

Council met via video conference in regular session with all nine members present: Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Tatman, Lewis, Gillum, Shoemaker, Corcoran and Proehl. Also, in attendance were Mayor Feeney, City Law Director Villarreal, City Auditor Spetnagel and Information Technology Specialist Paul Gillum. 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.

Mr. Shoemaker moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 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 reported that the Safety Service Committee had one item on the agenda, Item #15, which is appropriating \$20,000.00 for use towards the purchase of uniforms, body armor, and other essential items to equip newly hired Police Officers and declaring an emergency. Ms. Gillum stated that at the appropriate time she will request to waive the three-read rule, seeking to pass this item tonight. She also asked for reconsideration for legislation that was passed by Council during the July 27th meeting, Ordinance #51-20, regarding underspeed vehicles. This Ordinance indicates in Section 2, Chapter 343 (d)5 that there be working windshield wipers on the vehicle, and she requested that the requirement be removed. Ms. Gillum moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the requirement for working windshield wipers from Section 2, Chapter 343 (d)5 be removed. All members present voted “yea”, and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

Development Committee

Ms. Nickerson reported that the Development Committee had one item on the agenda, Item #17, which is a Resolution accepting and supporting the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs and declaring an emergency. Ms. Nickerson stated that at the appropriate time she will request to waive the three-read rule, seeking to pass this item tonight.

Finance / Technology Committee

Mr. Proehl reported the Finance Committee had several items on the agenda, the first being Item #11, which is consolidating five bond issues of the City of Chillicothe and declaring an emergency; this would include Items #6, #7, #8, #9 and #10 on the agenda., all of which at the appropriate time he would ask that Council waive the three-read rule and seek passage tonight. Mr. Proehl mentioned Item #12, which is appropriating funds in the amount of \$46,062.00 for necessary technology upgrades at the City Administration Building, and will be going to the second reading. He said that his committee also had Item #13, which is appropriating \$75,000.00 for City Income Tax Refunds and declaring an emergency, and Item #14, which is accepting and appropriating CARES Act Grant funds in the amount of \$661,924.50 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Proehl stated at the appropriate time he will request to waive the three-read rule, seeking to pass these items tonight as well.

Engineering Committee

Mr. Shoemaker reported that the Engineering Committee had one item on the agenda tonight that was presented at a Public Hearing prior to this Council meeting, Item #1, which is approving the action of the Planning Commission of the City of Chillicothe with regard to a lot split and zoning boundary adjustments for property located on Stoneridge Drive and Western Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Shoemaker also mentioned that there are several items that his committee will be discussing at the next committee meeting next Monday that include Second Street 2-way conversion, an alley dedication, Western Avenue widening, and parking meters.

Utilities Committee

Mr. Tatman reported that the Utilities Committee had several items on the agenda: Items #2, which is the third reading of an ordinance approving a contract between the City and Burgess & Niple for professional services for preparation of an Ohio EPA required Asset Management Plan and assistance with the implementation of said plan and appropriating \$50,000.00 for their services; Item #3, which is the second reading of an ordinance relating to fees the City of Chillicothe Water Department will charge for water taps, user fees, and other special services and repealing Ordinance #74-02; Item #4, which is the second reading of an ordinance adopting the revised Utility Department Rules & Regulations, repealing the current Rules & Regulations; and Item #5, which is the second reading of an ordinance appropriating \$25,000.00 for the purchase of Utilities Department water meters. Mr. Tatman also stated that he would like to request a Special Meeting on the upcoming Monday to go over and hopefully pass the \$2,140,000 Wastewater Treatment Plant assignment #20-080. Mr. Tatman moved and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion to have a Special Council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to read and discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant legislation. All members present voted “yea”, and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Corcoran had a question regarding two of the items Mr. Tatman had mentioned, Item #3 and Item #4, wanting clarification on if one of them was supposed to be tabled until there could be a public forum. Mr. Tatman replied that he would like to get the second readings out of the way and then make any necessary changes before the third reading.

Mr. Shoemaker also inquired if Mr. Tatman would be working with Utilities Director Fishel to make the amendments. Mr. Tatman answered “yes and no”.

President Arnold spoke in regards to the public forum idea Ms. Corcoran had mentioned, and said that unfortunately that is not possible at this time due to the Governor’s directive and the limitation of how many people can gather/meet at one place, inside or out. He added that any type of meeting would have to be virtual.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she thinks it is important to be transparent and have some sort of means where the landlords can speak and be heard because it is such a contentious subject.

President Arnold clarified that he is not disagreeing with that, but that it is just not possible to have a public meeting at this point.

Ms. Gillum stated that she is unsure why Council would go ahead with a second read if they are not really where they want to be with that legislation to begin with.

Mr. Tatman answered that they are but that they are considering amendments, and that he would like to go ahead and get this to the third read; because, they would have two weeks to work on it.

Ms. Payne questioned why they would want to go ahead and take it to the third read if there are so many in the public who have questions on this.

Mr. Tatman answered that he knew there were questions on this but what Council is asking to do is the same thing that Ross County Water and the City of Circleville is already doing. He said that he is just having some issues getting the things amended that he wants to be amended but that he has no problem going to the third read.

Mr. Phillips added that he thinks that based on the last couple of attempts to have public participation on this subject and that it has been the subject that he has probably had more messages and texts over than anything else. He said he wonders if it is the look, because he thinks that the landlords and tenants feel that we have not given them a space, and that he doesn’t know if this is a good look to move to a third reading, although he understands it doesn’t move legislation into law, but that is just a concern that he has.

President Arnold commented that the new Council members have not witnessed the numerous public meetings with this same information that is in this legislation now with a packed audience into Council chambers that have voiced and given their personal feelings about this, literally the same thing Council is discussing now. He said he is only making the observation that there have been personal input discussions on this same matter more than once with packed crowds in Council chambers.

Ms. Nickerson stated that she understands that but that it was not presented to them.

President Arnold agreed with that point and said he was just making an observation.

Mr. Shoemaker stated that he left the last committee meeting with the understanding that Council was going to address those issues before it came back to Council.

Mr. Tatman said that they have one issue that is typing this up but said that he does not have an objection to not reading it again. He added that he understands that the new people on Council probably do not get the whole picture and that they are receiving phone calls and have reservations. He said the only thing they are trying to do is clean up so the City can collect delinquent bills, and the responsibility falls on the owner of the property. He said he is looking into making an amendment, but he would like for the Council members, especially the new ones, to dig into this legislation and look and see what is really going on. He added that if Council wanted him to hold off on reading this tonight that he does not have a problem with that either. He stressed that the year is almost over and they have not gotten anything done with this yet. He said they could have another blow out session with the landlords who are aware of what Council is trying to do which they don't want us to do it, but that does not make it wrong. He stated that we are just trying to protect the City's best interest.

Mr. Shoemaker said that he personally would like to see it come back.

Ms. Nickerson said she too would like to see it come back and that she feels it looks bad. Most of the members are new and they really have not had anything presented to them as far as the landlords and their opinions on the matter. She added that she thinks the landlords are entitled to tell Council their side no matter how colorful it gets.

Mr. Tatman stated to President Arnold that Item #4 would not be read tonight, and it was agreed.

City Services / Transit Committee

Ms. Lewis reported that the City Services Committee had one item on the agenda, Item #16, which is adding Section 917.20, Duty to Collect and Dispose of Items After Eviction, to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, which will go onto the second reading.

Human Resources Committee

Ms. Payne reported that the Human Resources Committee did not have anything on the agenda tonight but that her committee was working on a new assignment to request legislation for the Mayor to offer at his personal discretion personal time off to new or re-hired non-bargaining employees. Ms. Payne added that she would like to be put on the committee agenda for next Monday if there is room to discuss this.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Feeney:

Mayor Feeney said that there is a longer agenda tonight and that he would comment on some of the highlights. He stated that much of what has lengthened the agenda has been Auditor Spetnagel's savvy refinancing of some of the City's debt. In 2013 he thought he was saving money by refinancing some of the outstanding notes but that Auditor Spetnagel has outdone that by a mile on the savings she is setting up for the City, adding that he would ask for support from Council on those refinances and that interest rates are favorable right now.

Mayor Feeney stated that with regard to the items just discussed about the water rates and the water rules and regulations, that he thinks that particularly in these times with strange access and limited ability to appear in person and the dual issue of Council being informed and making sure that we pass things that the public can feel informed about, he said that he thinks he would put doing it right versus the urgency of getting it passed soon, although he said he would say to Councilman Tatman's point this is something that has been outstanding for a while. He said he gets the sense of Councilman Tatman wanting to move this forward, and he gets the sense also that Council members wanting to be fully informed. He added that he can imagine being in their position getting inundated with questions and it not being content that you created and that can be a difficult thing. Mayor Feeney said that he has been in communication with Director Fishel who is more than happy to attend a committee meeting, special meeting, or whatever it might be and will work with the Mayor and Council to provide whatever it is that is needed. He added that one thing he would caution is

there is a rule that if there is a substantial change to the ordinance as presented when it is amended, it might have to go back to the beginning as opposed to just being amended on the spot and wanted to caution Council of that if the changes are too broad. He restated that he appreciates both sides of the issue and that it is one we would like to resolve one way or the other before too long.

