

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 8:17 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

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

ABSENT: Mike Lampa

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

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. LAMPA.

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

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

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

Citizens' Comments

None.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz had sent an email to Council regarding the abrupt departure of Dustin Prebish, the project manager for the new fire station. Chief Reinholz said he was now working with regional construction manager Derrick Semilia and bringing things up to date. They were finding things that just couldn't have been planned for and needed taken care of so the cost would come out of the Owner's Contingency, but Chief Reinholz was trying to be very protective of the contingency. The new fire station was moving along and still on schedule for opening at the end of April/middle of May 2021. He mentioned an issue getting the bay doors from the manufacturer, so the bay openings were temporarily covered with plastic, but the space needed to be heated to finish the painting which was a utility cost.

Chief Reinholz said the department saved an 80 year old female that was having a heart attack by using STEMI procedures. He reported that 90% of the department had received both shots for the COVID-19 vaccine. It was optional for the staff to get the shots, although it was highly recommended because they deal with sick people all the time. They had been unsuccessful in getting the Police Department on the priority list for the vaccine. The Fire Department had 4 or 5 people get sick after the second shot, but the administering of the shots had been staggered so it didn't affect manpower at the station. The Fire Department was helping the County Health Department administer the vaccine shots at the Ravenna Elks on Thursdays.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-6978 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-180, THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#1]

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09 AS AMENDED IN TONIGHT'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6979 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION AND AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2019-95 WITH TELETRONICS, INC. DBA TTX FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF SERVICES.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6980 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. DBA TTX FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND GOODS FOR USE BY ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SERVICES AND GOODS.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6981 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TTX COMPANY DBA TTX TELETRONICS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MICROSOFT EXCHANGE SERVER STANDARD USER SOFTWARE LICENSES AND TO COMPLETE THE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MOVE AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR CITY OPERATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF SERVICES.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Mr. Hannan wondered, if all this work was done by TTX, and then the City decided to go with a different IT company after their contract was up, what would happen to these things. Mrs. Procop said the new company would just have to maintain the hardware and renew licensing moving forward. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6982 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO AND THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE AGREEMENT.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6983 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH EVERBRIDGE INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY ("REVERSE 9-1-1") AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF SERVICES.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6984 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH RKS MANAGEMENT INC. (BIOHAZARD DIVISION) TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL GRADE DISINFECTANT CLEANING SERVICES TO CITY BUILDINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO IMMEDIATELY MEET THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY.

Mrs. Field wanted more discussion on this topic. She asked if it could go through three readings or needed to be emergency legislation. Mrs. Procop answered that there was no contract deadline, it was just a quote to continue the service the City had used in 2020, so it was up to the City to decide if it wanted to continue the service. Mr. Beni noted that RKS could not do the work/get paid for the work unless this legislation was approved. Mr. Ruediger noted that even if this legislation was approved it did not require the City to use this service for the whole year; the City could end the service whenever it wanted.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Mrs. Field understood the City was placed in a position as a result of what was happening in the world right now. She said it sounded like the City had enough money from the CARES Act to cover a week or so of this specialized cleaning and had budgeted some additional money also. She said the amount of money the State had given municipalities to use for COVID related expenses kinda made her sick. She felt if the State had that much money to give, they should have given it to the school systems or other areas where cities could use the help. She felt this feeling was related to her general philosophy that, while it was the City's responsibility to make sure the working environment was clean and safe for the people that worked here and the general public, it was not the City's job to keep people safe from getting sick. She said the City would want to keep the Senior Center as clean and sterile as possible, and for the first responders, but for the City Hall itself, she wasn't sure how many people were actually coming into the building and using the space because she thought a lot of people were working from home, and visitors were usually just at the main entrance plus everyone was required to wear a mask. She felt \$4,000 per month in additional to other cleaning expenses seemed like a lot of money to her. She wanted Council to be cognizant of how the money was being spent. If it was a requirement then she said we had to do it, but this seemed like a little over the top. She said she had always liked things to be very clean and sanitized and she always used Purell often, but she had wanted to express her thoughts on this issue.

Mr. Kocisko wondered if anyone in Mrs. Field's family had contracted the virus, which she felt was very personal, but she told him Yes. Mrs. Field said this was not so much about the virus because people could argue back and forth because there were different perspectives on it, but she said it was real and out there and people were getting very sick from it, so she was not

dismissing that. She believed it was the reaction and the response that she had struggled with from the beginning.

Mr. Kocisko said for the people at City Hall, they never knew if visitors were carrying anything, and it was necessary to be cautious. He mentioned that Mrs. Procop had said earlier that RKS had done things for the City in the beginning of COVID-19 for no charge that saved the City money, so that may help Mrs. Field in her decision. He said it was expensive, but money well spent, if it could save someone from getting the virus. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-15.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6985 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 OF CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH WAS NOT NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC USE OR WHICH WAS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO RATIFY THE SALE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6986 AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE USE OF INTERNET AUCTIONS TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURE.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

First Reading

T-6987 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2016-116 IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE CITY OF

STREETSBORO'S PROVISION OF ABATEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

The Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

T-6967

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.07 OF PART ONE, TITLE THREE (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATING TO COUNCIL COMPENSATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY CHARTER REQUIREMENTS.

Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6968

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR PARTS DURING 2021.

Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6969

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR PARTS DURING 2021.

Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20.

Moved by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6970

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO

ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT PAVING PRODUCTS AND INCIDENTAL PAVING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S 2021 ASPHALT PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

MOTION: TO AMEND T-6970 TO ADD ANOTHER VENDOR (N.E.S Corp) FOR COLD PATCH AS REQUESTED BY THE SERVICE DIRECTOR BY EMAIL PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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

Clerk read by title as directed for third reading.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21 AS AMENDED.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska said the SR 14 project would be sold on February 11, 2021 and the City would know shortly thereafter who would be awarded the bid. He expected an April 2021 start to the project if the weather cooperated. He said they would start the right-of-way acquisition for the SR 43 project which would be next year. He said he would start putting together the 2021 road program soon and wondered how much, if any, of the BWC dividend payment refund he could use in addition to the budgeted \$400,000 for 2021. He'd like to have that information soon because he wanted to go out to bid for the 2021 road program within the next month or so to get an early start. A large part of the paving to be done in 2021 was the OPWC project which wouldn't happen until after the funds were available in July, but in 2020 there were delays into September/October because of previous programming and he didn't want to have to deal with that again this year for the regular paving program, so he wanted to get an early start.

Mr. Ring noted that the City couldn't even know yet if the City would have that BWC refund money to spend on anything other than the already budgeted things because the revenues were down so far this year. Council recommended bidding for \$400,000 worth of work (as appropriated) with maybe \$200,000 of alternate/additional work the City may select to do if the BWC refund money was available.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Hannan reminded the Mayor that at one time it was suggested that the new fire station drive/roadway be part of the 2021 paving program. He thought the new Service garage should get a paved drive also. Mr. Ring wondered if those monies needed to come out of the road program funds since there was not much this year to begin with. Chief Reinholz mentioned that when the old fire station was torn down there was talk of paving that area over, but that was not included in the fire station budget. Mayor Broska noted there was no plan to pave over the footprint of the old fire station, but there was a plan to put a driveway in to access the new fire station.

Mr. Hannan thanked Chief Reinholz for all the hard work and attention to detail at the new fire station which would benefit things in the long run. He asked if the Council Members could tour the new station before it was completed. Chief Reinholz said of course, they just needed to schedule with the Chief and wear hard hats and vests since it was an active construction site. The workers were on site from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it may be more convenient to schedule tours after 3 p.m.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Kocisko remembered that Pike Parkway was to be paved this year since it had been skipped the last couple of years. Mayor Broska confirmed Pike Parkway was to be done in 2021 as part of the OPWC program but wouldn't start until after the funds were available in July. Mr. Kocisko also mentioned a long delay in the traffic light at Pike Parkway, especially with the left turn signal on SR 43S, because SR 14 and SR 43 had the priority. Mayor Broska said the cycles were about 1 minute and 30 seconds and sometimes people had to sit through a second cycle, but after the next meeting with the designer where they were to review the operation of each light in the City, they were considering changing the operation of some of the lights after 8 p.m. to a demand scenario. After that time at night they didn't seem to need to be synced to give SR 14 and SR 43 the priority. They had needed to give the system some time to learn. The Police Department had reported that the traffic on SR 43, Frost Road, and SR 14 was moving a lot better than before, but of course there was still some fine tuning to do.

Mr. Ring said he thought when Council had discussed the traffic signal preemption system being installed in the snow plows that it would only be used when the plows were actively plowing snow, but he had seen it used when there was no snow and maybe they were just salting. He asked the Mayor to check into this because he didn't think the preemption system needed to be used unless they were actually pushing snow. Mayor Broska said he would talk with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Ruediger said Groundhog Day was coming next Tuesday and then we would know how much more winter weather we would get. He said be careful tonight because of the Winter Weather Advisory for rain and snow mix.

Mr. Ruediger said there had been a lot of tension lately, on the national level and even on the local level, where politicians and people of high notoriety had been targeted. He said for years there had always been a representative from the Police Department, usually the Chief, at the Council meetings. Up until COVID-19 there had only been one time when there was not a representative from the Police Department in attendance and that ended up being one of the most crazy, absurd nights he could remember. He asked that in the future, as long as City Council was meeting in person, that a representative from the Police Department be in attendance at all of the Council meetings. Mrs. Field thought that was a very good idea. Chief Wain wasn't opposed to it, but she was aware COVID-19 was still flourishing and she appreciated being able to do Zoom meetings, for all participants, but she would adjust to what Council preferred. She preferred to keep everyone as COVID safe as possible, especially since the Police Department couldn't get vaccinated for quite some time. Mr. Ruediger said there wasn't much public attendance so we all should be able to social distance but full Zoom meeting might be an option too in the future.

Mr. Ruediger said all the employees at City Hall and elsewhere in the City, and all of their families, and everyone they came into contact with, and their health were extremely important to him and others here, and he felt it was the City's responsibility to keep every single employee in the City as safe and protected from being sick as possible. He said he appreciated all the employees, those that come in every day and those that worked from home, and thought it was important to keep them all safe.

Announcements

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting, a Service Committee Meeting and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ruediger, seconded by Mr. Ring, this meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Council President