

ZANESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, August 14, 2017

The Zanesville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Vincent led those present in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following members of Council answered roll call: Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, Miss Bradshaw, Ms. Gildow, and Mr. Vincent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2017 as written, seconded by Mrs. Osborn
Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Communication from Rhonda Heskett, Budget and Finance Director –This is the Local Government Revenue Fund for 2018 and is pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281 which needs to be certified to the County Auditor's Office in the amount of \$679,052.46.

Mr. Wolfe moved to receive, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

All present were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Communication from Mayor Jeff Tilton - Zanesville Community Improvement Corporation Board-Mayor Tilton is hereby recommending the appointment of Susan Jones to the Zanesville Community Improvement Corporation Board. Ms. Jones will replace Randy Cassley completing the unexpired term ending on December 31, 2018.

Mr. Roberts moved to receive and concur, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

All present were in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Resolution No. 17-82 Introduced by Council – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Gildow moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: The due date is October 1.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Wolfe has a general question for Rhonda Heskett. How do those certain cases compare to our original budget: up, down, or even? Just roughly what was our annual budget?

Ms. Heskett: This year compared to next year is about even.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Resolution is passed.

Resolution No. 17-83 Introduced by Council – A Resolution declaring “Beggar’s Night”/”Trick or Treat” for the City of Zanesville.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

A voice vote was taken with all being in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

Resolution No. 17-77 Introduced by Council – A Resolution of the City of Zanesville, Ohio, requesting the Muskingum County Auditor to certify the total millage necessary to generate \$1.4 million dollars annually of property tax revenue for improvements to the City of Zanesville Transportation Network.

Ms. Gildow moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving?

Mr. Roberts: There was discussion in the Public Service Committee about this and it was preferred to waive the readings to get this moving down the line so we can actually see where we are.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Roberts moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Resolution is passed.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 17-81 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance enacted by the City of Zanesville of Muskingum County, Ohio to replace the steel grate decking on the Sixth Street Bridge within the City of Zanesville as part of PID 104239, MUS-US 22-11.59 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Miss Bradshaw moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 17-84 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to make a payment in an amount greater than the amount authorized by Ordinance #16-76 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Wolfe moved for passage, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Mr. Wolfe: I just wondered what the term of that lease was.

Ms. Heskett: Do you mean how many years? It is a ten year lease.

Mr. Wolfe: This just essentially put all the 2017 payments into one payment.

Ms. Heskett: Right, we are actually going to make one year and four months' worth of payments this year, but from then on out we will be on annual payments.

Mr. Wolfe: On 12 month payments.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 17-85 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to purchase two (2) new trucks and two (2) new hoppers for the Sanitation Division through either a cooperative purchase program or through a competitive bidding process, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Mr. Wolfe moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 17-86 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a contract for the purchase of a vehicle for the City Maintenance Division by State Purchase Agreement.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Roberts: A motion to amend under Section Two the line item at the very end needs to read 101.7782.54499. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed. Motion carries.

Ordinance 17-86 as amended

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading as amended. It was seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Mr. Roberts: Due to the fact the state purchase deadline is 9-1-2017 (should be 9-30-2017) I will go ahead and make a motion to waive the readings on this ordinance.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent: It is a timeline of September 30. With that if we don't meet the deadline then the price goes up significantly.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

Miss Bradshaw moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 17-87 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a professional contract with AECOM for updating the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-term Control Plan, Phase 1.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Roberts: There is a recommendation from the Public Service Committee that this be passed. 2007 was the last time we updated the long term control plan.

Mr. Bennett: The first reading is fine. We are still finalizing the language in the agreement so by third reading we will be back and will be able to submit that to you.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor of first reading. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 17-88 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to accept funding and execute related intergovernmental agreements with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; advertise for bids, award a construction contract, and expend funds for the Lock 10 Dam Debris Removal Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Roberts moved to amend the Ordinance in Section Four as the last five digits of the line item need to read 56179. Miss Bradshaw seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance 17-88 as amended.

Mr. Roberts moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.
9 Ayes
0 Nays
Motion carries.

Mrs. Norman moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Roberts pointed out there was some fairly lengthy discussion in the Public Service meeting about this, and between the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District and ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) they were able to cover the entire amount of the debris removal so the City has no out of pocket costs.

Mr. Vincent: That is wonderful news. It was a lot of work by the Mayor, Chip Saunders and others. They did a lot of talking and it worked out well for the City and our budget. So thank you. It is significant. Mr. Vincent read the report Mr. Bennett had and it is unbelievable the amount of cubic yards, it was 42 hundred cubic yards of debris.

Mr. Bennett said there is a lot underneath there that you just can't see.