Mayor Feeney said that there is a request in front of Council, Item #12, regarding technology upgrades for the City Administration building. He said that IT Specialist, Paul Gillum, has been on board for almost a year and one of the things he was tasked with early on was basically doing an assessment of the City's IT situation. One of the things we already knew is that it was a mess, and Paul has worked on an IT rehaul for the building. This request is an end result of his analysis. This information was to be presented to Council months ago, but a couple of things have happened. One, everything froze because of the Coronavirus, and two, the amount requested needed to be broken down among the different funds that would share the cost. He stated that this is a one-time opportunity because a new server is necessary in Utilities and getting down to one or two servers in the building as opposed to five or six would be ideal. He said he is not eager to appropriate this type of money right now but that the amount of money the City will spend over the next two or three years to essentially not spend it now is also problematic.

Paul Gillum stated that he believes that whenever he gave the original presentation that many of the new Council members may have been in the audience. He said the building is subpar at best and is really divided as far as the networking and infrastructure standpoint. He said that getting things in shape will not only improve security but functionality of all staff as well.

Mayor Feeney stated that as a consideration on an item like this, that is an appropriation at an odd time but also one that is relatively time sensitive, that it could be added to next week's special meeting agenda so that Council can still get three reads but pass it in a timespan of two weeks instead of up to six. He added that this is something that if there is anything else that Council would want to get an extra read in that the special meeting might be a time to do that.

Mayor Feeney stated that he had an interesting meeting regarding hiring a new Police Chief, and said the City is using a more comprehensive assessment than has been used in the past. It is an assessment that has been approved by the Civil Service Commission that is a multi-part test with a written component as well as other components. He said it is interesting to be part of a national organization that does multiples of these tests and have talked with the HR Director, the Safety-Service Director and himself about things that might aid in the selection of a new Chief. He added that this Saturday is the deadline for applications for Police hiring and that there are various ways to access this application and/or obtain additional information. He stated that they are also doing a new testing method for the Police hires. Instead of having everybody congregate into a single location, they are enabling applicants to take a test at a testing center at their own convenience as opposed to having to show up at one single place. He said he believes this might open up the applicant pool a little bit and maybe even spread the region that we draw people from.

Mayor Feeney said that he has received a couple of inquiries lately about the status of the Western Avenue / Route 50 project. He said that because it is a Route 50 project it is ultimately managed by ODOT. He said that he is not aware of any reason that it is not going to be completed within its original timeframe when it was bid. He said he knows that it causes some disruption to traffic and appreciates the public's patience on that, and he believes it will be a much safer and smoother route once it is done.

Mayor Feeney said that finally he just wanted to thank all of the school districts in the county, today in particular the Chillicothe School District, the School Board, the Administrators, all of the Teachers. He wanted to point out that he is very appreciative to School Board Members across the county and across the state. He said it is a very hard time to make decisions and a hard time to know what is best, and that is just feels a lot of times like there is no good answer. He said he is ultimately confident in all of our School Boards doing what is right for our children and our community. He said he thinks that looks different for different communities, and that he is thoroughly impressed with the amount of work that gets done in planning. He said that there will be adjustments on the fly and be things that have not been anticipated, and he urges parents and everybody else to have some patience as we try to figure this out. He added that he has had different waves of thought in terms of what is most appropriate in terms of returning to school. His first thought was that it is not safe to return, but as he thought about and read about the different impacts of not returning such as long-term health issues for children, hunger, education, employment, and so on, it is such a complicated thing that he really just appreciates everybody in school systems across the country trying to figure out what is best right now. He added "Kids welcome back, and thank you to all of our school districts for all you are doing for the children of this community."

