storm sewer repairs, minimal paving repairs, and the SR 14 and SR 43 ODOT projects). Mr. Ring agreed the City should not make any purchases if the need was not dire.

Mayor Broska agreed to not purchase the Parks and Recreation truck from the Capital Fund, but felt the van and the other F-350 truck could be purchased from the 501- Water fund because the City had to bill the customers for the water used and the City would eventually get that money paid into the Water Fund. He did not want to delay these purchases that were not from the General Fund or the Capital Fund.

Mr. Ruediger understood that the City had delayed sending the April water bills out until next month and would not shut off water service for non-payment by order of the Director of the Ohio EPA, so he didn't want to run short if this emergency situation would go on for six months. The Mayor didn't think the water accounts (501- Water Operating Fund or 503- Water Reserve Fund) would run short; he said the money was there for the Water fund. Ms. Esarey confirmed there was a significant carryover (almost \$3 million) in the 501- Water Operating Fund. Mayor Broska confirmed the City was not waiving payment for customers, just delaying payment due for one month, although of course there would be some people that would take advantage of the Ohio EPA order and not pay what they owed even if they could because they knew they would not get shut off, but he felt most people would pay their water bill on time like usual. The balance due would carry over and not go away. Mr. Ring added that a lot of people working from home were using a lot more water than usual.

Mrs. Field agreed the City should not purchase a truck for Parks and Recreation from the Capital Fund but could purchase the two vehicles for the Water Department from the Water Fund. She felt these vehicles were much needed or Mr. Miller would not have requested them. She noted there would be significant projects for the water system soon that these vehicles would be used to help accomplish.

Mr. Miller said both existing trucks ran every day and these new vehicles were not extra but necessary replacements. The van would be the meter truck for repairs and installations that happened every day.

Mr. Lampa said at his job, they were being asked if they could continue to run their business with their existing equipment without spending money, so he asked Mr. Miller if the City could run its business with its current equipment. Mr. Miller answered that the existing 2008 and 2009 vehicles were worn out; one truck had over 120,000 miles, the truck bed on one of the trucks was rotting out, and the other F-350 was having engine problems. Mr. Miller realized there were a lot of water projects coming up and they should be planned out to spend the money wisely and not use it all up at once.

Mr. Kocisko commented that not many of the City's funds were as strong as the Water Funds. He agreed with Mr. Miller that these vehicles were used hard and needed replaced; "he needed them or he wouldn't be asking for them."

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-62.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6818 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE AND UPFITTING OF ONE FORD 2020 PICKUP TRUCK FOR USE BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-63.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-6820 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH NEPTUNE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER METERS, MISCELLANEOUS PARTS AND SUPPLIES.

The Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-64.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska said this Zoom meeting with all the difference faces on the computer screen reminded him of the intro to the Brady Bunch TV show. He thanked everyone for participating by Zoom to maintain social distancing and still conduct the necessary Council Meetings. He felt it went well with just a couple minor glitches that would get resolved. He reported that every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m. on WSTB 88.9 he gave a 20 minute local COVID-19 update with Captain Grimm, so people without a computer/social media could listen to the radio and get local updates beyond what the state and national reports offered. He reminded everyone again to wash their hands and keep their distance from others and wear masks if you have them to try to stay healthy.

Mayor Broska reported that they were starting to power up 4 or 5 of the new traffic signals this week. The rest of the signals would be activated soon, then they would widen some roads in a few places and then restripe the roads and install signage where necessary.

He also reported that this Wednesday afternoon they would sign the Bond Anticipation Notes for the fire station and 10-bay Service garage. They planned to start moving dirt for the fire station construction work on Monday, April 20, 2020 and then have a 1 year construction schedule. The money for this was coming from the 0.8 mill levy passed by the voters, not the Capital Fund, so the downturn in the income tax receipts wouldn't affect it. The levy money could only be used for the fire station and truck garage so they were moving forward.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Ruediger hoped everyone had enjoyed their Easter or Passover holiday. He thanked everyone for joining this meeting to keep the City business happening. He especially thanked

Jon Hannan for getting the Zoom and YouTube livestream to work so Council could do this tonight. He wished everyone and their families would stay healthy through this.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Kocisko asked about the 4-5 new traffic signals and if the timing was sequenced yet. Mayor Broska answered that when the signal lights were all activated the new sensors and “smart” controller would make its own adjustments to real time use, but they still needed meters installed by Ohio Edison to get the rest of the new signal lights working. In case of a power outage all the new signals had battery back-ups. Mr. Ciuni added that when the signals were designed the traffic data was already three years old, so it was part of the contractor’s contract that after the signals were up and running for six months he had to come back to re-time all the signals as needed for the current usage.

Mr. Ring hoped everyone had enjoyed the past weekend. He thanked everyone that had a part in getting this videoconference meeting arranged so the Council Members and administration could participate remotely. He thanked all the citizens that usually came in person to participate in the Council Meeting for being understanding and watching from home. Mr. Ring also thanked Mr. O’Malia for his quick response to a citizen that had contacted Mr. Ring about his friend’s company in Akron expanding and considering moving into Streetsboro. Mr. O’Malia said he had not heard anything back yet, but it had been less than 24 hours since he reached out to them regarding potential locations in Streetsboro. Mr. Ring told everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Lampa also thanked Mr. Hannan for getting the videoconference and the YouTube video of the Council Meetings set up. He felt it was a big improvement and it demonstrated where the City was going regarding technology. He thanked Mayor Broska and Capt. Grimm for providing the radio updates to the residents; the residents appreciated it.

Mrs. Field said she was incredibly proud of the Streetsboro community and the administration’s efforts during this difficult period. She said we will all get through this together and be stronger for it.

Mr. Hannan hoped everyone had a great holiday and would stay safe. He thanked everyone for their patience as we all learned to use the new videoconferencing system. He thanked the Mayor for doing the radio updates and for sharing a link to them on social media. He added that the new traffic signals looked great and he looked forward to having them all powered up.

Mr. Ruediger thanked all the department heads that joined tonight’s meeting.

Announcements

There will be a Finance Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers and/or through video conferencing.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan, this meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

John Ruediger Council President