

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 12, 2018

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, March 12, 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. Perkins, 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 Mrs. Kyle had called and was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Kyle's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the February 12, 2018 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes of the February 12, 2018 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Ashley Hatton from Wickham Farm was present and asked to address the council regarding parking in front of a fire hydrant. She said there was one in her yard and there is nothing that says people are not allowed to park there. She asked if they could paint the curb yellow.

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3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1675 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Applegate said that this is because of House Bill 49, and deals with the central collection of income tax. Union is part of a large consortium that was opposed to this issue. They had received news of the final judgement and were asked to pass this ordinance, adopting the new city income tax codes. Mr. Applegate said the city would continue to participate in appealing this bill and hoped that they would be successful in the court of appeals and if not, this would be headed to the Supreme Court. Mr. Applegate said if the city did not pass Ordinance 1675, it might prevent them from being able to collect their city income tax. Mr. Applegate then read the emergency language to the council members and said it was important that this ordinance be adopted at this March 12, 2018 meeting.

In response to questions from Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Applegate said a law firm had been hired, representing roughly 170 communities. This is concerning filing the income tax in a central location and also a new section of code to be added. He said they would be charging an additional one-half percent in addition to what the city was already charging. Mrs. Perkins asked if the council could get bullet points on the differences. Mr. Applegate said this would just affect the commercial businesses right now but if it prevails, they might extend it to individuals so this is why he felt this Ordinance should be passed.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1675 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1675. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency ordinance was adopted on the first reading.

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4. PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF UNION.

Mayor O'Callaghan read a proclamation to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Union.

5. PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2, 2018 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND APRIL 2018 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF UNION.

Mayor O'Callaghan then read a proclamation proclaiming the month of April as World Autism month.

6. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said that he had received a complimentary letter from the City of Oakwood thanking the Union Fire Department for assistance with one of their employees in a trench accident.

The Mayor also said that he had received the City of Union newsletter and there was a lot of good information.

Mayor O'Callaghan referred to the recycling information that was in the packets and said that the city was recycling 18.31 percent of the waste. He said the city was doing a good job with the recycling program.

Mr. Blackwell said they had the Union Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 24, at the community park. He said they have it rain or shine and people just have to dress for the weather.

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Since Mr. Applegate said there was no need for another meeting in March, Mr. Bruns moved that the second meeting in March be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said they would be receiving the bids for the West Martindale Road Water Line Replacement Phase II project. He was asked by Mr. Bruns if the bids were too high, if the project would be delayed. Mr. Applegate said yes, because the city only has so much money to spend.

Mr. Bruns also commented on the recycling and asked if Union's participation was consistent with other communities. Mr. Applegate said he thought they were in the top 25 percent.

Mrs. Winemiller said the February Fund Balance Sheet had been provided to the council. She commented that if they would check the amounts for the police and fire, it shows that they have a need to pass the levies. She said they had not yet received the first half of the property tax settlement.

7. Mr. Bruns moved that the March 12, 2018 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be April 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise A. Winemiller,  
Clerk of Council

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John Bruns, Vice Mayor