

Regular Council Meeting of October 4, 2022

- A. Mayor Duane Pouder opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- B. The Lord's Prayer was waived.
- C. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- D. Roll call was taken with Tom Oliver, Eric Rust, Chiane Tedrow, Zach Pruitt, and Nicole Whitesel was present. Robin Meinerding was absent.
  
- E. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 1. Approval of the Agenda
  - 2. Department Head Reports
  - 3. Accounts Payable with "now and then" September 1-30, 2022
  - 4. Statement of Balances October 1, 2022
  - 5. October 1, 2022 Municipal Income Tax Report
  - 6. October 1, 2022 Debt Report
  - 7. General Fund and Payroll Bank Statements
  - 8. Village Council Minutes September 2022

Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to excuse Robin Meinerding, councilwoman Chiane Tedrow second. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to consent of agenda and Councilman Zach Pruitt second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

- F. **Village Citizens:** None

- G. **Project:**

Greg Bailey with Ohio Valley Gas was here to discuss the rite away on North Street for their new gas line project. He believes there is enough rite away without tearing up North Street. He received a copy of the map to take back for their planning. He would like to be put on November's agenda to discuss further project details and have a contract stating if they do need to break up the sidewalks they will replace them. They will have to cut North Street in at least one spot, possibly two spots, one on Division and one on Stateline. They are projecting this project will start in the spring of 2023.

There is no update on Smith's General Contracting. Tyler Jenkinson stated he has the fire wall up in the street department and has contracted with Jason Stump for the electric. He has not finished the Fire Department. The Village Solicitor has been contacted.

- H. **Administrative Reports:**

None

**I. Committee Reports:**

Street Committee Meeting, Finance/Audit Meeting, and CIC Meeting Minutes were given to Council.

**J. Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Resolution 2022-06 **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION OF UNION CITY, OHIO TO CERTIFY DELIQUENT WATER, SEWER, WASTE HAUL AND MOWING CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX DUPLICATE”**, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Zach Pruitt motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only and Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-06 -Second Reading-**“ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION OF UNION CITY, OHIO TO CERTIFY DELIQUENT WATER, SEWER, WASTE HAUL AND MOWING CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX DUPLICATE”**, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution 2022-06-Third Reading-**“ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION OF UNION CITY, OHIO TO CERTIFY DELIQUENT WATER, SEWER, WASTE HAUL AND MOWING CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX DUPLICATE”**, and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to pass Resolution 2022-06 as an emergency and Councilman Zach Pruitt seconded it. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-07 **“A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A MEMORIAL IN RAILROAD PARK IN HONOR OF BETTY GRIMES”**, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Zach Pruitt motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only and Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-07 **“A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A MEMORIAL IN RAILROAD PARK IN HONOR OF BETTY GRIMES”**, and declaring an emergency.

Resolution 2022-07 **“A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A MEMORIAL IN RAILROAD PARK IN HONOR OF BETTY GRIMES”**, and declaring an emergency. Councilman Zach Pruitt motioned to pass Resolution 2022-07 as an emergency and Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded it. The voice vote passed unanimously.

**K. Old Business:**

1. Street Lights at the Sewer Plant, AEP never gave a quote but all the lights are up down the lane of the Sewer Plant and it makes a tremendous difference for the Street, water, and sewer department.
2. Payroll and Budget Program- Fiscal Officer Tonya Coning is checking into UAN. She will have answers at the next council meeting in November.
3. First Financial Bank is closing in December and will be across state line in Indiana at the beginning of the year. Mayor Duane Pouder asked if Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator would check into other banking options in Greenville Ohio or Ansonia Ohio.
4. No updates on the fire hydrants. Chief Mark Ater will get with Greg Miller and see if he has any updates. The yellow paint is supposed to be here next week.
5. The backhoe has been brought down to Case to be repaired.

