

attention to this. This kind of determines how we incentivize companies that come here. How we recruit companies to come here by looking at the data.

Unemployment rates for the nation; again something we take a look at, but don't put a great deal of stock in it, but it is something important to pay attention to with the unemployment rates. You will see a lot of times with the peaks that exist are around the first of the year in January when construction has kind of ceased. When you see some of our companies here in Zanesville and Muskingum County have a mandatory shut down during those times. So, that is where you see the peaks and valleys, but from a year ago we still see unemployment rates continuing to decline. The average wages are something very important. You see this chart. This chart starts at 2014 to what it is now. This is something when we are looking at companies coming in here this is what we have to look at; companies that continue to raise the bar. So competition in the work force, you have low unemployment and these numbers are going to continue to get better. So, there are some very exciting things to come. We have a lot of things going on and it has been a very exciting summer.

We also have had some adversity to overcome with the Anchor project and Cardinal Health. I think I would be remiss to come in and tell you all good news; but with a lot of the things with those two companies that they were looking at had nothing to do with Zanesville. It had nothing to do with Muskingum County. It had everything to do with a margin that they were looking at and how they produce goods. So, we are still in contact with one of those companies, but very exciting times and opportunities. With those companies they left some very nice properties and very nice buildings and we are heavily marketing those buildings to be a job creator for now and in the future. That is all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Abbott. Are there any questions from Council? You are getting off easy.

Mr. Abbott: Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: You must have covered everything very thorough. Again, thank you, Mr. Abbott, I appreciate you coming. With that we are at first reading, so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All present were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent.

Motion carries. This will return to the next meeting for second reading.

Ordinance No. 18-115 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance implementing a new City Purchasing Policy for items greater than or equal to \$5,000 and under \$49,999.99.

Miss Bradshaw moved for first reading, seconded by Ms. Gildow.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent. Motion carries. This will return for second reading at the next meeting.

Ordinance No. 18-116 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Proper City Official to enter into a Professional Contract with Hull Inc. for the design of Pioneer Reservoir Replacement Project.

Miss Bradshaw moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Gentry.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 18-117 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Proper City Official to enter into a Professional Contract with Poggemeyer Design Group Inc. for Design and Bidding Services for the Replacement of the Linden Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station.

Mr. Sharrer moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent. Motion carries. This will return to our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 18-118 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Application to the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for a loan, authorizing a Design Contract with Hull Inc., and authorizing the bid and award of a contract for Construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Climber Screen Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Vincent: A motion to waive or first reading. This did go to committee. Do you need this waived?

Mr. Bennett: Whenever Council is ready. We did go to committee and the committee made a recommendation.

Mr. Sharrer: Yes, I filled in for Mr. Roberts and the Public Service Committee recommended to Council that it pass this Ordinance.

Mr. Vincent: Do you want to waive or go for first reading?

Mr. Sharrer: There was no recommendation either way, but if we need to waive we can.

Mr. Bennett: It would be wonderful if we could move on with the application to OWDA in starting to sign the Hull contract and move to final design authorizing them to bid. So this kind of wraps this up. We would like to get this moved as quickly as possible.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving?

Mr. Roberts: Jay, is there any hard data on this, as far as, when we need the application in?

Mr. Bennett: Well, as the committee saw last meeting the piece of equipment is not operating correctly.

Mr. Roberts: Okay.

Mr. Vincent: With that, the concerns are we have potential of stuff going through and not getting trapped or removed and going through our expensive pumps and costing us lots of money and that has happened not too long ago, correct?

Mr. Bennett: Yes.

Mr. Vincent: So we are wasting money there by having to repair pumps that were not protected because this feature is not working properly. Is there any other discussion? Okay. So we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker

Motion carries.

Miss Bradshaw moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 18-119 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City Official to dispose of surplus property. (Street Division)

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 18-120 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City Official to dispose of surplus property for the Sanitation Division.

Mr. Sharrer moved for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent.
Motion carries.

