

Video Conference  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Council met via video conference in regular session with eight of the nine members present: Phillips, Nickerson, Tatman, Lewis, Gillum, Shoemaker, Corcoran and Proehl. Councilwoman Payne was absent. Also, in attendance were Mayor Feeney, City Auditor Spetnagel and Law Director Villarreal. This meeting was video conferenced due to the COVID-19 pandemic and followed the guidelines of the Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost, allowing the public to listen to the meeting safely.

President Arnold inquired if there was a motion to excuse Ms. Payne from the meeting tonight. Ms. Corcoran moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that Ms. Payne be excused from the meeting. All members present voted “yea”, and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Nickerson moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 28, 2020 be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted “yea”, and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Safety Service Committee:**

Ms. Gillum stated that the Safety Service Committee did not have any items on the agenda but that she is looking forward to working on an assignment that was carried over into the new year regarding livestock within the City limits. She added that she looks forward to discussing some ideas to help rectify that situation.

### **Development Committee:**

Ms. Nickerson stated that the Development Committee has one item on the agenda, Item #2, which is an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$5,217.75 received as payoff of a CHIP mortgage. She stated that at the appropriate time she will ask to waive the three-read rule so that they can get this taken care of quickly.

### **Finance / Technology Committee:**

Mr. Proehl reported the Finance Committee did not have anything on the agenda and that there was nothing to report for his committee at this time.

### **Engineering Committee:**

Mr. Shoemaker stated that the Engineering Committee did not have anything on the agenda and that he did not have anything forthcoming at this time. President Arnold mentioned that there will be an item from 2019 regarding Nuisance Abatement that his committee will have the opportunity to work on this year.

### **Utilities Committee:**

Mr. Tatman reported that the Utilities Committee did not have any items on the agenda. He said that he does have two items looming for this year dealing with Water and Sewer that he will get working on as soon as possible in order to get them taken care of.

### **City Services / Transit Committee:**

Ms. Lewis reported that the City Services Committee has one item on the agenda, Item #3, which is the first reading of a Resolution authorizing the auction of miscellaneous items. She stated that at the appropriate time she will ask to waive the three-read rule. She also stated that City Services has two outstanding items, #20-107 which is looking over the recycling fees and #20-124 which is looking over the taxi cab fees. She said she is collecting information on that and will plan to have a committee meeting probably the beginning of next month.

### **Community Affairs Committee:**

Mr. Phillips stated that the Community Affairs Committee has Item #1 on the agenda, which is the third reading of an Ordinance supporting Adena Regional Medical Center's HRSA Grant Project and allocating \$10,000.00 for use toward a Fair Housing Assessment. He also stated that they are fortunate enough to have the first official committee assignment of 2021, which is a request for legislation for the closure of a small area of Second Street for the Buck Fifty Race. He added that he would like to hold a committee meeting next Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. so that they can discuss it and hear from Dave Huggins. Mr. Huggins will present what he is hoping will be able to transpire by taking the Buck Fifty to a different venue and different setting and hopefully marry that with downtown. He added that it could be good for both entities.

### **Human Resources Committee:**

President Arnold spoke in Ms. Payne's absence and stated that the Human Resources Committee did not have any items on the agenda but that there is an older assignment regarding elected officials receiving the 457 Plan that Ms. Payne will be moving forward with this year.

### **Parks & Recreation Committee:**

Ms. Corcoran reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee did not have any items on the agenda and nothing else outstanding to report on.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICIALS**

### **Report of Mayor Feeney:**

Mayor Feeney said that he would keep his comments quick tonight because apparently there is a football game going on. He stated that several have asked him about the status of the Pepsi building and its availability as shelter for homeless in our community this winter. He said that the City has a proposed lease from Community Action that has been sent over to the Law Director's office. He said that as soon as we get approval to enter into an agreement that we will be able to turn over the reigns to Community Action to get going on that.

Mayor Feeney said he wanted to comment on Councilwoman Lewis's work on taxi cab, and for really anybody, not to hesitate to stop by the Administration building or the Auditor's office for information on any items like that. He said some of these things have files that are already developed and might be able to save some leg work in research and accumulating information.

Mayor Feeney said that he received an email recently that the City was awarded from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) via the Ohio University Voinovich School Scholarship again this year to host an OU student to be an intern this summer. Last year Sam Smith was an intern for the City who did a great job and was particularly useful in a year when there were so many changes and adjustments. He said receiving this again is exciting and gave many thanks to MORPC and the Voinovich School for the scholarship that will be a definite benefit to the community. He said that it will result in legislation where the City will appropriate money that will then be reimbursed by the school.

