

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

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

ABSENT: None.

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

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021 AND THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

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

Citizens' Comments

Angela Smith, Fair Housing Contact Services, which was a non-profit agency that had been servicing the Portage County area for almost 30 years, spoke to Council via Zoom. Because of everything that had happened over the last year with the pandemic she wanted to speak to Council because there may be people that had some housing concerns or housing questions and Fair Housing Contact Services had some housing programs that they provided to the community. All of their services were free. She described some of the programs: discrimination, loans, cemeteries or anywhere someone may be able to reside or have housing, default or foreclosure counseling, homebuyer education, reverse mortgage counseling for 62 years old and over, refinancing information, tenant/landlord workshops, and community education to social work agencies. Fair Housing Contact Services had existed for 56 years. Ms. Smith would provide some brochures of their services to distribute at City Hall and her contact information could be put on the City Council social media sites.

Mrs. Field asked about the services for cemeteries. Ms. Smith explained that if burials were limited to a certain class of people, i.e. American Indians, it would fall under the Fair Housing Act. Council thanked her for sharing her information tonight.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz said the activity log had been distributed. In the last two weeks there had been a small structural fire, training was conducted, and education information had been put out on the website. PARTA would give free rides to the COVID-19 vaccine sites. The age limit had been lowered to 16 years old to be eligible to get the vaccines at the end of the month.

The fire station was progressing: they were putting flooring down in the apparatus bays and the hallways; the carpeting was being installed; they had installed the overhead doors; the plumbing was coming in; they were adjusting the fire alarm panel; and the concrete curbs were in. They expected to get Temporary Occupancy on April 15, 2021 and then there would be much more to do after that. The grand opening/ribbon cutting would probably not be until June after the landscaping had taken hold. They would still have to tear down the old building and work out an access drive.

Mr. Hannan asked if there would be test runs for the new layout in the new building and new exit drives. The construction drive, which was a gravel driveway, would get asphalt shavings and be fixed up to be used for the fire trucks to go behind the old City Hall and access SR 43 by the old City Hall driveway which did not have a traffic signal. The fire trucks would turn on their lights and activate the signal at the old fire station driveway to help with cautiously accessing SR 43 until the old fire station was gone and a driveway/roadway/boulevard could be established.

Mr. Ring confirmed the temporary driveway would only need to be used until the old fire station was knocked down. Chief Reinholz said they had been working with the Service Department, which had been fantastic with helping the Fire Department move the 9-11 Memorial and other things, including taking down a light pole in the parking lot behind the old City Hall which needed to be done before they could lay the asphalt/concrete. Chief Reinholz had been told one of the first projects for the new City Engineer would be to look at a permanent road to the back of the new Fire Station.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-7011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
2020-180, THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE. [#3]

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. 2021-41.

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

T-7012 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE
STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICE PARTS AND SUPPLIES
EXPENSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN
ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-42.

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

T-7013 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO GABLE ELEVATOR INC. FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS MADE TO THE ELEVATOR SYSTEM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PAYMENT.

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 unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-43.

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

T-7014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DeHAVEN, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AUTHORIZED FOR MULTIPLE ROAD PROJECTS IN THE CITY THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PAYMENTS.

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 6-1 with Mr. Ruediger opposing the motion.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-44.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Ruediger opposing the motion.**

T-7015 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING JUSTIN A. CZEKAJ AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF STREETSBORO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CITY CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE MATTER.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-45.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ruediger. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.** Council congratulated Mr. Czekaj.

T-7016 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR USE BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASES.

The Clerk read by title as directed. She reminded Council that Mrs. Lockhart-Reese had asked to add an account number to this ordinance at tonight's Finance Committee Meeting.

MOTION: TO ADD ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-43-5611 FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES TO THIS LEGISLATION.

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

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-46 AS AMENDED.

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

T-7017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT LEASE OF NOT TO EXCEED 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT 555 FROST ROAD IN ORDER TO HOUSE CITY OFFICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE 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 unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-47.

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

T-7018 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

The Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48.

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

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

T-7006 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATION TEXT OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-7007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH ARI PHOENIX, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ARI-HETRA TRUCK JACK SYSTEM FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-7008 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH O'REILLY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 SURE TRAC DECK OVER TRAILER AND ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRADE IN THE CITY OWNED QUALITY DECK OVER TRAILER.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-7009 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH VERMEER ALL ROADS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VERMEER BC 1500 CHIPPER, FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE TRADE IN OF THE CITY OWNED 1993 VERMEER 1250 CHIPPER.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-7010 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH M.P. DORY CO. FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF THE EXISTING GUARDRAILS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF STREETSBORO.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

Third Reading

None.

Agricultural Placement

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT RENEWAL REQUEST OF DAVID & DOREEN DANNER.

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

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Broska was absent tonight.

President of Council’s Comments

Mr. Hannan welcomed Mr. Czekaj to the City staff and looked forward to working with him. Mr. Hannan said he would be out of town for the next Council meeting for military training but planned to join the meeting by Zoom. He asked Mrs. Field, Council Vice President, to run the meeting that night in case his Internet connection didn’t work well.

Council Members’ Comments

The Council Members congratulated Mr. Czekaj and welcomed him to the City. They wished everyone Happy Passover and Happy Easter. Mr. Ruediger reminded everyone that the COVID-19 vaccines will be available to everyone over 16 years of age on March 29, 2021 and he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. Mr. Lampa thanked Melanie Wilson Dudson, a Streetsboro resident, for her assistance to Seniors Citizens and others regarding signing up for an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, which was sometimes a frustrating process.

Announcements

City Hall will be closed on April 2, 2021 for Good Friday. There will be a Public Hearing-Zoning Text Amendment, a Safety Committee Meeting, a Service Committee Meeting and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, April 12, 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. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Council President