

November 22, 2021

Council President Mr. Martin called the November 22, 2021 meeting to order at 7:32 PM. If you aren't a member of council and are on ZOOM please mute your computer so it will cut down the background noise. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Drake, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gant, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Riffle and Mr. Shutts present. Also, present was Mayor Lorentz, City Auditor Miss Pittenger, City Law Director Mr. Webster, and City Treasurer Mrs. Copeland. Absent from the November 22, 2021 meeting was Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell, Councilman Mr. Locke, and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith

Council President Mr. Martin asked that everyone please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lorentz gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Riffle made a motion to accept the minutes of November 8th, 2021 as presented and by-pass the reading. A vote was taken with members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle made a motion to accept the minutes of November 16th, 2021 as presented and by-pass the reading. It was pointed out that Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Shutts had not been excused from the Special Meeting of Council. Mr. Martin stated that they would take care of it under Communication and Petitions. A vote was taken with members of council present voting aye.

#### **Reports of City Officials:**

Mayor Lorentz announced that we are researching additional funding for our water line improvements on Farson Street. ARC funding at start gives us acceptable funding but, with the added charges due to all the COVID excuses. I am now working with EPA and EDA to make up the added costs.

With the resignation of Justine from Kroger, I have appointed Desiree Kerns from the Redwood Restaurant to fill the vacancy on our health board. She attended her first meeting on Friday.

Just to keep you aware, we have an ambulance out for a motor failure. We are looking at some \$9,000 for repairs.

The Toys for Tots Train will be at Civitan Park December 1<sup>st</sup> offering rides to all.

The first annual Tree Lighting was last Friday. Many thanks to Holiday Lights, Belpre Woman's Club and our street crew for making this happen.



The third graders will be here on December 20<sup>th</sup> to sing for us. When I get a time, you will be notified.

Smiles on the Boulevard held an open house to welcome their new dentist. Thanks to anyone who may have attended and welcomed Dr. Frank.

Don't forget the Annual Chamber Dinner is December 7<sup>th</sup> at Grande Point. I believe tickets are still available.

The temporary bridge closures planned to start this week have been cancelled due to materials not arriving. I'll keep everyone posted.

Council, you have numerous pieces of legislation we need passed to keep us on track for bridge repairs as well as 2022 paving projects. This is not a cost to the city just awareness and permission to bid and schedule.

Have a great Thanksgiving

Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell was absent

City Auditor Miss Pittenger announced that a copy of the October's Adjustment Report is before you this evening and is needing council approval. Copies on your desk and at the back table. As we discussed at the last meeting there is a large adjustment for an Enviro tank. Ms. Riffle made a motion to accept the October's Adjustment Report as presented. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

City Law Director Mr. Webster reported that he had pulled the previous legislation in regards to the fire levy. I will be preparing additional legislation on that either in December or January.

City Treasurer Mrs. Copeland reported that a copy of the Treasurer's Report is on the back table and needs approved. Ms. Riffle made a motion to accept the October's Treasurers Report as presented. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

#### **Communication and Petitions –**

President of Council Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Gant had already taken the **RESOLUTION UPDATING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**. There are two other pieces of legislation that needs assigned to Ms. Riffle's Street, Sidewalk and Storm Sewer Committee. They are PID 115762 (resurfacing) and PID 109115 (bridge repair). Copies are on the back table.

The second meeting in December is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We can discuss it tonight or we can wait until the next meeting of council.

Ms. Riffle made a motion to cancel the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting. Mr. Martin stated that there is several pieces of legislation that needs to be completed by the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Miller made a motion to wait until the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting to be sure that all legislation is complete. Ms. Riffle



withdrew her motion.