Mr. Vincent said to capture it here and getting rid of it instead of versus letting it go on downstream, so it helps other communities also by preventing snags and dangers for those that enjoy boating and the river.

Mr. Bennett said it will be a fun project to watch and do photography as they remove the debris.

Ms. Gildow had a comment that the Muskingum River is such an asset to our area that when we see something really good like this happening it's exciting and ideally that will result in something else happening to make the river safer, more navigable, and more attractive.

Mr. Vincent said it will protect that dam too. It is a really used pool up river and it is a real asset to our community.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 17-89 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the waiver of utility fees associated with the construction of two new Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio's Housing Development projects on Mead Street in the City of Zanesville.

Mr. Baker moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? It has been a couple of years since Habitat has done a project in the City, if I understand correctly. It is good they are back. Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye. All were in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 17-90 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the City Auditor to accept a bid for a surplus vehicle greater than \$1,000 that was not listed on the prior surplus equipment sale ordinance.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

A voice vote was held with all in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries.

TRAFFIC ORDERS - None

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Tilton does not know how many Councilmembers or citizens of Zanesville had the chance to go look at Finale, which is a project where four young artists in residence took an undesirable alley, cleaned it up and put some art into it. They did a great job. It began as the art in public spaces and this is one of the first projects we have done. The Mayor would like for everybody to go and see it because it is amazing what they did. It was four young ladies. It is the alley between the Yan Sun gallery and the Army Navy on Sixth Street. It really looks nice.

Mr. Vincent said it is interesting. You really have to look close. When he walked through and came back through and had missed a whole lot of stuff. You have to look really close in different areas.

Mayor Tilton said there are some small sculptures on the ground, painting, and then the cloth they did in the air. They did a great job. Two of them moved away as they are

done with their residence. Hopefully we will get two or four more next year. From what it was before and being cleaned up it is much better for the community.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Non-agenda item petitions filed

Mr. Eric Jones, 221 Luck Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 speaking on more comments on Council's silence about "repeal & replace".

Mr. Jones said hello. This will be relatively quick. It has been an interesting last two weeks since our last meeting here. The failure of "Repeal and Replace" in the Senate, the chance of two wars, and terrorism in the homeland, next to me speaking on "Repeal and Replace", it seems like small potatoes. We were all pretty quick about it. The thing I am going to mention is because we have a President who seems to combine stupidity, and ignorance, with arrogance. "Repeal and Replace" is going to be coming back. I want you to stay on your toes. I didn't say anything about it the last time, but the next time it comes up I would like for you to say something even if you are for or against it to say something because it can have a detrimental effect on Zanesville. It is going to keep coming back for simple reasons as it has to do with the money. He is going to try tax cuts. He can't do tax cuts without "Repeal and Replace". He is going to try to increase infrastructure. Again, he is talking about money here, folks. He is going to have to find the money somewhere. Last but not least, is to increase military spending. This is all going to refer back to "Repeal and Replace". It has to do with how much money we have in our budget. He has to choose between cutting something, increasing our economy. All I want you to do is be vigilant it because again this is going to come back up and it is going to hurt Zanesville. Especially if Mr. Bennett's PowerPoint presentation is correct that Zanesville is on course to go down approximately 20% in the next ten years. All this is going to do is just accelerate that. So if everybody will just stay on your toes. Thank you very much.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Jones.

June M. Campbell, 418 Seborn Avenue, Zanesville, OH speaking on the railroad underpass where Putnam Avenue and Maysville join. Could we please have some type of mirrors installed for our safety?

June Campbell said good evening. I want to apologize first to Miss Bradshaw. On the papers that Mrs. Culbertson had given me I believe I read where I needed to come to her first or at least present the item to her, but I didn't read that until after I brought my information to Mrs. Culbertson. I was told by Mrs. Culbertson that this had been looked at before, not mirrors but something, but is there any way that they can reroute traffic to go either to Moxahala or clear to the end of Putnam Avenue to make a left to go onto the bridge that takes you to Maysville Pike or to I forget whether that is Route 60.

What brought me here is my granddaughter was coming around that underpass with her son and when she explained to me she said it scared her to death because the truck came, when she was in the turn and it almost hit her. Now I have been there when the trucks are stopped and I have been behind them. They have had to maneuver so many different ways to get through, but I have never been in any danger. I just feel there needs to be something done there. Just something, whatever you can come up with for the safety of our people here in Zanesville. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Buck I assume the trucks are swinging wide to make that turn? They are semi-trucks?

