

Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with the following eight members present: Corcoran, Gillum, Lewis, Nickerson, Phillips, Proehl, and Tatman. (Ms. Payne and Mr. Shoemaker absent.) There were two media representatives and three other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Feeney, City Law Director Villarreal and City Auditor Spetnagel. The meeting was broadcast live by Spectrum and by Horizonview.

Pres. Arnold led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that Council excuse the absences of Ms. Payne and Mr. Shoemaker. All seven members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted.

Pres. Arnold said that Clerk Fosson had mistakenly recorded the report of the Finance Committee in the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting. He said that the minutes should read “Mr. Proehl reported on Item #1 appropriating 2019 Bond Series Funds received and not spent in 2019, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.” Pres. Arnold requested a motion to correct Clerk Fosson’s mistake. Ms. Nickerson moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the February 10, 2020, minutes be amended to reflect this correction. All seven members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee:**

Mr. Proehl reported on Item #3 appropriating \$1,300.00 for the purchase of a new computer for the Auditor’s Office, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Mrs. Corcoran reported on Item #2 approving the construction of a shelter house at Mary Lou Patton Park, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. She said that the Scioto Valley Youth League is supposed to contact us. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight.

### **Utilities Committee:**

Mr. Tatman noted that the Utilities Committee has two committed items that appear on tonight’s agenda.

Mr. Shoemaker arrived and joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Tatman continued his report, announcing that there will be a review meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March here in Council Chambers to discuss the issue of whether to change 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to two way traffic.

**Engineering Committee:**

Mr. Shoemaker reported on Item #4 approving the dedication of right of way of Kiaan Street for public street purposes and accepting the improvements for public use and maintenance of said right of way, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He acknowledged receipt of assignment #20-21 pertaining to a request for legislation granting an easement to Ohio Power Company, announcing that there will be a committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss this assignment. He also acknowledged receipt of an assignment pertaining to nuisance abatement. He concluded his report by announcing that there will be a review meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the issue of whether to change East and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to two way traffic.

**City Services/Transit:**

Ms. Lewis acknowledged receipt of assignment #20-17 pertaining to a new phone system, stating that this will be discussed on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Mrs. Corcoran said that she forgot to announce that there will be a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, at 6:45 p.m., to discuss \$50,000.00 in match funds for ODNR. She said that this will be "in kind".

**Human Resources Committee:**

Pres. Arnold, on behalf of Ms. Payne, reported on the assignment pertaining to benefits for elected officials with reference to the 457 matching plan, stating that the committee met on this and that it is going forward.

**Community Affairs Committee:**

Mr. Phillips commented on the work being done by Bud Lightle in reference to the city's homeless population.

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS**

**Report of Mayor Feeney:**

Mayor Feeney said that he supports passage of each of the items on tonight's agenda that are to be voted upon tonight. He provided an update on several matters around the city, stating that he met at the Ross County Service Center to discuss grant funding and transportation issues and had a good meeting. He reported that last week we received the second tandem dump truck from Kenworth. He said that the city's paving project will go out to bids next week. He said that he met regarding the design at the former Pepsi Building but that the estimates exceed what we borrowed and that we will scale back. He commented on Wednesday's review meeting, stating that Council created the Downtown Development Commission in 2014, and he discussed the issues that they have reviewed and that they will discuss the matter of changing Second Street from one way to two way.

**Report of City Auditor Spetnagel:**

City Auditor Spetnagel commented on Item No. 3 on tonight's agenda, stating that one of the computers in her office went down.

**Report of Pres. Arnold:**

Pres. Arnold commented on the tour of the city facilities that took place last Saturday, stating that he hopes that it was well received. He said that last week he visited Circleville City Council and that he was impressed by their nice facility. He said that he took photos, and he distributed these photos to the members of Council.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tom Trutschel of 106 South Shore Drive said that he is opposed to making Second Street two way. He noted that although this will be discussed by Council during the review meeting at 7:00 p.m. this coming Wednesday, that information is not out there in the media to let the public know.

**PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk acknowledged that, as indicated by Pres. Arnold, he had mistakenly recorded the report of the Finance Committee in the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting. He said that these minutes will be corrected and then submitted to Pres. Arnold for his signature. The clerk then announced, under the circumstances, that he is resigning as the clerk of council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lewis expressed her thanks to Pres. Arnold for arranging the tour of the city's facilities.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR**

Pres. Arnold announced the following committee assignments:

Parks and Recreation: Request for legislation to approve construction of a shelter house at Mary Lou Patton Park;

Development: Request for legislation to accept a partnership agreement with the City of Chillicothe and Ross County for the application and administration of the 2020 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program;

Engineering: Request for legislation to grant an easement to Ohio Power Company in the area around Winona Blvd.;

Safety Service: Request for legislation to appropriate \$149,833.33 for architectural, engineering, surveying and other costs for the planning and design of the new fire station at 40-50 Centennial Blvd.

Park and Rec.: Request for legislation to appropriate \$50,000.00 in matching funds for ODNR Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant; and

Safety Service: Request for legislation if necessary to regulate golf cart usage in the city.

Pres. Arnold announced that there will be a meeting of the Transit Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. He announced that on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, there will be a review meeting to discuss Second Street at 6:30 p.m., conducted by the Engineering Committee. Then, at 7:00 p.m., he said he said that we will discuss the facility study.

**READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION**

A resolution strongly urging the Ohio governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels was read for the first time by title only.

Res. No. 3-20 approving the construction of a shelter house at Mary Lou Patton Park and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Corcoran moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Arnold declared Resolution No. 3-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 16-20 appropriating \$1,300.00 for the purchase of a new computer for the Auditor’s Office and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Arnold declared Ordinance No. 16-20 adopted.

An ordinance approving the dedication of right of way of Kiaan Street for public street purposes and accepting the improvements for public use and maintenance of said right of way was read for the first time by title only.

Ms. Lewis moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All eight members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council