

## Regular Council Meeting of April 5, 2021

- A. Mayor Duane Pouder opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- B. The Lord's Prayer was recited.
- C. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- D. Roll call was taken with Michael Coning, David Champ, Eric Rust, Chiane Tedrow, and Brad Horsley were present, Nicole Whitesel was absent.

Councilman Michael Coning motioned to excuse Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel and Councilman Brad Horsley seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

### **E. Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Department Head Reports
3. Accounts Payable with "now and then" March 1-31, 2021
4. Statement of Balances April 1, 2021
5. April 1, 2021 Municipal Income Tax Report
6. April 1, 2021 Debt Report
7. General Fund and Payroll Bank Statements
8. Village Council Minutes March 1 & 15, 2021

Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to consent of agenda and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

### **F. Village Citizens:**

Chelsea Stewart, 502-604 E. Main Street, addressed council about the no parking on S. Division Street. She is requesting to amend the Ordinance from 1993 and have the sign moved up in front of where their vehicles park. Councilman Brad Horsley commented the Ordinance was put in place for a reason. John Hanna, property owner, has owned the property for 21 years stated the parking had never been an issue until Pinney's put a hair saloon in the building. Parking in the past was for 10 or 15 minutes, now cars may be parked there for hours. The house was originally bought to put offices space in because at that time, that is how it was zoned. The zoning has reverted back to residential years ago. Concerns were expressed about children waiting for the school bus since this is a school bus stop. Chelsea Stewart is asking council to move the sign closer to the corner of Main and Division allowing them to park next to their house. She also stated that she is not concerned about her vehicle being hit by another vehicle. Vehicles are not seeing the sign and parking to the corner. There have been several accidents at that intersection. Mayor Duane Pouder will meet with Police Chief Mark Ater and Utility Supervisor Rick Reichard and see what can be done. Chelsea Stewart asked if the curb could be striped. Councilman Michael Coning stated that if this is made public parking, if you pull away, anyone can park there. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow

suggested talking to Pinneys about how the cars are parked randomly, maybe stop blocks would help.

Paul Hartzell, 625 E. Elm Street informed Mayor/Council about the City-Wide garage sales Memorial Day Weekend. The Christian Book Store is the contact, people must register with them to be put on the map.

Tim Wells from the Mississinawa School Art Department updated council on the art project for Union City Ohio and Indiana. A letter was sent out requesting funds for the project. A mural for the via-duct was discussed as well as power washing and painting the via-duct. Lilly, an art student passed out a proposed picture of the artwork for the via-duct. There are 7 students working on the via-duct project and they want to combine their artwork to tell a story of Union City. This would include the farming side of Ohio, a train and church. The artwork will be very detailed. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow stated the FFA has been a big part of farming and the community. Heritage Days will also be represented. Music also is a big part of our community and they have reached out to Chris Hawkey. On the right side of the via-duct will represent the spirit of the school. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow asked if anyone had a picture of the old school and was directed to contact either Betty Grimes or Betty Teagarden. The drawings will be done in color and painted on metal, it will then be installed on the via-duct., The goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for the project, they have received two (2) \$1,000.00 grants, painting will be done at a discounted cost as a donation, another donation of \$750.00 was received last Thursday. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow also stated she was involved with the fund raising. Utility Supervisor Rick Reichard would barricade the road so the work could be done on the via-duct but would need two (2) to three (3) weeks' notice so that the Fire/Rescue Department could be notified of the closure. Councilman Eric Rust stated the via-duct should be painted with a white background, but not too much time prior to the installation of the mural so that no vandalism would occur.

**G. Project:**

Darin Reeves from Mote and Associates briefly updated council on the ongoing projects. The Detention Pond Project will be bid out this month. The Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project will be finishing up soon. Darin Reeves presented to Mayor/Council a 10-year plan for street repair. This plan did not take into consideration if the gas companies would replace gas lines, if that would happen, the street probably would be a full reconstruction. Some streets would be a chip and seal repair, some a crack and seal repair and some will be mill and fill and some will require an FDR. Streets were graded on pavement 1-100 based on ODOT PCR and all other issues 1-5 with one (1) needs improvement and five (5) being new. The Village cannot wait on grant money to make these improvements because the streets can get bad and expensive to repair if they do not do something. Councilman Eric Rust asked what streets he would choose to do first, he is the professional. He suggested that some streets the Village could do a crack and seal and get another 10 years life out of them. Councilman Michael Coning asked what an FDR was. An FDR was a full depth reconstruction, lime, cement as a stabilizer, grade, and pave, you do not have to tear the street out and remove. Council discussed different

options but concluded that we need to know what the cost for each repair would be and then determine how much repair could be done with the current budget.

#### **H. Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Duane Pouder made a brief announcement, the Village will have four (4) council seats up for election in November. The seats currently held by Michael Coning, Chiane Tedrow, Brad Horsley and Nicole Whitesel. He urges each council member to run again to obtain stability in council.

Village Administration/Fiscal Officer told council there is a certificate in their packets, Tax Administration represented Mayor/Council and Administrative Office in obtaining the required training for the Open Public Records and Open Meetings laws as required by Section 149.43 and 109.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### **I. Committee Reports:**

No committee meetings.

#### **J. Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Resolution 2021-03-Emergency Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)" and declaring an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only and Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-03-Second Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)" and declaring an emergency.

Resolution 2021-03-Third Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)"and declaring an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to pass Resolution 2021-03 as an emergency and Councilman Eric Rust seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

#### **K. Old Business:**

1. Update-Overpopulation of cats in Village. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow has research for grants, Pet Smart and Pet Co offer grants that would cover the price of having them spayed or neutered, they also offer grants that would cover the cost of transporting the cats. She is also reaching out to area Veterinary interested in participating. Rural King would be willing to work with the community providing traps. More information to come at the next meeting.

2. Village of Union City website, Tonya Coning to get specifics from council. Gary Elliott of Whitestone Computers is assisting in helping set up the website for the Village and has several questions for council. Do we want only Ohio businesses? Councilman Brad Horsley stated we are one community and need to include businesses from both Ohio and Indiana. If someone is moving here, they have a better view of what

is in the area. Do we want a forum column? Councilman Brad Horsley stated no, we have enough drama on social media. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow suggested that before it was posted, it must be approved. Council concurred that we do not want a forum column. Pictures of the Mayor and all Council members will be on the website along with some employees. Council concurred that no personal emails would be listed. The only emails will be the Administrative staff. The website will have other accounts linked to it such as the school.

**L. New Business:**

1. Application of Justin Miller for the Union City Police Department police officer position. Councilman Eric Rust motioned to approve the application of Justin Miller and Councilman Chiane Tedrow seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

2. Brush Police for Union City to be approved by council for 2021 year. VA/Fiscal Officer Karen Stubbs requested to make an addition to the policy. We have a resident who cut down several trees which amounts of three (3) to four (4) dump trucks full of wood and brush, can we limit how much brush we will pick up. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to approve the brush policy with an additional provision to limit brush removal to one (1) truck load per year and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

3. Application of Cody Dirksen-Fire/Rescue. Councilman David Champ motioned to approve the application of Cody Dirksen and Councilman Michael Coning seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

4. Purchase Order Requests:

Public Service-Buckeye State Pipe-\$931.23. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to issue purchase order to Buckeye State Pipe in the amount of \$931.23 and Councilman Eric Rust seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Cares-White Stone Computers-\$2969.98. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to issue purchase order to White Stone Computers in the amount of \$2969.98 and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

General-Keystone-\$1210.00, Councilman Eric Rust motioned to issue purchase order to Keystone in the amount of \$1210.00 and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-04-Emergency Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)" and declaring an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-04-Second Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)" and declaring an emergency.

Resolution 2021-04-Third Reading-"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)" and declaring an emergency. Councilman Michael Coning motioned to pass Resolution

2021-04 as an emergency and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

**M. Emergency Business/Ordinances:** None

**N. Call of Council:**

Councilman Eric Rust showed Mayor/Council a broken bracket from the new piece of playground equipment. Four (4) of these brackets have broken prior to completing the installation of the playground equipment. Utility Supervisor Rick Reichard stated they should have been stainless steel, that is not an option with the company. He stated he can talk to Woodbury Welding to manufacture brackets. VA/Fiscal Officer asked if the equipment could be sent back. Councilman Brad Horsley commented that we should remove all the playground equipment, mow the lot, and lock it. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow objected stating the kids need someplace to play that live on the North side of town. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow requested the Park Committee look at the issue. Councilman Eric Rust stated we cannot keep a piece of playground equipment that is not safe for children to play on. Several people commented they would not allow their children to play on unsafe playground equipment. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to send back the playground equipment and Councilman David Champ seconded. Councilman Michael Coning, Councilman David Champ, Councilman Eric Rust and Councilman Brad Horsley, yea, Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow, nay, motion carried.

Councilman Brad Horsley asked about rezoning a property on Melvin Eley from R-1 to R-2. Zoning Chairman Homer Stammen stated he was waiting on the property owner to make the request. Councilman Brad Horsley requested the procedure to be emailed to him.

Chairman of Zoning Homer Stammen addressed council that he thought the old Marsh building is not zoned properly with the current owner. He thinks it should be zone I-1. Council discussed with no action to be taken.

Councilman Eric Rust asked if the bus on Sycamore Street ever moved, it is causing damage to the street by parking there. VA/Fiscal Officer Karen Stubbs stated it does move occasionally.

**O. Communications and Announcements:**

**P. Executive Session:**

**Q. Adjournment or Recess:**

Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to adjourn, and Councilman David Champ seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Duane Pouder, Mayor

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Karen Stubbs, VA/Fiscal Officer