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MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 8, 2019

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, 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 moved to amend the agenda to add an executive session. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the agenda was amended.

Mayor O'Callaghan then moved to amend # 3 on the agenda and change the agenda item and the ordinance number from Ordinance 1695 to Ordinance 1698. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mr. Bruns reiterated that this would be changing the number on the ordinance itself in addition to the agenda item.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mrs. Oberer had called in and she is on vacation and unable to attend the meeting. He moved that her absence be excused. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Oberer's absence was excused.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved to excuse Mrs. Kyle from the council meeting. She had called in and had said she had an upcoming family commitment. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and Mrs. Kyle's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the June 10, 2019 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Blackwell

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seconded the motion. Mrs. Perkins abstained and everyone else voted in favor of the motion. The minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any citizens or visitors that wished to address the council. There were none.

3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1698 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE LIST OF LIGHT ASSESSMENTS. (waive three readings).

Mr. Applegate said this was an annual house-keeping ordinance for the street lights. The rates have not changed and have been the same for several years now. Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the charter requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance 1698. 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 Ordinance 1698. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1698 was adopted on the first reading.

4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1696 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMANENT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (.5%) IN THE INCOME TAX RATE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSES OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS; MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT; ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT; EXTENSION, ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE CHARGED THEREON; OF THE CITY OF UNION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Applegate said that this ordinance would put the one-half percent income tax on the November ballot for the public to vote. He said this matter had been discussed at the budget committee meeting, which included Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, and Mrs. Perkins. Mr. Applegate said the budget committee and staff recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Mrs. Perkins asked why it was being passed as an emergency and Mr. Applegate said it was to meet the deadline as required by the Ohio Revised Code to have this adopted and forwarded to the Board of Elections to get on the ballot for November.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1696 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 1696. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1696 was adopted on the first reading.

5. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1697 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1311.01 OF THE UNION CODE, ADOPTING THE 2019 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE OF OHIO FOR ONE, TWO, AND THREE FAMILY DWELLINGS. (waive three readings)

Mr. Applegate said this Ordinance concerns a new 1, 2 and 3 Family Building Code that has been adopted by the State of Ohio, effective July 1. Mr. Applegate said they would like to adopt this ordinance which will be in effect within thirty days, and then they will be able to start enforcing the new building code.

Mr. Bruns moved to suspend the charter requirement of three separate readings on three separate days in regard to Ordinance 1697. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Ordinance 1697. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and Ordinance 1697 was adopted.

6. **ONE READING** – RESOLUTION 19-05 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF UNION ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS EAST MARTINDALE ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 4 CD20W WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

Mr. Applegate said this Resolution was regarding an Issue II application, Phase 4, replacement of a water line from State Route 48 to River Road. The city was receiving a grant and a thirty year loan at zero percent interest.

They were hoping to start the project in September or October and the passage of this resolution meets the state requirements.

Mr. Bruns moved to have the one and only reading and adopt Resolution 19-05. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the Resolution 19-05 was adopted.

7. Motion to approve the 2020 asking budget.

Mr. Applegate said the adoption of the asking budget is not required any more but they continue to have a budget meeting and go over it just to see how everything is going. He met with Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, and Mrs. Perkins. In this meeting, the staff and budget committee set up the blue print for the 2020 budget and make sure they are on track with the revenues and expenses. Mr. Applegate commented that it was a long meeting.

The entire budget committee commented that it was an excellent practice and a good tool to keep the city on track.

Mr. Bruns moved to adopt the 2020 asking budget. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. All concurred and the 2020 asking budget was adopted.

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8. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan said they would still like some nominations from council or citizens for the Spirit of Union award.

The Mayor commented that unlike the City of Union, other communities do not seem to be as prepared for disasters. He said that if the City of Union loses power, they have backup generators for the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations and wells so Union residents will still have water even if they lose power.

Mrs. Perkins agreed with that and said that the city has infrastructure in place that holds up. She said it was very impressive and that it is due to excellent management and good, smart planning, well executed. She added that the city was going to be working on a new strategic plan and invited residents to call her if they wanted to have a conversation about the future of Union.

Mr. Bruns asked if there was a need for a second meeting in July and Mr. Applegate said not at this time. Mr. Bruns then moved that the second meeting in July be cancelled and the next meeting be held on August 12, 2019. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Mr. Applegate said they had poured the first section of the wall for the final tank at the wastewater treatment plant. There will be five pours of concrete in all. He said that everything was going well.

9. Executive session to discuss pending or eminent court action.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that the council recess into an executive session along with Mr. Moore, Mrs. Winemiller, and Mr. Applegate. He added that there would be no action taken after the executive session. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

After the executive session, Mayor O'Callaghan moved that they reconvene the council meeting. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting reconvened.

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10. Mayor O'Callaghan moved that the July 8, 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 August 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor