

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President. There was a moment of silence in place of an invocation and then Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Jon Hannan, Jennifer Wagner, Chuck Kocisko

ABSENT: Julie Field [joined at 7:57 p.m.], [vacancy-Ward 2]

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Frank Beni, Law Director  
Patricia Wain, Police Chief  
Rich Polivka, Police Lieutenant  
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief  
Justin Czekaj, City Engineer  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council  
[by Zoom video conferencing:]  
Justin Ring, Council Member  
Sara Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Melissa Procop, Mayor's Administrative Assistant

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MRS. FIELD WHO WAS ON HER WAY.**

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

Mr. Ring reported that City Council and the Mayor had received an email today from Councilman John Ruediger resigning his position on City Council.

**MOTION: FOR CITY COUNCIL TO FORMALLY ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN RUEDIGER FROM CITY COUNCIL.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION: TO RECESS THIS COUNCIL MEETING TO GO INTO THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m.**

**MOTION: TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 7:39 p.m.**

**Disposition of Minutes**

None.

**Citizens' Comments**

None.

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

Chief Reinholz reported the Service Department was working hard to reinstall the 9-11 Memorial at the new fire station. The construction crew was applying the outside coating and had a couple weeks to finish that work. Chief Reinholz still expected to be able to move into the new station by May 20, 2021 with a ribbon cutting ceremony in June or July. There were still a few minor issues that needed to be finalized.

Mr. Mytinger reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had received approval from the Streetsboro School District to do Safety Land in July this year; it was cancelled in 2020. Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at noon at City Park was the motorcycle awareness program for the Senior Citizen drivers to be aware of motorcycles around them. The program would include a cookout provided by Buckeye Quality Meats. Mr. Lampa said he'd noticed a lot of action at the Senior Center and appreciated that the attendance was starting to trickle back. Mr. Mytinger said the number of programs and the attendance was increasing and they would start adding more field/day trips. Mr. Lampa wanted to schedule an event at the Senior Center to describe the programs currently available to Seniors because the programs had changed over the last couple of years.

The Council President chose to delay the emergency legislation until Mrs. Field could be present and skipped to the next agenda items to do first, second and third readings.

**First Reading**

T-7024 Zoning Text Amendment Regarding Keeping Chickens in Selected Residential Districts was not forwarded from tonight's Service Committee Meeting.

T-7039 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE THRASHER GROUP, INC., TO PREPARE A CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR AN OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER IN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO.

The Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

**Second Reading**

T-7034 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

T-7035 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

The Clerk read by title as directed for second reading.

**Third Reading**

None.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Broska mentioned the new Wild Eagle Saloon restaurant opened this weekend. The opening was very successful with people waiting 2-4 hours to be seated. Early Sunday

afternoon, Wild Eagle Saloon put a message out that they had run out of food with such a great demand.

There were some BZBA appointments to be made, but Mayor Broska had not had time to interview the candidates, so he would make the appointments at the next meeting.

Mayor Broska said when he was first elected years ago he had a plan to improve the walkability and accessibility of the outer rings of the City to the interior of the City via sidewalks and road improvements. One portion of that plan was the City-wide signalization project which was now in its final phase of final adjustments. Another portion of the plan was the SR 14 corridor, for which the City had applied for an AMATS grant, which would start this week. When the City applied for AMATS grants it generally took 4-6 years for those projects to come to fruition. Next year in July 2022 or early 2023 the ODOT SR 43 corridor project for three lanes with curbs, gutters and sidewalks would start.

In addition to SR 14 and SR 43, the Mayor wanted to address the SR 303 Roadway Improvement Program. He had provided some renderings to Council of the proposed portions of this program: 1) SR 14 and Ranch Road intersection to eliminate the roadway past Van's Tires and bring all the traffic to SR 14 and signalize that intersection; 2) widen SR 303 from SR 14 to Page Road with three lanes with curbs, gutters and sidewalks; 3) the City had applied for Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant money three times and had been turned down each time, mostly because there were not kids walking to school because it was dangerous without sidewalks but the City wanted the sidewalks so when the SR 303 corridor project was presented for funding the City would also apply for SRTS to get the sidewalks continued beyond SR 303 down Wiencek Road to the Middle School; and 4) the SR 303 and Diagonal Road intersection that would be changed to a T as a safety funded project because it was a very dangerous intersection for those unfamiliar with the layout. It had been proposed to change the SR 303 and Diagonal Road intersection to a roundabout, and the rendering was provided, but the City did not support that proposal. [Julie Field joined the meeting at 7:57 p.m.]

With the renderings for the SR 303 Roadway Improvement Program was a spreadsheet of potential project costs and funding sources. He noted that there was a lot involved with installation of sidewalks because the projects would have to do the ditches and install storm sewers. He said the City would always continue to look for other items to help with funding sources for all of these SR 303 projects. The first outlay of money for these projects would probably be 2024 (for the Wiencek Road and Anna Lane sidewalks) and the most significant portion of the outlay of money would not come until 2028 or 2029, so there was ample time to plan for this.

