

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 9:12 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Anthony Lombardo, Jennifer Wagner, Chuck Kocisko, Julie Field

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Troy Beaver, Police Lieutenant
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, City Engineer
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Sara Fagnilli, Assistant Law Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
[by Zoom video conferencing:]
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2021 AND THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2021 – SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AS WRITTEN.

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

Citizens' Comments

None.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz reported that Lt. Grimm had distributed the Fire Department weekly activity report listing the department's training, number of runs, and PR activities w/pictures. There had been a small fire in Hudson and another mutual aid call. Compared to this time last year, the department was 15% over the number of runs. Portage County Health Department had reported an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions. The medical data showed that efficacy was about 90% for people that got the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and nearly 99% of those with severe symptoms and deaths were not fully vaccinated, so the health departments were recommending vaccinations which were still available.

The Open House at the new fire station on Saturday, August 14, 2021 had been a great success and the Fire Chief thanked everyone who played a part in that day. He thanked City Council and the public for their support to have the new station come true.

Chief Reinholz reported there would be a 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at the fire station on Saturday morning, September 11, 2021 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of that day in 2001. The 9.11 Remembrance Run would start that morning at the fire station and end at the fire station prior to the scheduled ceremony so the runners could participate. The School's Ice Cream Social was schedule for Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 2-4 at City Park prior to the first day of classes. The fire department had been busy training their new firefighters and completing some minor finishing touches on the new station.

Mr. Mytinger reported the registration was still open for the 9.11 Remembrance Run. There would be a PRCAC public meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 regarding a community stage presentation by The Thrasher Group with opportunity for public input. Mr. Mytinger would distribute the proposed community stage plans to City Council and to the public on Facebook; it was already on the Parks and Recreation website.

Mr. Ring asked, if all seven Council Members attended the PRCAC meeting regarding public input about building a permanent community stage/amphitheater, could they speak as Council Members or just as citizens. Mrs. Fagnilli said if it was just an information gathering session, all the Council Members (or 4 or more) could attend but she recommended they listen and not offer input, especially if the issue would eventually come to Council for discussion and a decision. She said Mr. Hannan and Mr. Ring were part of the Stage Committee and they could speak and present the information, but the other Council Members should not.

Mr. Mytinger reported that all of the youth program were starting to pick up and the Senior Center activity had doubled since last month, including a bus trip to Cleveland Zoo.

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-7079 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY UNPAID BILLS FOR THE COST OF GRASS CUTTING TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR FILING AS A LIEN ON THE TAX DUPLICATE OF THE OWNERS OF SAID PARCELS AND TO BE COLLECTED AS OTHER TAXES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS.

The Clerk explained that this issue had been reviewed at the last Service Committee Meeting and then forwarded to this Council Meeting because the Service Department had a few more lawns to mow which would therefore increase the amount to be applied as a lien. Mr. Miller said the updated amounts were \$1,500, \$1,500 and \$1,200, which was \$300 per cut. The homeowners were notified each time about this charge before and after the mowing was done for them; if they did not mow or pay the bill for the City to mow, this lien was the last resort.

MOTION: TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION TO REFLECT THE UPDATED AMOUNTS AS INDICATED TODAY BY THE SERVICE DIRECTOR.

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

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. 2021-119.

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

T-7086 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-180, THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. [#10]

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. 2021-120.

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

T-7087 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES OF PROPERTY TAXATION AS DETERMINED BY THE PORTAGE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING AND CERTIFYING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CITY'S CERTIFICATION.

The Clerk explained there had been a Clerk correction to the last line of the first Whereas because this ordinance had been distributed saying the Tax Budget adopted by Council in Ord. No. 2021-79 passed April 26, 2021, when actually the Tax Budget had been passed by Council on May 24, 2021. A motion of Council would be needed to accept the Clerk correction to the proper date.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE CLERK OF COUNCIL'S CORRECTION.

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

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-121.

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

T-7088 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND HOFFMAN ANALYTIC SERVICES, INC. DBA ALLOWAY TO PROVIDE EPA MANDATED SAMPLING AND TESTING OF DRINKING WATER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACT.

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. 2021-122.

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

T-7089 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
PAY THE WALTER H. DRANE COMPANY
INVOICES FOR THE 2021 UPDATES TO THE
CODIFICATION OF CITY ORDINANCES, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE
PAYMENT.

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. 2021-123.

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

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

None.

Liquor License

The Clerk had received this request in the mail. It seemed Ruby Tuesday was just changing the operator's name. The Council Members did not want to request a hearing on this item.

Mayor's Report

None.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Hannan commented that the driveway at City Park looked good since they had recently filled in some potholes. Mr. Hannan thanked the Mayor for working with the Schools and engineers to adjust the traffic light for the traffic to get out of the school quicker.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Lampa thanked the Fire Department for a great Grand Opening of the fire station and wished everyone a great Labor Day weekend. The other Council Members also praised the new fire station and the Grand Opening celebration. They were impressed by the custom build dining table. They thanked the community for the support to build the new fire station. Mr. Ring thanked Chief Reinholz who had provided a tour for his nephew, who was very excited about the fire trucks.

Mr. Ring reminded everyone to watch out for kids now that school had started, and to not pass stopped school buses, which was very dangerous.

Mr. Lombardo thanked all the department heads for their continuing hard work for the City.

Announcements

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting, a Service Committee Meeting, and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 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 Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Council President