

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 8:17 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Mike Lampa, John Ruediger, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field, Chuck Kocisko

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Darin Power, Police Chief  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Sara Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director

**Disposition of Minutes**

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2020 AS PRESENTED.**

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

**Citizens' Comments**

None.

**Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions**

Chief Reinholz wished everyone a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> at the end of next week. He said the run volume had really pickup which Council could see on the reports Capt. Grimm had distributed. There was a major house fire in Hudson last weekend with no injuries. There was a successful save for a STEMI/heart attack. The new fire station construction was ahead of schedule and on budget; there was a meeting with the architect and builder on Thursday to go over things. UH was testing all their med command firefighters for COVID-19 antibodies with a blood draw. The Department was still taking all the safety precautions and was still able to get PPE even though it was still expensive.

Ms. Esarey reported the draft Financial Statements had been submitted to the State. The audit was still in process and not finalized yet. The usual ad regarding availability of the Financial Statement for review was in the newspaper on June 17, 2020. She hoped the audit would be finalized by mid-July.

Mr. Mytinger said the Hometown Hero banners were finally installed on Friday and they looked great. There had been multiple inquiries about a second batch. There were enough brackets to do two banners per pole. Some Parks and Recreation programs were back up and running (fitness classes, martial arts, and some youth programs) but they were still not able to open the Senior Center.

**Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency**

T-6855 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-168, THE 2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#8]

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-84.**

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

T-6856                    AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE KARVO COMPANIES, INC. AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2020 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY BECAUSE THE WORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE FALL.

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. 2020-85.**

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Ruediger asked for a resident when Page Road south of the Turnpike might get paved. Mayor Broska answer that it was still rated a 4 or 5 so it wasn't that bad yet.

T-6857 Declare Certain Properties a Legal Use was not forwarded from tonight's Special Service Committee meeting.

T-6858                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR REPAIRS AT 8739 SEASONS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EFFECT SUCH REPAIRS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-86.**

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

T-6859                    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING TO OHIO COMMUNITIES FOR COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES, AND DECLARING

AN EMERGENCY TO MEET APPLICATION  
DEADLINE CONSTRAINTS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-87 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

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

T-6860                    AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL  
REVENUE FUND TITLED "LOCAL CORONAVIRUS  
RELIEF FUND 220"; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY TO COMPLY WITH THE  
STANDARDS SET FORTH BY GASB STATEMENT  
NO. 54.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-88.**

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

**First Reading**

None.

**Second Reading**

None.

**Third Reading**

None.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Broska stated there was an opening on the PARTA Board and Marvin Woods had volunteered to take the position. Mayor Broska had asked Mr. Woods not to attend the meeting tonight due to social distancing requirements and since the Council Members already knew him as a former Council Member. Mayor Broska said Mr. Woods would be a good advocate for Streetsboro on the Board. Streetsboro didn't have RTA routes in town and a lot of the businesses in the industrial areas have asked for mass transit to help workers get here from Akron. It was said that Mr. Woods could serve on both the PARTA Board and the BZBA since PARTA was not a City board.

**MOTION: TO CONFIRM MARVIN WOODS' APPOINTMENT TO THE PARTA  
BOARD.**

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Kocisko. Mr. Ruediger said he preferred to have the candidates for appointments attend the meetings, but due to the coronavirus and that PARTA was not a City board, he would allow the exception. Upon voice vote, **motion carried**. It was a three year term.

Mayor Broska reported that the concrete had been poured around some of the new recently installed traffic signals. There were a few more steps to the signalization project, but it was making progress. The new signals were not connected to the controller yet; that would not be completed until everything was done, and then there would be a six month period for adjustments and for the system to learn the traffic flow.

The resurfacing on SR 43 north to the Aurora line had some traffic backup last week, but should be completed soon. Mayor Broska also reported that the fire station was progressing and footers had been poured and the vertical construction would start soon.