Mayor Broska said it was expensive but it went along with the plan to connect the outer part of the City to the inner part of City. He said they wanted to eventually start to begin the project to get sidewalks into the areas that don't have sidewalks, but if the outer part of the City could be connected to the inner part of the City first and give people the ability to walk all the way from Frost Road to downtown and from Diagonal Road to downtown and from Page Road to downtown it would do a lot for the City's connectivity and walkability. These projects were for the future but because of the way the Federal funding worked, applications and initial steps would come up soon.

Mr. Ring appreciated the explanations. He had attended a meeting on this issue last week and had noticed some of the funding was expected in 2022, but he had asked for a more realistic timeframe. He also mentioned the progress of the annual road program for taking care of the low rated roads in the next few years so a lot of this funding could come from that road program budget in future years.

Mr. Kocisko wondered where the money would actually come from. Mayor Broska said the City would plan for these projects and put some money away each year since they wouldn't be happening for 4-5-6 years, just like it did for the City-wide signalization project and the SR 14 project. Ms. Esarey added that the City would plan and save over time and depending on how the General Fund was doing and how much municipal income tax needed to be allocated to the General Fund, the City could probably use the money that would normally be allocated to the annual road program. Mr. Kocisko said he was concerned to get the regular roads fixed before moving on to these major jobs. Mayor Broska said the City was working hard on getting the existing roads resurfaced. Ms. Esarey noted that for 2021 the City only planned \$400,000 for the annual road program because about \$980,000 was needed for the City's share of the SR 14 project, plus about \$700,000 for the OPWC project. It seemed the stimulus money would not be allowed to be used for roads, so the City could take money from the General Fund carryover and transfer it to the Capital Fund. She said she had saved money this year for the SR 14 project to cover that project for this year.

Mr. Kocisko thought the states were to receive the stimulus money in April and then in May the states would disburse the money, but he had not heard anything yet. Ms. Esarey said she'd asked and learned the states were to get the money in May and then distribute ½ of it to the communities and the other ½ next year, but the communities still needed to wait on some Department of the Treasury decisions and then learn what paperwork to submit to get the actual money.

Mayor Broska felt the City had been aggressive when proposing the annual road program this year, and expected favorable bids to be opened this week. There was a \$2.5 million carryover in the General Fund last year, and if the City could not use the stimulus money for roads, the City could utilize some of the carryover for the road program. Then all the roads rated 1, 2 and most of the 3s will have been resurfaced, which was significant.

**Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency**

T-7036            AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12 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.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-67.**

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

T-7037            AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH H2O TOWERS LLC FOR THE CLEANING AND TOUCH UP PAINTING

OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE CITY'S WATER TOWER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO TIMELY ACCEPT A TIME-SENSITIVE PROPOSAL.

Clerk read by title as directed.

**MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.**

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

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-68.**

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

T-7038                    AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-59 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DEHAVEN, INC. DBA GPD GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF WATERMAIN REPLACEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS AND TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO AN OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA) PLANNING AND DESIGN LOAN AGREEMENT AND WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION LOAN AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMMENCE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND APPLICATION PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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 6-0.**

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-69.**

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

**President of Council's Comments**

Mr. Hannan said there was now a vacancy on City Council and Council had 30 days to fill the vacancy. He and the Council Clerk were working to get an ad out in the next couple of days. Council would need to make an appointment to the vacant Ward 2 seat by June 9, 2021 and may need to schedule a Special Council Meeting to interview and appoint someone.

**Council Members' Comments**

Mr. Lampa thanked Lynda Styles and Tressie Gardner for doing a great job at promoting the Senior Center activities. Mr. Lampa apologized to Council and the residents for submitting a resignation and then rescinding it; he hadn't known about the other news from Mr. Ruediger. He said he was committed to his position on Council.

Mr. Ring reminded everyone about the American Legion needing help the Saturday before Memorial Day to put flags on all the veteran's graves in town. There would also be round-robin ceremonies the morning of Memorial Day.

Mr. Kocisko mentioned the traffic signal light at Pike Parkway again. He said the wait was often over 2 minutes even when there were no cars in the turn lane and it had been that way over 1 ½ years and needed to be fixed, people were going through the light after waiting a while. Mayor Broska said they were working on it. He knew the wait could be 2-3 minutes depending on how the driver came upon the light at the end of a cycle. The whole signalization project had been a resounding success and this was a small issue at one intersection. He saw people waiting 10-15 minutes in a fast food drive thru but they didn't want to wait a couple minutes at a traffic light. The signalization system as a whole was designed to move traffic through SR 43 and SR 14 as the priority. Drivers did not have to wait for the cycle after 9 p.m. because then it was "on demand."

**Announcements**

The Community-wide Garage Sale is Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a Finance Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 starting at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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Jon Hannan, Council President