

Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
February 10, 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 representatives and eight 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.

Ms. Nickerson moved and Mr. Shoemaker seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 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 #1 relating to fees the City of Chillicothe Water Department will charge for water taps, user fees, and other special services and repealing Ordinance 74-02, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.

Engineering Committee:

Mr. Shoemaker acknowledged that the Engineering Committee has been assigned a request for legislation to dedicate a stub street to the City, known as Kiaan Street.

City Services/Transit Committee:

Ms. Lewis acknowledged that the City Services/Transit Committee has been assigned a request for legislation for the City Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for annual supplies and maintenance and repair of equipment.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Feeney:

Mayor Feeney once again announced that he will be giving his annual State of the City address on the 24th of February here in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. He commented on continuing education within the city for department heads and staff, indicating that OSU has a six week course on planning commissions. He also indicated that the Ohio Municipal League has training for new members of Council and he encouraged attendance, stating that the City should cover the cost and that details are on their website.

Report of City Auditor Spetnagel:

City Auditor Spetnagel commented on Item #1 on tonight’s agenda, stating that this is to appropriate the 2019 Bond Series Funds received and not spent in 2019. She said that she sent out an email on the final financial statement and that on Wednesday she will give an end of the year budget presentation.

Report of Law Director Villarreal:

City Law Director Villarreal said that her office has been receiving a lot of documents from Council members pertaining to requests for legislation. She reminded everyone of the need to get this information in early.

Report of Pres. Arnold:

Pres. Arnold said that five council members are going to the training session and that money has been appropriated to cover the cost. He said that current members are also welcome to go. He announced that Bob Puffer has been proposed for appointment as the First Ward representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Proehl moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that Council approve this appointment. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

Pres. Arnold announced the following committee assignments:

- Engineering: Request for legislation to dedicate a stub street to the city by Sunrush Enterprises located adjacent to 2549 Western Avenue;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to release \$15,399.95 to the Mary Coppel Trust that was held as security for a fire at 137 Park Street;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to appropriate funds received in 2019 and not spent from 2019 Bond Series;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to appropriate funds for expenses omitted from the 2020 budget;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to appropriate prior year grant funds that were not expended in 2019 but are still eligible;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to transfer funds to the general fund for reimbursement of property taxes for 400 East 4th Street and Borland Crossing;
 - Finance: Request for legislation to bring forward and re-appropriate \$25,000.00 from 2019 budget to pay outstanding invoices;
 - City Services: Request for legislation for the City/Safety Services Director to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for annual supplies and maintenance and repair of equipment; and
 - Finance: Request for legislation to support the Local Government Fund (LGF) to be restored to pre-recession levels in Sub. HB 116 as suggested by the Ohio Municipal League.
- Pres. Arnold reminded everyone that there will be a budget review by City Auditor Spetnagel on the 12th of February and that the State of the City address will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the 24th of February.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 6-20 appropriating 2019 Bond Series Funds received and not spent in 2019 and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Payne 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. 6-20 adopted.

Ms. Lewis moved and Ms. Payne seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All nine members present voted “yea” and Pres. Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council