Report of Auditor Spetnagel:

City Auditor Spetnagel stated that she has the majority of the items on the agenda tonight but that a lot of them roll up into one item. Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 are all bonds the City is going to refinance. She said that when Mayor Feeney became Auditor, these types of items were all notes and he rolled all of those together into bonds. By issuing bonds it saves money; the more money you borrow the lower the interest rate. She said that when he did that, he did make them callable, which was very smart because some of those bonds did become callable at this time, and that gives us the opportunity to refund, which is kind of like refinancing. She said that by refunding those bonds the City is going to save about \$620,000 and will not change any of the maturity of those bonds. When the bonds were originally issued it was at \$6.5 million and that we currently have \$3.1 million, so they have been paying those down. She said that by refunding we are going to be able to save a lot of money, but we will be paying those down in the same timeframe. She stated that Item #11 consolidates all of those bonds into one bond and said that each of those bonds has different requirements: the Water Treatment Plant, the Police & Fire Pension fund, the Bus garage, the Safety-Service vehicles, and the Municipal court building. She stated that Item #13 is an ordinance appropriating \$75,000 for City Income Tax refunds and is actually money that should have been included in the budget that is set aside to issue refunds to the citizens that have overpaid. She said it is not money coming from the General Fund but specifically the City Income Tax Refunds fund. Auditor Spetnagel stated the last item, Item #14, is the CARES Act Grant funds and that the City did receive the \$661,000 as anticipated and that the Council needs to accept and appropriate that so the City can start spending that money, which has to be spent by October. She said what we do not use will be sent back. Because of the subject and time sensitivity of each item, she asked that Council wave the three-read rule and allow all of these items to be passed tonight.

Ms. Nickerson asked if any of that money can be used by small businesses that have been affected by COVID.

Auditor Spetnagel said that she and Mayor Feeney are in the works of discussing that and figuring out how the City is going to be able to use all of the funds, and they will be coming back with more details on that.

Mayor Feeney stated that small business relief is specifically noted, and it is actually commit by October 15th and spend by December 31st.

President Arnold asked that since the Water Department has suspended shut-offs if this money could be used to supplement the escalating bills that might be generated because of the shut-off situation.

Mayor Feeney replied that unfortunately no, that the City's money can't be used for this because it is considered revenue replacement under the Treasury guidance, but that the Ross County Commissioners have committed \$250,000 countywide for that specific purpose. He shared a flyer that gave information for utility bill assistance and contact information for both the South Central Ohio Job & Family Services or the Ross County Community Action Commission dependent upon the person's particular circumstances. He also added that as far as the CARES Act money one of the paths that they were going down is working with the school district and an organization called PC's for People who are also coordinating with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to get internet and computers in the hands of people, kids, and families that would need it this fall. He said that they are trying to leverage the money particularly in a way that might have a multiplier factor to get matching funds that would have the broadest impact. He said that he believes we are at less than \$100,000 in terms of what has been spent on in house, out of a \$660,000 allocation. One of the main things the CARES Act wants you to do is spend it on things that weren't appropriated in the annual budget.

Report of Law Director Villarreal:

City Law Director Villarreal stated that her report would be nice and short. She said that they are currently working with law enforcement and putting together a training session that will take place in the near future. She said that mainly they are trying to apply topics that are related to the prosecution of cases since there are a lot of new officers. They need to make sure that everybody is on the same page and know exactly what they want from them so they are prepared to go to trial if need be. She also stated that they are getting closer to wrapping up the parking meter ordinance with Mr. Shoemaker's Engineering Committee, and they are also getting paperwork now from Mr. Tatman.

Report of President Arnold:

President Arnold stated that he wanted to mention that he has completely updated all of the meeting agendas, minutes, and Council assignments on the City of Chillicothe website.

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. He also invited anyone who would like to be added to his mailing list to contact him directly.

A call was received by Marc Leeth of 2313 Baum Hill Road. He stated that he would like to thank City Council, the Mayor, the Law Director, and everybody that is participating for all they are doing during these challenging times. He said he knows it is difficult for everyone, but the reason he is calling is in regards to the water bill legislation that is being proposed. He said that currently it is being tabled for right now, but that he would like to say a few words if he can that he feels are important to bring up. He said he represents a local group of landlords that actively have properties in the City. They feel it is going to have a direct impact for not only the landlords but also affordable housing in Chillicothe. Landlords are not in the water business; the City is in the water business. It feels like the City is trying to put landlords in the water business, which they really feel they do not have the ability to do. The main reason is that they do not have the ability to shut the water off if the bills go delinquent; the City can. They realize the City has been impacted by unpaid water bills and they feel that could be fixed by increasing the water deposit. They have brought this up time and time again, and they do not feel that they are being heard in this respect. For that reason, they feel that it should be addressed and there needs to be a better forum to get these points across. He also stated that we are in the middle of a pandemic and it is really not a good time to try to force this legislation through. He said that the City calls it water bills but it not just water, it is water, sewer, trash, and recycling that they really didn't want anyway. Those are the things that are being impacted, and they really feel the landlords are going to pass these fees on. He said that they are business people and they are going to run their business as a business as the City should and they feel like the fees are going to be passed onto the people who unfortunately can less afford them who are seeking affordable housing. Mr. Meeth said that they would like to sit down with the City, have a reasonable discussion, and find some way to reasonably accommodate what the City wants to accomplish as well as what the landlords want to accomplish. He said if the average amount of an unpaid water bill is \$150 that the simple fix is to increase the deposit to \$150 and continue with business as usual.