Mr. Buck said we have approached the Ohio Rail Commission just like she said. I think the first time I wasn't even in this position. They came to us to have us look at it to see what possibly could be done. They really didn't seem to be too interested in doing anything. We actually talked about widening the bridge out a little bit. Maybe one of the options is to reroute, but still you have a lot of trucks that are going to be in that area so you are not totally going to do away with the issue no matter what you do until the Rail Commission does something with that bridge. It has just been a headache for Zanesville for years. Mirrors, she had asked about mirrors. We had actually talked about them before and ODOT stopped doing mirrors and I think I took the last one down in 1990 something, maybe 1995. People might remember it was at Blue, State and I-70. We had so many accidents there because people were looking at the mirror. It is hard to judge distances and size of the vehicles. ODOT stopped. What they do now is they will issue a permit to an individual and if you want to take responsibility to put it up and maintain it and everything else. I don't know that many people who would want to do that. So we do need to look at other options. I don't know what they are. We have looked at this for several years, but we will continue to look.

Mr. Vincent said that is a state route, Route 22. Trucks can legally go on it. Although we prefer, I assume we prefer Wayne Avenue and SR 719.

Mr. Buck said he would prefer SR 719 and SR 60, but we can't make them go. We can if we designate it as a truck route, but we also have to go through ODOT to do that and I don't believe we can just say we want it to be a state route. We ran into the same thing if you remember on Market Street coming down. That has been several years ago when we went through that. It is going to take a little bit of work, but I think Mr. Saunders had looked at it and I have looked at it, we have talked with ODOT. Mr. Buck has talked with Brian Bosch, their engineer, and he has talked with a couple of other people up there so we are looking at alternatives that we have. It is an issue. There is no doubt it is an issue. It is one that has actually been dumped on the City so we are going to have to think of something. I am not sure what.

Mr. Vincent said slowing down there would be helpful. I think there used to be yellow flashing lights there, weren't there?

Mr. Buck said I think so, but that was a long time ago. Fred said that was probably before my time so that has been a long time ago.

Mr. Vincent said unfortunately it doesn't sound like an easy answer. It is being looked at and seeking solutions to a difficult problem.

Ms. Gildow said she wanted to take the opportunity to further market the event that is coming to our community on Wednesday, September 13. The City is partnering with other groups to bring a world renowned author to Secrest Auditorium. It is relative to the opiate epidemic and if many of you were following the news this week there was more emphasis on the fact that Ohio ranks number one in opiate overdoses which is a terrible thing to be an over-achiever at, but this is something where we would encourage everybody in the community to attend this event. A lot of people have worked hard to keep it free. One of the books that this author wrote is called, "Clean, Overcoming Addiction and Ending Americas Greatest Tragedy". The other one that he is most known for is called, "Beautiful Boy". They will both be available. There is a small supply that will be available for free through the John McIntire Library and they will also be available at Wall of Books. These books do a lot to inform people. It is not just a problem that addicts have. The community needs to be better informed and this is a very easy way to do it. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to make this announcement.

Mr. Vincent: The City of Zanesville is a sponsor on this event as we are providing Secrest as the location. This is the second year and it is an epidemic that is impacting all of us and really hurting our community as well as most communities. So, this is just one more way of getting information to help us take this on and battle it.

Mayor Tilton had one more item to add. It is fair time. We have some parking issues already over on the side streets. We actually have people parking on the Mosaic Tile property which is really a no trespassing zone. So I just wanted to bring that out. There will be officers involved and they will be writing tickets, so you need to watch where you park.

Mr. Vincent said it is all about safety.

Mayor Tilton said absolutely. We have had a couple of fires over there in the last couple of days at Mosaic so we don't need that traffic in the way if there is another fire over there. The side streets have people parking up on the sidewalks which are illegal. They may get a ticket.

Mr. Vincent said blocking driveways, in front of fire hydrants, and all the things

Mayor Tilton said it is fair time and we know it is going to happen. So we are going to have officers over there to take care of the situations.

Mr. Vincent said thank you. Before I entertain a motion to adjourn the Law Director has some legal issues to share and asked us to go into executive session for some pending legal matters that he wants to give us updates on. So I will look for a motion from Council to go into executive session.

Mr. Roberts moved and Mrs. Osborn seconded the motion.

We will need to clear the room except for the administration and Council. We have completed everything here. There won't be any additional voting or anything that goes on so if you don't want to stick around and wait to come back in just for us to adjourn you are welcome to head on home. If you want to stick around and talk to Council members you can wait out in the hallway. Please take all of your items with you as you can't leave anything here in the room.

Roll call vote was taken to enter into executive session at 7:30 p.m.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

The Executive session ended about 7:54 p.m.

We are coming out of executive session. Mr. Vincent let the audience know there was no voting or decisions made in executive session. It was just to share information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Osborn and it was seconded by Mr. Roberts. A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed. The motion carries. The meeting adjourned about 8:00 p.m.