

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Hillsboro Municipal Court – 130 Homestead Drive

February 10, 2020

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, Brianne Abbott; Safety and Service Director, Mayor Justin Harsha, Auditor Alex Butler and Chief of Police Eric Daniels.

ROLL CALL

Patty Day, Claudia Klein, Ann Morris, Mary Stanforth, Dane Allard and Brandon Leeth were present. Adam Wilkin was excused.

Motion: Claudia Klein moved to excuse Adam Wilkin, seconded by Patty Day. Vote all yeas. Mr. Wilkin excused.

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

MINUTES

There were no corrections to the January 13, 2020 Regular Council minutes and were approved as submitted.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The January 2020 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 and Auditor.

Mayor Justin Harsha advised Council that Jon Salyer, Code Enforcement Officer would be submitting a report starting February 2020, that would be added to report list.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Liquor License request for Giovannis, discussed later in New Business. American Legal had reached out as the attachment for Resolution 2018-16 was missing, Law Director Fred Beery provided that to Clerk Newman and it was submitted to American Legal for codification.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Justin Harsha, Mayor)

See Addendum 1 of 2-10-2020 Council Minutes.

SAFETY AND SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brianne Abbott)

See Addendum 2 of 2-10-2020 Council Minutes.

PLANNING COMMISSION See Addendum 5 of 1-28-2020 Planning Commission Minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mary Stanforth, Chair)

No meeting. No questions were asked.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION (Ann Morris, Chair)

No meeting. No questions were asked. Ms. Morris asked the public for community enhancement ideas and to please email them to her.

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dane Allard, Chair)

See Addendum 4 of 2-10-2020 Council Minutes. A meeting was held on 1-30-2020. No questions asked. Mr. Allard told Council that questions and concerns arose from employees after this meeting, there will be another meeting to address those questions and concerns and legislation will then be put back to Council.

STREET AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (Adam Wilkin, Chair)

See Addendum 3 of 2-10-2020 Council Minutes. A meeting was held on January 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the City Administration conference room. No questions asked. Report was read by President Tom Eichinger due to excused absence of Mr. Wilkin.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE (Brandon Leeth, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE (Patty Day, Chair)

No meeting. No questions asked.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (Claudia Klein, Chair)

No meeting. There were no questions asked.

2020 CENSUS COMMITTEE (Patty Day, Chair)

In January she attended the trusted voices of our Community workshop, the goal of bringing 100% awareness to the community about the Census by March, 2020. Ms. Day met with Community Highland County Co-chairs Virginia Purdy and Sue Smith. Planning Community event to hit spots in the community Mailings will go out March 12, 2020, this census year they will not be using the long form, it is 9 simple questions. In April there will be a second reminder sent out to complete the form, then if not completed, you will receive a knock at your door. Braille and sign language will be made available if needed for completion of census. Meeting again on February 18th. Ms. Day is working with the Homeless shelter to gather more accurate numbers for census count. Ms. Day asked Council to help in her endeavor to seek shelter for those out on the street. This is worrisome to her and asked Council for assistance in this matter. No questions asked. President Eichinger discussed the importance of completing the census, he was surprised at the number of people missed in the city and county census count 10 years ago and stressed the importance of getting as close to 100% reporting as possible because funding for the city and county depends on accurate information.

Mayor Harsha then added he was remiss in acknowledging Shawn Adkin's Year End Report and all the work that he and the Public works crew complete each year. Shawn Adkins read the Year End Report and Council President stated he thought the public should be aware of all the work done in the City of Hillsboro and thanked Mr. Adkins.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS (THIRD READING):

Ordinance 2019-14 A modification to City Ordinances codified in sections 35.90 and 116.10 of the City Code. Motion: Mary Stanforth moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Ann Morris. Vote all yea. Legislation approved and adopted.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: none

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance to update Chapter 98 of the Hillsboro Code of Ordinances to reflect current technology regarding automatic alarm systems. First reading, second reading will be on 3-9-2020.

Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance creating a residential Board of Building Appeals within the City of Hillsboro and declare an emergency. Motion: Ms. Klein moved to suspend the three-reading rule, Mr. Leeth seconded. Vote all yea. Brandon Leeth moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Claudia Klein. Vote all yea. Legislation approved and adopted.

Resolution 20-05 A Resolution to authorize demolition of the structure at 137 West Main Street in the City and to declare an emergency. Motion: Claudia Klein moved to suspend the three-reading rule, seconded by Mary Stanforth. Vote all yea. Motion: Brandon Leeth moved to approve and adopt as an emergency, seconded by Mary Stanforth. Vote all yea. Legislation approved and adopted as an emergency.

Resolution 20-06 A Resolution authorizing the Safety & Service Director of the City of Hillsboro to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural resources (ODNR), for the Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass through grant agreement pursuant to House Bill No. 529. Motion: Ann Morris moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Patty Day. Vote all yeas. Legislation approved and adopted. Ms. Klein asked when they needed the grant in. Shawn Adkins, Public Works Superintendent advised, now.

Resolution 20-07 A Resolution to authorize and direct the Safety and Service Director to purchase a dump truck with snow plow through Lebanon Ford, Lebanon Ohio, for \$71,000.00. Motion: Claudia Klein moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Ann Morris. Vote all yeas. Legislation approved and adopted.

Resolution 20-08 A Resolution to authorize the Safety & Service Director to enter into a contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the design and engineering of infrastructure improvements to Spring Lake Avenue. Motion: Ann Morris moved to suspend three-reading rule, seconded by Claudia Klein. Vote all yea. Motion: Claudia Klein moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Mary Stanforth. Vote all yea. Legislation approved and adopted.

Resolution 20-09 A Resolution to authorize and direct the Safety and Service Director to provide water and sewer service to the Highland County Justice Center without charge to the County. Motion: Brandon Leeth moved to approve and adopt, seconded by Patty Day.

Mr. Leeth-yea, Ms. Day-yea, Ms. Morris-yea, Ms. Klein-no, Ms. Stanforth-yea, Mr. Allard-yea. Legislation approved and adopted.

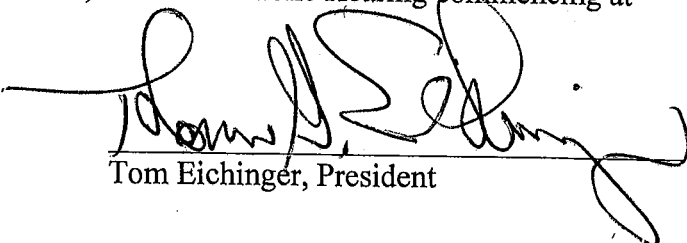
NEW BUSINESS: Giovannis Liquor License Permit Request, President Eichinger stated all that is required if no objection is for Clerk to sign and submit paperwork. License is for transfer of DBA doing business as name change only. There were no objections, paperwork will be submitted to the State by Clerk Newman.

Ms. Klein asked Council President to address the story she viewed on the news media about cancer in children. Mr. Jared Warner was present at council and Ms. Klein asked Council President Tom Eichinger if Mr. Warner could address Council to address this topic and answer any questions anyone might have. Mr. Warner, Highland County Health Commissioner spoke to Council and the audience of Council meeting. In 2016 a concerned citizen wanted research done of childhood leukemia in Hillsboro due to a child family member having leukemia. Research was done to see if there was an issue with childhood leukemia, Ohio Department of Health and Hamilton County Health department were consulted with the statistics of this six month research project. There was no increase of childhood leukemia in Highland County, there was no indicators that related the childhood leukemia with any water source, there is no evidence of any issue with Hillsboro water. The continued research by the family member became very broad by the concerned citizen, including other cancers and childhood diseases. This concerned citizen involved the news media as well. Mr. Warner gave examples of how research must be collected to create statistics. Ms. Klein asked about the mysterious diseases mentioned in the news piece, where these diseases the same? Mr. Warner said no. Ms. Day asked if the two families mentioned in the news story who had two children with cancer, if the cancer was the same kind, if that is unusual. Mr. Warner stated it was not the same kind of cancer, and could not go into specifics. President Eichinger thanked Mr. Warner for reporting on this topic.

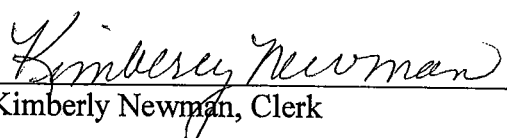
President Eichinger then asked Mayor Harsha if he needed a voice vote for John Kellis being appointed as Design Review Board member fulfilling the seat for Jim Gibbs. Jim Gibbs can no longer serve on this board due to no longer owning a business in the Historic District. Voice vote- vote all yea.

ADJOURN Motion: Brandon Leeth moved, seconded by Claudia Klein. Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Hillsboro City Council is Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillsboro Municipal Court, with Joint Public Hearing commencing at 6:30 p.m.



Tom Eichinger, President



Kimberly Newman, Clerk