Another call was received by Tabitha Cobbs of 815 Madison Avenue. She stated that she has been in one of those colorful landlord meetings and like Marc she wanted to express her appreciation for what Council is doing and she knows that nothing is going as usual, and they appreciate the ability to adapt and change. She wanted to talk a little bit about the water, too. She wanted to kind of reinforce the need for another public hearing about it or for new members of Council to hear the input, because she works for Section 8 and she does all of the new housing and all of the change of units in Chillicothe and Ross County. She said they are already seeing an increase in rent prices in the county where Ross County Water has already made that change, and housing in the county is already getting out of reach of their low income families. She said to do the same thing in Chillicothe is going to put housing out of reach for them, too. She said she understands the importance of having those unpaid bills paid, but that there are going to be a whole lot of families severely impacted by the increase that the landlords will have to make in the rent in order to cover the cost. She said she wanted to thank Council for their consideration in that matter and allowing our people to have a voice, not just the landlords but she could give all kinds of information about how it will have an impact on low income families.

Mayor Feeney asked if he could ask the caller a question, and she agreed. He asked if she was calling to speak for Section 8, or if she was speaking personally?

Ms. Cobbs answered that she was speaking personally but that she also has the Section 8 information regarding payment standards, HUD standards, water allowances, sewer allowances and other information she is able to share.

Mayor Feeney asked if Section 8 covers water.

Ms. Cobbs said that they look at the gross rent of a unit, so if someone is trying to move into a new home, they look at the cost of rent in addition to the average cost of utilities which is given to them

by a third-party company.

Mayor Feeney asked if profit margin for landlord is a consideration.

Ms. Cobbs answered that it is not, and in fact many landlords have to come down on the rent in order to get families into their units.

Another call was received by Dan Haubeil of 12 Ridgeway Drive. He stated that at the risk of sounding a little redundant he wanted to make the point that the legislation is being called a landlord issue, and he thinks the reality is that it is an issue for the responsible tenants in our community that do pay and manage their bills. These bills that the City is trying to collect on are really being passed onto these responsible tenants. It is not fair to them and he doesn't think that they have a voice in this conversation at all.

Another call was received by Becky Graves of 287 Larrick Lane. She stated that she would like to speak to Council about the tenant and landlord water bill legislation. She said that she really thinks it is important to be able to have some sort of face-to-face meeting. She said she understands that it is not something that is really a great thing to do right at the present time, but that she thinks that this should be tabled until that can be done so there could be more input. At the last meeting it was discussed that a \$150 deposit would take care of this, and she knows that with a lot of low income tenants they can get help from churches and organizations for that \$150 deposit where they cannot get help for larger rents or something like that. Therefore, a larger deposit would make it possible for them to still have a rental unit, whereas, with the landlords having to put a higher rent because of the change they would skip out on the water bill, it would just make it harder for tenants. She said that right now there is a shortage of rental units and she just thinks it is going to make it even worse. It seems to her that the very easy fix is to change the deposit, whereas putting it on the landlords who have no control over it is just totally an unfair thing to do.

Ms. Nickerson asked if she could ask the caller a question. She asked in what ways is that different for the landlord versus the City.

Ms. Graves answered that the difference is that it is the Water Department's job to give the water and collect the fee. She said they do not have any recourse if the bill is not paid. Landlords can't shut off the water. She said they have no control over the water bill. She said it would be just an easy fix to make a more adequate deposit so that it does not put on the shoulders of somebody who does not even incur that bill. She said it does warrant a discussion to get some figures.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Proehl stated that he would like to add the IT upgrades legislation to the agenda for the Special Council meeting.

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on receipt of a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of the issuance of a permit to Los Mariachis of Stoneridge Drive LLC dba Los Mariachis of 28 Stoneridge Drive.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

President announced that there will be a Special Monday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. for a reading of the beginning phase of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and a reading of the IT upgrades for the City Administration building. He also stated that there will be a committee meeting after that to discuss Engineering and Human Resources items.

President Arnold announced that there are several new committee assignments since the last meeting, some of which are on this meeting's agenda, for inclusion in the Journal of Council:

Finance: Request for legislation to accept and appropriate \$661, 924.50 received from CARES Act Grant.

Human Resources: Request for legislation to allow the Mayor at his discretion to offer personal time off to new or rehired non-bargaining employees in addition to the normal accrued vacation time.

Safety Service: Request for legislation to increase funding for uniforms needed for court security and bailiff personnel.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No 57-20 approving the action of the Planning Commission of the City of Chillicothe with regard to a lot split and zoning boundary adjustments for property located on Stoneridge Drive and Western Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio was read for the third time by title only. All nine members present voted “yea” on the item, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 57-20 adopted.

Ord. No 58-20 approving a contract between the City and Burgess & Niple for professional services for preparation of an Ohio EPA required Asset Management Plan and assistance with the implementation of said plan and appropriating \$50,000.00 for their services was read for the third time only by title only. All nine members present voted “yea” on the item, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 58-20 adopted.

An Ordinance relating to fees the City of Chillicothe Water Department will charge for water taps, user capacity fees, and other special services and repealing ordinance 74-02 was read for the second time only by title only.

Mt. Tatman moved and Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion to not read Item #4 on the agenda. All members present voted “yea”, and President Arnold declared the motion adopted. Item #4 on the agenda was not read before Council.

An Ordinance appropriating \$25,000.00 for the purchase of Utilities Department water meters was read for the second time by title only.

Ord. No. 59-20 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$415,000 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds issued for the purpose of paying outstanding bonds issued to refund notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of said City for the purpose of paying for certain improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 59-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 60-20 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$140,000 Police and Fire Pension Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refund bonds issued for the purpose of refunding bonds issued for the purpose of providing funds to prepay, at a discount, the City’s accrued liability to the State Police and Firemen’s Disability and Pension Fund, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 60-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 61-20 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$950,000 Garage Facility Bonds for the purpose of paying outstanding bonds issued for the purpose of paying notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of said City for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing a Transit Bus Garage Facility, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 61-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 62-20 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$85,000 Safety Service Vehicle Acquisition Bonds for the purpose of paying outstanding bonds issued for the purpose of paying notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of said City for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring two Fire Department pumper trucks and a Police Department armored vehicle, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 62-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 63-20 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,590,000 Municipal Court Improvement Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds issued to refund bonds issued for the purpose of paying notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of said City for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and improving a building for Municipal Court use, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-

reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 63-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 64-20 consolidating five bond issues of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 64-20 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$46,062.00 for necessary technology upgrades at the City Administration Building and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 65-20 appropriating \$75,000.00 for City Income Tax Refunds and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 65-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 66-20 accepting and appropriating CARES Act Grant funds in the amount of \$661,924.50 and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 66-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 67-20 appropriating \$20,000.00 for use toward the purchase of uniforms, body armor, and other essential items to equip newly hired Police Officers and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Shoemaker moved and Ms. Gillum seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 67-20 adopted.

An Ordinance adding Section 917.20, Duty to Collect and Dispose of Items After Eviction, to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio was read for the first time by title only.

Res. No. 14-20 accepting and supporting the Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Resolution No. 14-20 adopted.

President Arnold inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Lewis moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Video Conference
Special Meeting
August 17, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Council met via video conference in special session at the motion and unanimous vote by Council members at the August 10th Regular Council meeting, as well as written notice dated and delivered August 15, 2020, for the purpose of considering the issuance of not to exceed \$2,140,000 of notes by the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to the City’s sanitary sewer system and all necessary appurtenances, and declaring an emergency, with all nine members present: Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Tatman, Lewis, Gillum, Shoemaker, Corcoran and Proehl. Also, in attendance were Mayor Feeney, City Law Director Villarreal, City Auditor Spetnagel and Information Technology Specialist Paul Gillum. 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.

In addition to the above-mentioned legislation, Council met to have a second reading of the legislation regarding the IT upgrades for the City Administration building.

Ord. No. 68-20 providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$2,140,000 of notes by the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to the City’s sanitary sewer system and all necessary appurtenances, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Tatman moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 68-20 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$46,062.00 for necessary technology upgrades at the City Administration Building and declaring an emergency was read for the second time by title only.

President Arnold inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Payne moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All nine members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council