We also failed to excuse two members of council at the Special Meeting on November 16, 2021. The two needing excused was Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Shutts. Mr. Gant made a motion to excuse Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Shutts from the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

#### **Reports of Standing Committee -**

Finance/Audit Committee Mr. Ferguson announced that his committee met at 6:30 PM prior to these evenings meeting to discuss the 2022 Budget. At this time, I would like to add to tonight's agenda only a **TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR 2022**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Gant, Police and Fire Committee reported that we had a committee meeting prior to these evenings meeting at 6PM to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Washington County. Mr. Gant made a motion to add to tonight's agenda **A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer had no report. Ms. Riffle made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading PID No. 115762 which is a resurfacing project in the City of Belpre on County Route 2 and Florence Street. This is last minute legislation that we get from ODOT. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading PID 109115 which is for concrete bridge deck overlay project. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye

Mrs. Drake had no report for the Utilities Committee. Mrs. Drake asked about the HomeServe legislation. Mr. Webster stated that he had made corrections to the legislation. Ms. Riffle stated that it was added to the agenda one evening when she wasn't present. There were additional questions and the legislation was tabled. Mr. Martin asked if we needed to add to the agenda. Ms. Riffle stated that we probably needed to hold until we had another meeting. Ms. Riffle stated that she didn't have the desire to add to the agenda. Mr. Martin stated that he would hold until the next council.

Mr. Shutts Parks and Recreation Committee had no report.

Mr. Locke Planning and Zoning Committee was absent. No report was given in his absence.



Mr. Locke Economic Development Committee was absent. No report was given in his absence.

Mrs. Miller Rules Committee had no report.

**Persons Appearing Before Council – Agenda items only.** none

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Gant brought before council for third reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BELPRE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT INC, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Gant moved this be **Resolution #32, 2020-2021** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for second reading **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS.** Mr. Ferguson stated that this was a small appropriation for 2021 to get us through the rest of the year. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion for second reading **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED MANPOWER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.** Mr. Ferguson informed Mr. Null that he had enlarged the print of Exhibit A. Ms. Riffle made a motion to table this legislation as I don't believe this council should vote on this. This should be the responsibility of the next council. A vote was taken with all members of council voting nay and Ms. Riffle voting aye.

From a previous motion made by Mr. Ferguson for a vote on second reading of **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED MANPOWER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except Ms. Riffle who voted nay. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

Mayor Lorentz stated that before we move on to New Business, we have an item tabled on the Special Meeting we had at the next meeting regarding Enterprise Fleet Management. Mr. Martin asked if there was a desire of council to bring back before council. Mr. Webster stated that since there is two pieces of legislation there would have to be two separate motions. Mr. Martin stated that the first one is Fleet Management and the second one was for creating a new fund. Seeing no desire of council, we moved forward.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for first reading **TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION <sup>Ordinance</sup> ~~ORDINANCE~~ FOR CALENDAR AND FISCAL YEAR 2022**. Mr. Ferguson stated that this is for the first three months to operate the city. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

Mr. Gant brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Gant moved to suspend the rules of council to allow for the second and third readings of **A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Gant brought before council for the second and third readings **A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**. Mrs. Miller stated that someone stated we didn't have a choice on this. Mr. Gant stated that this is a pre-plan and if we were to have a disaster they would go with this plan. If the plan isn't in place and we would have a disaster FEMA would not pay. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Gant moved this be Resolution #33, 2020-2021 and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle brought before council for first reading **PID 115762 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle moved to suspend the rule of council to allow for the second and third readings of **PID 115762 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle brought before council for the second and third readings **PID 115762 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle moved this be **Resolution #34, 2020-2021** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle brought before council for first reading **PID 109115 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle moved to suspend the rule of council to allow for the second and third readings of **PID 109115 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle brought before council for the second and third readings of **PID 109115 (Preliminary Legislation)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle moved this be **Resolution #35, 2020-2021** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Jesse Wonycott 805 Main Street asked on the October Report what is the 203 Permissive. Miss Pittenger stated that this is money for repayment. This is unclaimed funds that people didn't cash their refund checks. Ms. Wonycott asked about the Recreation Funds and if this was funds that had been transferred earlier to the Rec Fund. She was told that it was not.

Ms. Riffle made a motion to excuse Mr. Locke from this evening's meeting. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Riffle made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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President of Council Mr. Martin

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Clerk of Belpre City Council Protem Mr. Ferguson