

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:49 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Tricia Wain, Police Chief
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Melissa Procop, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council
[by Zoom video conferencing:]
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Matt Glass, GPD Group
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Sara Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

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

Citizens' Comments

None.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz distributed a flyer listing free COVID-19 testing sites as provided by the Portage County Health Department. The list would be posted online. Chief Reinholz said Portage County COVID-19 cases put it at level 3 – red (level 4 – purple was the worst). Kent had the most cases in Portage County (because of the University), then Aurora and Ravenna, then Streetsboro. Streetsboro actually had a couple firefighters test positive for COVID-19, but it had not affected the service the Fire Department provided. The department was taking extra extra precautions to make sure it didn't spread within the department. One firefighter that tested positive was hospitalized, the others felt fine but quarantined at home.

He also reported there had been a fire last week in Kent the Streetsboro Fire Department assisted with.

Chief Reinholz explained that with the number of COVID-19 cases increasing across the county and the state some City programs may be affected like the Santa on a Fire Truck program or the holiday lighting ceremony. He said the Fire Department was limiting all their outside programs to reduce contact with groups of people because people can have the virus and be able to transmit it but still be asymptomatic. He added that University Hospitals had recently changed their policy to recommend everyone wear the surgical masks and not cloth masks or neck gaiters, and maintain social distance of at least 6 feet. He said City Hall was

cleaned weekly, but the Fire Department cleaned their equipment and building daily to try to keep the safety forces healthy.

Mr. O'Malia wanted Council to let their constituents know that there was assistance available from the Portage Community Action Council for help with utility bills, rent, mortgage, etc. based on their income (200% of poverty level).

Mr. O'Malia added that Portage County had all the information regarding the program for assistance to Senior Citizens and disabled residents for yard work, home repair, etc. He wasn't sure if the program would be available this fall or next year. It depended on when the state could get the money to the county to disburse to the residents. With so many at the state level working from home communications were slower and he wasn't sure of the timeline.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-6926 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-168, THE 2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#14]

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-152.

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

T-6927 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-141 TO SPECIFY THAT ONE FIRE PREVENTION VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE WILL BE TRADED IN AS PART OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2020 FORD EXPLORER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZED IN SAID ORDINANCE TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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. 2020-153.

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

T-6928 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH FIRE FORCE INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE GEAR FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-154.

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

T-6929 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$3,385.00) FROM THE OHIO INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DATAPILOT 10 FIELD ACQUISITION DEVICE AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-155.

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

T-6930 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF TEN THOUSAND SURGICAL STYLE FACE MASKS FROM FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES 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.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ring. Mrs. Field wondered if the face masks were made in America. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-156.

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

T-6931 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND

SPECIFICATION FOR THE OUTDOOR ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURTS AT CITY PARK, TO PROVIDE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAID PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS.

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. 2020-157.

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

T-6932 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TTX COMPANY DBA TTX TELETRONICS FOR AN UPGRADED SERVER TO USE BY THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACT.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-158.

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

T-6933 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A CLOW MEDALLION FIRE HYDRANT FROM CLOW VALVE CO, OF OSKALOOSA, IOWA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE RECEIPT OF THE DONATION.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-159.

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

T-6934 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO

ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH SMYLYE ONE HEATING AND COOLING, INC. AND MOST DEPENDABLE FOUNTAINS, INC. FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CONTACT FREE FAUCETS, TOILETS, URINALS AND TWO BOTTLE FILLING WATER FOUNTAINS FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO TIME SENSITIVE PROPOSALS.

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. 2020-160.

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

T-6935 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND LAW DIRECTOR TO EMPLOY BRICKER & ECKLER ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

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. 2020-161.

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

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

T-6924 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION AND ANCILLARY BENEFITS FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2021.

Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-6925 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF 27 PAYCHECKS TO ALL SALARIED AND NON-SALARIED PERSONNEL FOR 2021.

Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

Third Reading

T-6909

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ORCHARD, HILTS & McCLIMENT, INC. dba OHM ADVISORS, TO OBTAIN THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN INSPECTION SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021.

Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-162.

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska said the OPWC paving program (Ravenna Road and Page Road) and the 2020 paving program were substantially complete. There were a few punch list items that needed to be finalized. The City-wide signalization project was having some communication problems between the towers for the controller, but some of the police officers had starting training on the system. Mayor Broska expected the project to be done in a few weeks. He added that some officers felt the traffic was already moving better even though all the signals were not even on the controller yet.

Mayor Broska said the Service Department had replaced the curb in front of Target to reduce the bump there. They would do another curb in front of Huntington Bank soon. He thought it was kinda good that residents were only complaining about a couple of bumps on curbs and not the roads; so the City must be doing a good job on roads.

He said tomorrow would be the anniversary of the creation of the United States Marine Corp, the world's greatest fighting force, on November 10, 1775. He asked everyone to remember all the veterans on November 11 that fought and died for our country.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Ruediger thanked all the veterans past and present. He also mentioned Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, on Saturday, that would indicate a new fiscal year. He liked anything that signaled the end of 2020 and celebrated the start of a new year.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Kocisko said they had done a good job on paving the roads, but he had a constituent complain about the height of the curb at his driveway on St. Charles Drive. Mayor Broska said if Mr. Kocisko could provide an address, the Engineering Department would address it.

Mr. Kocisko said he was very concerned about the coronavirus and he wished everyone would wear a mask. He was concerned about kids in school and keeping teachers and staff healthy. He asked everyone to be safe, keep social distancing and washing their hands often. He was worried the vaccine had not been tested long enough, but hoped it would work if the doctors approved it.

Mr. Ruediger commented that he was part of the COVID-19 vaccine trials and he felt the vaccine had been tested for a long time and the scientists were not cutting any corners so the vaccine would be very safe and at least 90% effective. They hoped to start distributing the vaccine to first responders and Senior Citizens by the end of the year.

Mr. Lampa said the new Trail Lake Park on Ravenna Road was open and the pictures looked amazing. He said the Friends of the Streetsboro Parks would have Pet Pictures with Santa on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center; online preregistration required. It would be posted on social media.

Mr. Lampa said the new City website had been a tremendous amount of work and many staff members had put in a whole lot of hours to be able to launch it before Christmas; the online payments would be launched before the end of the year. The website team met twice a week to go over their work and ask questions. Mr. Ruediger thanked Mr. Lampa for championing this project.

Mrs. Field also thanked all the veterans.

Mr. Ring reported that every evening at 5 p.m. until Veterans Day the American Legion would be hanging dog tags on the Witness Tree on Public Square to raise awareness of the mental health issues and suicides of returning veterans due to their service. He thanked all the veterans past and present and their families for all their sacrifices.

Mr. Hannan reported they were working on the new audio/video system for Council Chambers. It was difficult to work with the old, existing system, but things were moving along for a better in-meeting experience for Zoom meetings. He thanked the Service Department staff for their assistance with this project. Mr. Ruediger thanked him for working on this project and the live streaming of the meetings to the public this year.

Mr. Ring noted the State authorization to allow governmental meetings (voting) to be conducted electronically (i.e. by Zoom) would expire December 1, 2020. He suggesting the City legislatures put a resolution together to encourage the State to extend that deadline.

Mr. Hannan asked that the high school fall sports athletes/teams be honored for their outstanding achievements this year.

Announcements

City Hall will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Veterans Day.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, November 23, 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 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

John Ruediger Council President