

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2022

At 7:00 p.m. Council President Tom Eichinger called the Hillsboro City Council meeting to order. The following were present for the meeting: Clerk Kimberly Newman, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins, Police Chief Eric Daniels, Auditor Alex Butler, Treasurer Steve Conrad, Mayor Justin Harsha, Deputy Law Director Randalyn Worley and Safety & Service Director Brianne Abbott.

ROLL CALL

Greg Maurer, Don Storer, Patty Day, Dan Baucher, Jason Brown and Adam Wilkin were present. Mary Stanforth was absent and excused.

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to excuse Mary Stanforth, seconded by Don Storer. Vote all yeas. Mary Stanforth excused.

Mr. Eichinger led the Council in prayer and Mayor Harsha led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

There were no corrections to the January 10, 2021 minutes. They were approved as submitted.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The January 2022 monthly reports were read by title only: Income Tax Bureau, Police Department, Public Utilities (includes Street Department, Water and Sewer Maintenance), Treasurer's (includes Expense and Revenue), Water Meter Department, Water Office (includes Water/Sewer Sales), Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Code Enforcement and Auditor.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDITOR (Alex Butler, Auditor)

City auditor Alex Butler - none

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: -- Economic Development (TREX) Transfer Form- Lukinac LLC. to Downtown Boro LLC., signed by Mayor Justin Harsha.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS- Brandon Adkins addressed Council. Mr. Adkins owns his own company that operates in three states. Mr. Adkins stated he is upset about the amusement license fee increase. Mr. Adkins also stated COVID impacted his business and had asked for a waive of fee due to this. Finance Committee had met several times and discussed these issues and had decided not to waive the licensing fee due to Federal funding available for loss to business owners due to impact of COVID. Greg Maurer addressed Mr. Adkins with the facts from previous committee meetings and the decision to not waive the fees. Council President Tom Eichinger thanked Mr. Adkins for coming and speaking to Council members.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Justin Harsha, Mayor)

Mayor Justin Harsha advised Council that Festival of the Bells will have a change in venue for 2022, after a two- year hiatus due to COVID. It will be held at the approved Green Space on W. Main Street- former Union Stockyards and Highland Enterprise. Administration met with Festival of the Bells committee members earlier in the week and advised of the entertainment selected for this years Festival, which should be a great draw for the public.

SAFETY AND SERVICE DIRECTOR/PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

(Brienne Abbott) See attachment #1.

SSD Brienne Abbott requested to go into Executive Session after her report, to discuss purchase of property for public purposes.

MOTION: Adam Wilkin moved to enter into Executive, seconded by Greg Maurer, vote all yeas. Council entered into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 7:50 pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mary Stanforth, Chair)

- Wage & Pay Scale review/recommendations for City employees, joint with Civil Service – Employee Relations
- Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance to repeal the license fee associated with amusement devises in the City of Hillsboro.

Meeting held 1-19-2022, Greg Maurer reported due to Mary Stanforth's absence.
See Attachment # 2

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION (Don Storer Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dan Baucher, Chair)

- Update Civil Service Manual
- Wage & Pay Scale review/recommendations for City employees, joint with Finance

No meeting. No questions asked.

STREET AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (Adam Wilkin, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE (Greg Maurer, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE (Jason Brown, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (Patty Day, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS (THIRD READING): None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS-

Resolution 22-01 A Resolution to amend the zoning map of the city. Second reading, with third reading at March 17, 2022 Council.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-07 A Resolution to transfer the premises at 301 East South Street to the Community Improvement Corporation

DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised this legislation will transfer 301 E. South St. to the CIC for sale of property with funds gained to be utilized for economic development purposes. First reading, with second reading at March 17, 2022 Council meeting.

Resolution 22-08 A Resolution to identify blighted property in the City and to authorize the Mayor to obtain funding for abatement of the blighted property and to proceed with abatement and revitalization.

MOTION: Patty Day moved to suspend the three- reading rule for Resolution 22-08, seconded by Greg Maurer. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-08 three- reading rule suspended.

MOTION: Adam Wilkin moved to approve and adopt Resolution 22-08, seconded by Greg Maurer. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-08 approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised House Bill 110, Ohio Revised Code Section 122.6512 created the **Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program**. The purpose of the program is to award grant funding for the demolition of commercial and residential buildings and revitalization of surrounding properties on sites that are **not** brownfields. If the county land bank receives funding, the parcel numbers listed within the resolution will have the opportunity to have their nuisances abated. We are requesting suspension of the 3-reading rule to meet the application deadline of Feb. 28th.

Resolution 22-09 A Resolution authorizing the Safety & Service Director to apply for, accept, and enter into a water pollution control loan fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the city of Hillsboro for planning, design and/or construction of storm water facilities; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan

MOTION: Adam Wilkin moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 22-09, seconded by Don Storer. Vote all yeas. Three-reading rule suspended for Resolution 22-09.

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 22-09, seconded by Patty Day. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-09 approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised this legislation will allow the city to apply for, accept and enter into a water pollution control fund loan for Phase 3 of the Storm Sewer Program. We are requesting suspension of the 3-reading rule and passage by emergency for the bid opening scheduled for March 1st to ensure an April loan award.

Resolution 22-10 A Resolution to accept the lowest and best bid for the comprehensive storm sewer project phase three, and declare an emergency.

MOTION: Don Storer moved to suspend the three-reading rule, seconded by Dan Baucher. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-10 three-reading rule suspended.

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 22-10, seconded by Don Storer. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-10 approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised this legislation will allow the city to accept the lowest and best bid for construction of the Phase 3 Storm Sewer project. We are requesting suspension of the 3-reading rule to ensure project is awarded and completed in a timely manner due to rising material costs and weather time constraints.

Resolution 22-11 A Resolution to supplement appropriations within the various funds of the city

MOTION: Don Storer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 22-11, seconded by Adam Wilkin. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-11 approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION: Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins advised of the increase and appropriations to 4 separate rents and leases.

Resolution 22-12 A Resolution to amend Sections 50.03 and 51.023 of the City code to provide limitations on extra-territorial water and sewer service

DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised that the City currently requires annexation for city water connection and we are proposing that the same be required for city sewer connection. After the first reading this evening, I'd like to request that this piece of legislation be put into utilities committee for further review.

Resolution 22-13 A Resolution to increase appropriations within the General Fund of the City

MOTION: Greg Maurer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 22-13, seconded by Adam Wilkin. Vote all yeas. Resolution 22-13 approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION: Auditor Alex Butler advised the police department received a donation in the amount of \$1.00 and this is an increase due to being unanticipated donation.

Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance to amend the license fee associated with amusement devices in the city of Hillsboro

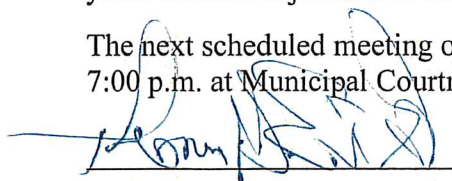
DISCUSSION: Greg Maurer had read the Finance committee meeting summary earlier in the meeting that explained the need for the amended legislation. First reading. Second reading at March 17, 2022 Council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-03 An Ordinance vacating an unnamed alley between O'Connell Street and Auditor's parcel 25-25-001-078.00.

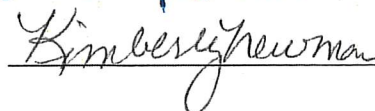
DISCUSSION: SSD Brianne Abbott advised council that the properties adjacent to proposed alley vacation were owned by the applicant to vacate the alley, so no public hearing was required. President Tom Eichinger asked some questions for clarification of the alley vacation and procedures to vacate. First reading of Ordinance 2022-03. Second reading will be at March 17, 2022 Council meeting.

ADJOURN Motion: Don Storer moved to adjourn, seconded by Adam Wilkin. Vote all yeas. Council adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hillsboro City Council is Thursday March 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Courtroom 130 Homestead Drive.



Tom Eichinger, President



Kimberly Newman, Clerk