

**ZANESVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 02, 2020**

The Zanesville City Council met in a Special Session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 02, 2020 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.

Mr. Vincent: This is our first meeting of the year for 2020. It is exciting as we have new faces here this evening. I want to welcome new, returning Mayor Mason. We appreciate you. Thank you for coming back to serve the city here.

Mayor Mason: Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: It is an honor that we have Todd Ware who is the newest Councilperson. So welcome, sir; we are glad you are here.

Mr. Ware: Thank you. I am back.

The following members of Council answered Roll Call: Miss Bradshaw, Ms. Gildow, Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Sharrer, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Gentry, Mr. Ware, and Mr. Vincent.

Mr. Baker was absent.

Mr. Roberts moved to excuse Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Foreman.

A voice vote was taken with all present were in favor of excusing Mr. Baker except Mr. Sharrer and Mr. Roberts and they voted nay. Motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Osborn moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2019 as written, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE**

Mr. Vincent: I will accept nominations from the floor.

Mr. Sharrer: I would like to nominate Mr. Andrew Roberts as President Pro-Tempore.

Ms. Gildow seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent: Are there any other nominations? Okay we will close the nominations and we do not need an official vote for that. So we will vote on Mr. Roberts serving his term as President Pro Tempore so signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all the Councilmembers present being in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Baker was absent.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mr. Roberts and welcome back.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 2020-01** – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance appointing the Clerk of Council and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? With that we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent      Mr. Baker

Motion carries.

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

Ms. Gildow: It may not be my responsibility, but I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks and how appreciative we are for everything Sue does for Council and for all of us.

Mrs. Osborn: Sue makes us look very good.

Mr. Vincent: I would like to echo that. We talk often and you know how much I appreciate you and all you do for us. You keep us in order and keep things running very smooth. We do appreciate you.

The Clerk said thank you.

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent      Mr. Baker

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Mr. Vincent: I talked to the Mayor earlier and we will sign this legislation right now, so it will be in effect. Then I will get you sworn in so it will be official.

Mayor Mason: You get great service here.

Mr. Vincent: Raise your right hand please. Mr. Vincent then proceeded to swear in the clerk.

**Ordinance No. 2020-02** – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance establishing the salary of the Clerk of Council and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Baker

Motion carries.

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

Roll call vote for passage.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Absent Mr. Baker

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

## **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Vincent: I will turn to Mayor Mason. Would you like to share anything? How was your first day?

Mayor Mason: It was rough. So Thomas Wolfe wrote, "You can never go home again," but he was, of course, wrong. You can. My first job out of college in 1979 was literally straight downstairs. It is where our IT areas are right now and we were a City Manager Government so I was actually sitting up here the first meeting of January forty years ago. We were trying to figure out the difference between a Charter Government and a Statutory Government. Trying to figure out what all we were doing because it was a Charter and what all are we going to do now because it is not. It is just interesting now we are at four decades into the transition. I am really happy to say, "I think City Council, I have noticed over the years is working very well together with the administration. I promise to keep that going along." Today I was meeting with Bill (Arnett), Keane

(Toney) and Scott Brown, the Interim or Acting Public Service Director. At one point in the discussion somebody apologized that they were crossing over into another area where the other person was in charge of and I said, "Hey wait a minute, you don't need to apologize. We are all spit balling ideas and thoughts and that is the kind of professional discussion you have to have to maximize what for the taxpayers are putting into each one of us." It is the old saying, "Two plus two can't make four." There has to be a synergy. Somehow that old saying, two plus two has to be eight. That is what we have to come up with when we are working together. So I am really pleased and happy. We have a daunting task in front of us between what we need to do on Linden, on Pershing Road, and what we need to do with Muskingum Avenue. The possibilities of upgrades at Gant Stadium. Then perhaps the most daunting task, if you want to talk about going back four decades, it would be going back six decades when I 70 cut through the middle of Zanesville. This will be one of the most daunting tasks and you are here in sixty years. So we will really have to work hard to get it. We were talking at the table today and there might have to be a point where at 9:00 in the morning we decide we need to put pylons and barricades up to start redirecting traffic just because sometimes you just have no idea of how traffic is going to flow. I always tell people this: one thing about water, electricity, and traffic is it will flow the least line of resistance. You just have to be ready for it. So I am happy to be here. I am happy to be working for the people and happy to be working with each one of you, today and for the next four years. Thank you.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you, Mayor Mason. I have to echo as far as I am very pleased with Council. I feel we are a good team. We work well together. Todd (Ware) is fitting in so nice. So, we are a good group. So, I think you being so open to discussions and every time I have called or anything; you were willing to help me out and listen to what I had to say. So, I appreciate that. So together we will do great things. Is there anything else from Council or the Administration?

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn about 7:14 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

Mr. Vincent: All in favor of adjournment, signify by saying aye. Those opposed nay. The motion carries. We stand adjourned and have a good night.

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Susan Culbertson  
Clerk of Council

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Daniel M. Vincent  
President of Zanesville City Council