Mr. Vincent: With that for our public, it is typical as far as voting on first and second readings as it doesn't really matter other than that it gives people an idea as far as where the position is with Council. So the only reading that matters is the third and final reading on whether it will pass or fail. It has been history and tradition at Council long before I started so we have continued that process.

Ordinance No. 18-121 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Public Service Director to execute a construction contract without formal bidding as provided for by Ohio Revised Code Section 735.051 for the repair of the Sheridan Street and Central Avenue Storm Sewer Project and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Mr. Bennett, do you want to add anything here as far as the emergency?

Mr. Bennett: This is a storm water project and it was discovered last week. We have kind of been in that area before and done some patch work and then late last week it was discovered that we had experienced a collapse and a sink hole was happening so Chip immediately jumped on it and started working on specifications. He has as of last Friday sent out informal quotes with the specifications to contractors. He has put a price of \$60,000 to kind of get this project rebuilt, if you will. The stormwater manhole, associated pipe, and he was proposing to reline the pipe the rest of the way under Central Avenue. The \$60,000 buys us a foot hold and then relining the rest of the pipe that is still in decent shape, but while we are there we might as well spend a little extra money to make sure that is okay too. The fact this comes out of the general fund

contingency fund, because the storm water fund does not have sufficient funds to be able to pay for this.

Mr. Vincent: The waiving then is to prevent flooding problems?

Mr. Bennett: Correct and further collapse and shutting down the road.

Mr. Vincent: Okay, thank you, sir. Is there any other discussion?

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker

Motion carries.

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

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

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Ordinance No. 18-109 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper City official to execute relevant documents with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Loan for the Pioneer Reservoir Replacement Project.

Mr. Sharrer moved for second reading, seconded by Miss Bradshaw.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

All were in favor. None were opposed. Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker were absent. Motion carries. This will return for final reading at our next meeting.

Ordinance No. 18-103 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing contracts for Administration, Network, Medical Management, and Stop Loss Insurance Services related to the City's Employee Health Plan.

Mr. Sharrer moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Ms. Gildow: Just a comment that this among other items on the agenda this evening went through Ways & Means Committee and that committee recommended approval by Council.

Roll call vote for passage.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absences Mr. Foreman and Mr. Baker

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 18-105 Amended – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing a Maximum Schedule of positions for the City of Zanesville's Workforce.

Mr. Sharrer moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? With that we do have Dr. Doug Baker here. He is the Superintendent of Zanesville City Schools. He is here as a special guest to present information to us as far as additional officers at the schools. Thank you for coming, sir.

Dr. Doug Baker: Thank you. Good evening. Thank you for asking me to present on this policy and collaboration between the City School District and the City. It is interesting that one of the parts of my job is that I will get phone calls from prospective administrators that are working through and trying to get their superintendent certificate or principal certificate. They will ask if they can come and shadow or can they come and talk to me for a while. Obviously, I say of course and we spend some time together. As we talk, one of the things they talk to me about is what is the number one thing that is most important to schools? I think they are always leaning towards the academic side. The reality and my answer to them is the number one rule for superintendents and school administrators is student safety. That is our number one item, followed by all of those other things like academics, extra-curriculars, and co-curricular; but safety is our number one focus. That is just not that we have school buses in working order, that we have buildings that are clean and neat and there are not cracks in the sidewalks, but also a proactive is an expectation of our community that we go beyond. We take a look at what has happening around us and what is happening in our world and to make the proper modification in what we are doing inside the schools to keep our students safe, or our facility safe, and have that secure learning environment. There is no better way to learn than to learn in a place where you feel safe and secure. So, safety and academics actually go hand-in-hand.

One of the biggest components of that safety and being proactive are our School Resource Officers. We have been very fortunate to have School Resource Officers with us the last couple of years and here recently we have increased that number. The Zanesville City Schools Board of Education has made a strong commitment to put a School Resource Officer in every one of our buildings to provide safety and security for our students, parents, and staff; but it actually goes well beyond that. The School Resource Officers who are providing that safety and security and doing a wonderful job