

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Huggins, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Kyle and Mr. Bruns.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Perkins was not able to attend the council meeting due to illness. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mrs. Perkins' absence be excused. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the December 11, 2017 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. Mr. Bruns abstained and all the other council members concurred and the minutes of the December 11, 2017 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no comments from the citizens and visitors in the audience.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

3. Reappointment of John Bruns as Vice Mayor.
(New Term would be 1/2018 to December 2019)

Mr. Blackwell moved that Mr. Bruns be reappointed as Vice-Mayor for another term. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

4. Reappointment to Safety, Street, and Budget Committees.
New term would be 1/2018 to 1/2019

Mr. Bruns moved that the safety committee be comprised of Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Huggins, and Mayor O'Callaghan. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns moved that the street committee be comprised of the Mayor, Mrs. Kyle, and Mrs. Oberer. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved that the budget committee be comprised of Mr. Bruns, Mayor O'Callaghan and Mrs. Perkins. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed.

The roster of the new committees is as follows:

Safety – Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Huggins

Street – Mayor O'Callaghan, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Oberer

Budget – Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Perkins

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

5. Reappointment of Denise Winemiller as Clerk of Council.
New Term -1/2018 to 12/2019

Mr. Bruns moved that Mrs. Winemiller be reappointed for a new term as Clerk of Council, for two years from 1/2018 to 12/2019. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed.

6. Reappointment of Mayor O'Callaghan to President of Park Board
New Term – 1/18 to 12/21

Mr. Bruns moved that Mayor O'Callaghan be reappointed to president of the Park Board. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. The Mayor's new terms would be from 1/2018 to 12/2021.

7. Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Miami Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to appoint John Bruns as representative to the Miami Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Applegate be appointed to serve as the alternate for the Miami Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

8. Motion needed to extend the mowing contract with RB Services for the mowing of Union properties for an additional year with no increase in price. (This is the last one year renewal option)

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

Mr. Bruns moved to extend the mowing contract for the last year option for RB Services. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. RB Services will be doing the mowing for the city with no increase of price.

Mr. Applegate said this would be the final year and they would have to go out for bids next year.

9. **ONE READING** - ORDINANCE 1671 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION, OHIO, APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UNION AND TO AMEND OR ENACT SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO CONFORM TO ENACTMENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said this is an annual ordinance where the city updates all the codes, items that the city has passed and also updating all traffic codes. He said it would need to be passed as an emergency so all changes would be in effect immediately.

Mr. Bruns moved that ordinance 1671 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1671 was declared an emergency.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance 1671. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance 1671 was adopted on the first reading.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

10. **ONE READING** - RESOLUTION 18-01 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UNION TO PROVIDE CRIME LAB SERVICES IN THE MIAMI VALLEY CRIME LABORATORY AS OPERATED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORONER.

Mr. Applegate said this would authorize the city manager to enter into a contract to continue using the Montgomery County's crime lab. Mr. Applegate said a study was done on costs and they want to continue to use the county. He said occasionally they also use the state but the county is close and they have been with them for many years. He recommended the adoption of Resolution 18-01. He said they would not want to lose having a crime lab in Montgomery County.

Mr. Bruns moved that they have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 18-01. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion passed. Resolution 18-01 was adopted.

11. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 18-02 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ADDITIONAL POLICE LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF UNION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS.

Mr. Applegate addressed the issue of both Resolutions 18-02 and 18-03, for the police and fire/ems levies. He said the budget committee had been talking about this for two or three years and they are now at a point where they need additional funds for both departments. He said Mrs. Winemiller researched the issue and in 2004, the last replacement levy was passed for the police and a 2.5 mill levy for the fire/ems department, so they have gone for many years without an increase. He said they cannot keep going the way they have been.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

Mr. Applegate said they have transferred money from the General fund to the police and fire departments over the last few year and the amount has been increasing. He said there was a 16% reduction in EMS revenue due to Medicare/Medicaid and private insurance reductions in allowance coverages, partially as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Applegate said the departments need to stand on their own. They have talked about ways to get additional money such as increasing the income tax, going to a no credit income tax, or increasing the millage. The budget committee has chosen additional levies.

Mr. Applegate said on a house valued at \$80,000, the cost would be \$5.80 per month for each levy. The passage of these levies will allow the city to continue to provide the services that the citizens expect. Mr. Applegate said there is a deadline of February 7, so they need to pass the resolutions and get them to the county so they can then turn around and pass an additional resolution to place everything on the May ballot.

Mr. Applegate said they have done everything that they promised with the passages of the levies. For the fire department, they had remodeled the firehouse and added an ambulance and fire truck. For the police, they are maintaining seven full time officers.

Mr. Bruns said the budget committee had gone through this issue repeatedly and he reminded everyone that the money collected in these levies can only be used for the police and fire/ems funds.

Mr. Bruns moved that Resolution 18-02 be adopted on the first reading. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 18-02 was adopted.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

12. ONE READING – RESOLUTION 18-03 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ADDITIONAL FIRE/EMS LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF UNION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS.

Mr. Bruns moved that Resolution 18-03 be adopted on the first reading. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Resolution 18-03 was adopted.

13. Open Agenda

Mayor O’Callaghan wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting dates for 2018 that was explained in a memo be accepted as proposed. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said there will need to be a meeting on January 22, 2018.

Mr. Bruns said the Christmas season ends on the twelfth day which is January 6. He said he appreciated the city leaving the holiday lights up until then and said thanks for staying the course. He said he really enjoys seeing the lights.

Mr. Applegate said they had received many compliments from residents and people driving through town about the lights on Main Street.

Mr. Applegate said that the police and fire/ems departments were very good departments. In other city business, he said they had plenty of salt and were ready to plow and they were currently working at taking down the lights.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

14. Mayor O’Callaghan moved that the January 8, 2018 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be January 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor