

Council Chambers  
 Regular Meeting  
 January 13, 2020  
 7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with all nine members present: Corcoran, Gillum, Lewis, Nickerson, Payne, Phillips, Proehl, Shoemaker and Tatman. There were two media representative and five other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Feeney, City Law Director Villarreal, City Auditor Spetnagel and Safety-Service Director Carman. The meeting was broadcast live by Spectrum and by Horizonview.

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

Mrs. Corcoran moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 23, 2019, and the minutes of the special meeting of January 2, 2020, be accepted and approved, as submitted by the clerk. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Finance Committee:**

Mr. Proehl reported on Item #2 appropriating \$587,497.92 for the purpose of continuing the handling of brought forward purchase orders from the year 2019 and other brought forward amounts to be put on the books of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio for the year ending December 31, 2020. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.

#### **Engineering Committee:**

Mr. Tatman reported on Item #1 adopting the Ross County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on tonight’s agenda for its third reading. He urged passage of this item.

#### **Development Committee:**

Ms. Nickerson reported on Item #3 appropriating \$10,000.00 for the City’s share of the CDBG Program Administration of the Nipgen Corner Building Repair Project, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. Mayor Feeney stated that this was discussed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, and that this is the last check for the project on the Nipgen Building. He discussed the other sources of funding and urged passage of this item tonight.

### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

#### **Report of Mayor Feeney:**

Mayor Feeney said that he supports passage of each of the three items on tonight’s agenda. He announced that the pickup of Christmas trees is continuing. He said that we are updating the CAD system and integrating with the Sheriff’s Department. He said that he wants input from the ward members on where and when he should schedule his neighborhood office hours, stating that the locations must be places that are open to the public. He noted that the quarterback for LSU is the winner of the Heisman Trophy, stating that he is also from “my alma mater”, Athens High School, and that he gave a good speech. He said that the national championship game is tonight.

#### **Report of Auditor Spetnagel:**

City Auditor Spetnagel commented on item number 2, and urged that it be passed tonight. She said that the books for 2019 are almost closed, and that she will soon announce a date and time for her budget review.

#### **Report of Law Director Villarreal:**

City Law Director Villarreal said that she has distributed copies of the annual report of the Law Director’s Office. She noted that the number of cases handled has increased.

**Report of Pres. Arnold:**

Pres. Arnold said that Council re-appointed John Fosson as the Clerk of Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. He said that Council also needs to name a President Pro Tem. Mr. Shoemaker moved and Mrs. Corcoran seconded that Mr. Proehl be named President Pro Tem. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Pres. Arnold noted that there is a conflict with Council’s meeting on Memorial Day. Ms. Lewis moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the meeting be rescheduled to May 26, 2020. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Pres. Arnold reported that he made 136 committee assignments last year, resulting in 117 ordinances and 17 resolutions, with 2 assignments being reported out of committee with no further action. Pres. Arnold then reviewed the Council Committees for 2020, noting that he distributed copies of the listing of the committees. He said that there are seven open assignments that he has re-assigned. He also re-assigned the two committed items to the Utilities Committee now chaired by Mr. Tatman. Mr. Tatman moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that these two items remain committed. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Pres. Arnold said that nuisance issues will be handled by the Utilities Committee; that the question of reverting Second Street to two-way traffic is re-assigned to the Engineering Committee; and that the matter of livestock in the city is in the Safety Services Committee. He also assigned to the Human Resources Committee, chaired by Ms. Payne, the matter of a 457 Plan for city officials.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jim Wilt of 1710 Orange Street spoke about the city’s problem with cats running at large. He said that one of his neighbors has seven cats that are always on his property causing problems, and he urged the city to adopt an ordinance requiring that cats be licensed by their owners. John Thacker of 990 Columbus Street asked that the members of Council speak up so that people in the audience and those listening at home can hear what they are saying. He also suggested that if it is too loud, it be toned down.

**PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported on the receipt of a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of the issuance of a permit to Chillicothe Bowling Lanes, Inc. dba Shawnee Lanes of 1680 North Bridge Street.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR**

Pres. Arnold said that the only assignment since the last meeting is Item #2 on tonight’s agenda.

**READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION**

Res. No. 1-20 adopting the Ross County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and declaring an emergency was read for the third time by title only. On final passage, all nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared Resolution No. 1-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 2-20 appropriating \$587,497.92 for the purpose of continuing the handling of brought forward purchase orders from the year 2019 and other brought forward amounts to be put on the books of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio for the year ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mrs. Corcoran seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Arnold declared Ordinance No. 2-20 adopted.

Ord. No. 3-20 appropriating \$10,000.00 for the City’s share of the CDBG Program Administration of the Nipgen Corner Building Repair Project and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Nickerson moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the rule suspended. All nine members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Arnold declared Ord. No. 3-20 adopted.

Ms. Payne moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All nine members present voted "yea" and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council