**L. New Business:**

1. Purchase Order Request- Councilman Eric Rust motion to pay \$5565.00 and maybe more to Case to repair the backhoe. This is just an estimated quote until they can fully look the whole thing over. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.  
Councilman Eric Rust motioned to pay \$875 to Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy for Firearms Instructor Course for Justin Miller. Councilman Tom Oliver seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.  
Chief Mark Ater requested to table \$5435.00 for All American Fire until he finds out if the bill was meant to go to the Fire Grant instead of the Village.  
Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to pay \$425 to Hydrojet for the Welcome to Union City sign on State Route 571. Councilman Zach Pruitt seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.  
Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to pay \$2226.33 to Brown Equipment to repair the street sweeper. Councilman Tom Oliver seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.  
Councilman Eric Rust motioned to pay a total of \$4783.09 to Shockney Electric for pump repair. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.
2. Rick Reichard updated council on the pickup truck for the Water/Sewer/Street Department. The last time he spoke with them production of the truck was set for December. They reached out to him and let him know they moved the production of the truck up to the middle of October of this year.
3. Councilman Eric Rust motioned to draw up a contract for R.J. Painting and Tree Service for \$500 yearly for boom truck use to help hang flags and Christmas

wreaths and other services we do not have the equipment for. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

4. Councilman Eric Rust motioned to draw up a contract for all snow removal companies for overflow snow to help the street department if we get heavy snowfalls this season at \$150 an hour per unit as a second source and post it on the Village website. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

4. Finance and Audit recommended raising the wages on the Water/Sewer/Street department from \$14.00 an hour to starting wage of \$17.00 with a dollar increase after 90 days. They also recommended raising the supervisor wage to \$21.00, with an annual raise and a \$.50 increase per certifications acquired. Councilman Zach Pruitt motioned to draw up an Ordinance in accordance to Finance and Audit. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

#### **M. Emergency Business/Ordinances:**

#### **N. Call of Council:**

Councilman Eric Rust asked for an update on Eastside Park. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow said she has a calendar of volunteers until August of 2023. They will take the trash out to the curb every Thursday for Friday morning pickup. The park equipment has not been paid for because we don't have a correct invoice. Chiane stated she will contact the company first thing Wednesday morning to get the correct invoice.

Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow asked about the food vendors being parked in the parking lot and they are crowding the entrance and parking lot. Chief Mark Ater said the Attorney will have to figure out the price that we can charge and policy procedure for them using Railroad Park.

Councilman Eric Rust asked about the trick or trunk in Railroad Park. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow stated she didn't get it set up for this year but plans to continue it.

Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to follow Indiana schedule for trick or treat on October 29, 2022 from 7-9 p.m. Councilman Zach Pruitt seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow stated she was contacted from Mississinawa Valley School Superintendent Mr. Jeff Winchester about trees hanging over the streets and scratching up the top of the buses and scaring the special needs children on the bus. They have sent Chiane pictures. The trees are not on Village property and the homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the trees. Tonya Coning stated she needs addresses to send letters to the property owners. Councilman Eric Rust suggested if a councilmember is addressed with any issues they need to let the person know it should be properly reported to the Village Administrator. Council recommended sending letters to property

owners and give them 30 days to trim the trees or the village will trim them at their expense at \$20 an hour as what is stated in the Ordinance.

Rick Reichard gave a speech on his last meeting. He hopes the Village will continue to make improvements. He recommends the Village to go forward to building it's own water plant. He also recommends we continue with the street improvements. He thinks the social media post defacing the Village should be banned and there should be consequences. His last day working for the Village is October 17, 2022.

**O. Communications and Announcements:**

Next Council Meeting will be November 1, 2022 at 6 pm.

**P. Executive Session:**

Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel called an executive session for personnel. Councilman Eric Rust seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 7:45 pm. Council resumed regular council meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Q. Adjournment or Recess:**

Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motioned to adjourn. Councilman Eric Rust seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:05.

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Duane Pouder, Mayor

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Tonya Coning/ Fiscal Officer