Mayor Broska said Darin Powers, the Police Chief, had announced his retirement from the Police force. His official last day would be August 3, and his last day at work would be July 31, 2020. He had decided to retire and take a job in the private sector. This retirement would start a cascade of changes because the department had always promoted from within, so promotional testings would be arranged. The patrol officer test had already been scheduled with about 11 applications. In years past there might have been close to 100 applications. There would be a chief's test, a lieutenant's test, and also a sergeant's test. Darin Powers had been the Police Chief for five years and he had been with the department about 22 years and had a long list of accomplishments that were highly commendable. Mayor Broska said he would be sorely missed and difficult to replace but both Lieutenants up for the Chief's position were very well qualified. There would be a written test and an assessment center and Mayor Broska hoped to have most of that arranged before Chief Powers left.

Chief Powers had sent the Council Members a letter today by email about his retirement. He said it had been an honor to serve Streetsboro and he would miss it, but he was at a point in his life to take on a new challenge before he might retire for good. He thanked everyone for the support over the years and said it had been a great experience.

Chief Reinholz said it had been a real pleasure working with Chief Powers and the cooperation between the Police and Fire Departments had never been higher. Chief Powers would be sorely missed; both Lieutenants were capable and competent, but Chief Powers' unique self would be irreplaceable.

#### **President of Council's Comments**

Mr. Ruediger thanked everyone that worked for the City and those that worked in the City for keeping the City going during this difficult time. He said the veteran's banners looked awesome. He wished everyone a safe and fun July 4<sup>th</sup>. He congratulated Chief Powers, thanked him for all he had done for the City and his leadership over the years, and wished him good luck. Although a lot of police departments throughout the country were having a tough time right now, he felt the Streetsboro Police Department was a great organization, one of the best police forces anywhere around.

#### **Council Members' Comments**

Mr. Kocisko suggested, especially since there weren't people in the audience and most of the people in attendance didn't really want to wear a face mask, that these meeting be done from home by videoconferencing if the Council Members didn't need to meet in person until the coronavirus things got back to normal. Mr. Lampa and Mrs. Field said businesses were returning to work, so it might be going backwards if the Council Meetings were conducted solely by videoconferencing. Mrs. Field would even welcome all the department heads to the in-person meetings. Mr. Lampa didn't want to sequester at home and live in fear. Mr.

Ruediger commented that he liked the human interaction in-person rather than over the screen but understood the need to keep safe by keeping apart. There was further discussion about videoconferencing vs in-person meetings and the recommendations to wear face coverings when out in public.

The Council Members congratulated Chief Powers for his leadership and dedication over the years protecting and serving the residents. They wished everyone a happy July 4<sup>th</sup> although there would be no parades this year. Woodside would have fireworks for their patrons although most communities around us had cancelled their firework displays. The Council Members all thanked Mr. Mytinger for the new Hometown Heroes banners; there had been many positive comments and more applications had been received. Mrs. Field even suggested including decorative lampposts into the future SR 14 and SR 43 widening projects to accommodate flower baskets and/or banners and to help the downtown area look more like a downtown. Mayor Broska would look into the possibilities. He commented that it could cost \$1 million per mile to bury the utility lines.

Mrs. Field commented that the Streetsboro Police Department was prepared for any potential issues that might happen regarding the Black Lives Matter protests that had been in other communities. The safety forces had always been proactive regarding any potential issues that might arise.

Mrs. Field asked about multiple vehicles on a residential property. This was an issue she had brought to the Law Department and was told the ordinances needed a little more teeth to take care of the issue, so Mrs. Field wanted to bring the discussion to the next Service Committee Meeting to find a resolution. Mr. Beni commented that if the vehicles were operational, there was nothing the City could do.

Mrs. Field said she had also received many calls over the last few months about dirt bikes and paths/trails in her Ward. She had discussed a specific situation with the Police Lieutenant about a private property that invited friends over to ride dirt bikes and it disturbed the neighbors, but the only way now it seemed to handle it was to enforce a noise ordinance, which was difficult to do. She would work with the Police and Law Departments before bringing this issue to a Council Meeting.

**Announcements**

There will be a Safety Committee, a Service Committee, a Finance Committee and a Regular Council Meeting [no Public Hearing] on Monday, July 13, 2020 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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John Ruediger Council President