### **Report of Auditor Spetnagel:**

City Auditor Spetnagel stated that she did not have anything to report tonight. She said they are just finishing up the year-end items. She said they have one more transaction to do, and they will be done and able to close. She said she will be presenting the year-end financial statements soon and will keep everyone updated on that date.

### **Report of Law Director Villarreal:**

City Law Director Villarreal stated that she had the Law Director's Office Annual Report that they will be giving to Council tomorrow. She said it outlines the 2020 year-end totals such as Prosecution of Cases, how many Automatic License Suspension Hearings they had, how many Traffic Diversion cases, Underage Alcohol Diversion cases, Legal Opinions to Law Enforcement

and City Officials, Civil and Appeals Court Litigation cases that are currently going on, Bankruptcy cases, Preparation and Approval of City Ordinances and Resolutions, and Collection of Overdue Utilities and Income Tax funds. She said they have all of that prepared, and it will be going out tomorrow.

**Report of President Arnold:**

President Arnold said that he again wanted to tell everybody how much he appreciates them and all of their hard work last year. He then presented information on what all had been accomplished in the past year. He stated that there were 128 total assignments, 111 assignments were passed, 21 resolutions passed, with some of the assignments having multiple ordinances. He said that currently there are 12 outstanding assignments, 3 of which are pending and are currently on tonight's agenda. He also stated that there are 5 assignments open from 2020, with 1 being committed, and 4 assignments from 2019.

More specifically:

19-093	Safety Services	Livestock in City limits
19-103	Engineering	Nuisance Abatement
19-127	Human Resources	Elected Officials 457 Plan
19-128	Utilities	\$475,000 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase Wastewater
20-022	Safety Services	\$149,833 Fire Station Design (Committed)
20-095	Transit	Taxi Cab Ordinance
20-098	Utilities	Rules & Regulations
20-107	City Services	Fees Recycle / Dumpsters
20-110	Development	50 West Promotion Van

President Arnold said that they did very well and that he is very proud of everybody. He pointed out that there were six new members this past year, and they did a great job.

President Arnold then presented images to Council to show the updates and modifications to the City Council Chambers. These changes were made in order to be in compliance with COVID-19 safety recommendations for both Council members and the public for if and when they are able to get back into Chambers. The images showed plexiglass between individual seats at the tables resembling cubicles, as well as individual wireless microphones for each member and elected official. There was also a plexiglass partition placed between the Council members and the audience. President Arnold mentioned that there were also additional cameras installed, which will tie into a new production platform enabling Council to have the availability to stream live to not only Facebook, but also YouTube, Horizonview, and Spectrum soon, as well as a whole host of other platforms sometime in the future. He stated that all of this is due to the COVID funds that were provided to make things safer for Council and also to make City Council more available to the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Arnold provided information during the public participation portion of the Council meeting to enable the public to communicate with City Council if desired. He added that contact information for any other time is on the website for each Council person if anyone needs to contact them. There were no participants during this meeting.

**PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported on the receipt of a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of the issuance of a permit and Transfer of Ownership for Crosskeys Tavern located at 17-19 East Main Street in Chillicothe, Ohio. The ownership transfer request was from Daltho, Inc. dba: Crosskeys Tavern to Bexlar, LLC dba: Crosskeys Tavern.

There were no objections by Council to this permit application and transfer of ownership.

## COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

There will be a committee meeting next Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Community Affairs assignment.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

President Arnold announced that there is one new committee assignment since the last meeting for inclusion in the Journal of Council:

**Community Affairs:** Request for legislation for closure of Second Street for the Buck Fifty Race

## READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 01-21 supporting Adena Regional Medical Center's HRSA Grant Project and allocating \$10,000.00 for use toward a Fair Housing Assessment was read for the third time by title only. All eight members present voted "yea" on the item, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 01-21 adopted.

Ord. No. 02-21 accepting and appropriating \$5,217.75 received as payoff of a CHIP mortgage and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Nickerson moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted "yea" and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 02-21 adopted.

Res. No. 01-21 authorizing the auction of miscellaneous items, including City owned vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Lewis moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted "yea" and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Resolution No. 01-21 adopted.

President Arnold inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Nickerson moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All eight members present voted "yea" and President Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council