

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 11, 2019

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Huggins, Mr. Oberer, 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. Kyle called in and was not able to come to the meeting due to an injury so he moved that she be excused from attending the council meeting. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and her absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Perkins had called in and was ill so he moved that she be excused from attending the council meeting. Mrs. Huggins seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Her absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions for the minutes of the January 28, 2019 council meeting.

There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All the council members voted in favor of the motion. The minutes of the January 28, 2019 council meeting were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Mayor O'Callaghan recognized a Union resident, Doug Francis, who wanted to address the council.

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Mr. Francis said that he wanted to discuss the snow ordinance. He said that he lived on a dead end road. He said his daughter had received two snow tickets when she was parked legally in front of the house. He said that they had not received any notice that there was a snow emergency. He said the snow plow had come by in the middle of the night.

Mr. Francis stated that the street was a dead end, and that no one used it, it did not interfere with anything, there were no emergency vehicles, and that when his road was plowed, the snow always ended up at the end of his driveway. The police had stopped and asked him to remove the vehicle but still gave out a ticket. Mr. Francis said he moved the car to the side of the street that had already been plowed but the road crew never came back to get the other side. He read a section of the city code 351.14 SNOW EMERGENCIES.

Mr. Applegate said the snow emergency legislation was established and was put into effect after the blizzard of 1978. He said information and reminders had been posted in newsletters, on Nixle, and they enforced the regulations. The city had good compliance from the residents in moving their vehicles off the street. He said the weather channel had been talking about the heavy snow fall three days in advance. He said they would need to park in the yard if there was no room in the driveway. He said if the city had missed an area, call and they will make sure it gets plowed.

Mr. Francis was given a flyer on Nixle, which is for Union and surrounding communities to send texts or emails to citizens about snow emergencies, boil water advisories, etc. Mr. Francis thanked the council for their time.

3. **SECOND READING** – ORDINANCE 1693 - AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS FROM DAMAGING AND INTERFERING WITH CITIZEN'S PRIVATE PROPERTY. (three readings)

Mr. Bruns moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 1693. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1693 was passed to the third reading.

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4. **ONE READING** – ORDINANCE 1695 - 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 was a yearly housekeeping ordinance where the city has all of the ordinances passed in the preceding year entered into the city's codified ordinances. Mr. Applegate said changes in state law, traffic codes, etc. would now be added to the code books.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1695 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Ordinance 1695 was declared an emergency.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1695. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1695 was adopted on the first reading.

5. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there had been any water main breaks during the recent heavy snow. Mr. Applegate said there had not been.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was a need for a second meeting in February. Mr. Applegate said not at this time, so Mr. Bruns moved that the second meeting be cancelled. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and there will not be a second meeting in February.

Mr. Applegate said that the record heavy rains created the highest flow they had ever had at the wastewater treatment plant. He said the highest was 6.4 million and it was now at 7 million plus and went off the gauge. He said water was

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running everywhere. He said it was like the “perfect storm” with all the rain and the ground still frozen. He said the city crews were out all day checking grates and catch basins.

Mr. Bruns asked how the garage on Phillipsburg-Union Road that had trouble before during a heavy rain had done. Mr. Applegate said he was out all day, looking over everything and they did have some water in that area but it was just topping the edge of the ditch. He said all the work that they had done on the storm water system had made a difference.

6. Mr. Bruns moved that the February 11, 2019 council meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

The next City of Union Council meeting will be held on March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor