

March 14, 2022

Council President Mr. Martin called the March 14, 2022 meeting to order at 7:38 PM. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McClead, Mr. Millhone, Mr. Null, Mr. Ruth and Mr. Wallace present. Also, present was Mayor Lorentz, Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell, City Auditor Mrs. Nolan, City Law Director Mr. Webster, City Treasurer Mrs. Cassady 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. Mr. Ruth gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to accept the minutes of February 28, 2022 as presented and by-pass the reading. A vote was taken with members of council present voting aye.

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

Mayor Lorentz reported that since our last meeting the Service Director and I met with our grant writer and keep her informed on what is happening and needed in research grants. With the projects coming up this year and next we need all the help we can find.

The Southeastern Ohio Solid Waste Authority met in Caldwell on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We did have a quorum so to approve some of the expenditures etc.

Easter Parade in Parkersburg April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM for those interested.

The Service Director and I attended Family Tree Dental Ribbon Cutting today at 12:15.

There is another meeting this month discussing the injection wells in our county. I do plan on attending since our supply is from an aquifer.

Our next meeting is Student Government Day. If you give me a choice of topics from your committee assignments the students could discuss this during the day then present their findings that evening. Can any of you spend some time that day with us?

The Chamber held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Family Tree Dental today. Thanks to Mr. Millhone, Mr. Null and Ms. Dennis for attending.

Don't forget the Memorial Bridge closes tomorrow. This will continue for 45 days.

Other dates to remember, Relay for Life in Belpre August 13.

On your desk is a list of dates for the Blennerhassett Island. This information is needed as they will more than fill the lower area with vehicles and equipment at times.

Wendy Shriver, Executive Director of Discovery World on Market resides at 2810 Riverview Drive, Parkersburg. Mrs. Shriver spoke before council about Discovery World on Market. This will be the new children's museum on Market Street located in the former Masonic Temple. The museum is going to change the landscape of downtown Market Street.

The mission of Discovery World on Market will be to create an environment for children and the community that exercises curiosity, promotes exploration, and develops imagination through hands-on learning experiences.

Our Vision is for Discovery World on Market to be the regional STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) destination that provides children and their families one-of-a-kind hands-on experiences that are accessible to all.

In our first year of operation, we plan on servicing 26,000 people from surrounding counties. We are doing lots of advertising and working with our Convention Centers on both sides of the river. Everything in the building will relate to the history of our area. We are looking to help cover some of the exhibits through our local plants. We are writing grants. I have sent out letters to all the area Mayors asking for support along with Belpre Area Community Foundation and some of our Industrial and Manufacturing Plants. If anyone has any questions or would like to come and take a tour, please contact me and I will set up a time or answer any questions anyone may have.

Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell reported that we have purchased two trucks for the water department. We will be traveling to Michigan tomorrow to pick them up.

Drug take back day is scheduled for April 30 in the Senior Center parking lot from 10am – 2pm.

Cameras have been installed at Civitan Park, pickleball and swimming pool area, the boat ramp and near the baseball fields.

We hired Chris Sheets for the open position in the water department. He will start work on Monday.

Shayla Greathouse gave her monthly EMS report for February 2022:

Total calls: 138

7a- 61

7p- 43

9a- 34

And 5 mutual aid calls with Dunham Township and Wood Co.

Average out the door time- 1.5 minutes

Average on scene time 4-5 minutes

City Auditor Mrs. Nolan reported that after 2 ½ months all Procedures are starting to come together. I have been working with various credit card companies, accounts, working on name change from the previous Auditor to mine. I continue learning payroll process, purchasing, utility processes and working with Council Finance Committee on 2022 budget.

The software bid is once again in circulation, we've received 3 requests for packages, those were emailed last week. The deadline for sealed bids is Monday, March 28, at 11:00AM.

Auditor from Julian and Grube begin here tomorrow going thru invoices.

Anyone having questions for me can email to [belpreaudit@lumos.net](mailto:belpreaudit@lumos.net).

City Law Director Mr. Webster had no report

City Treasurer Mrs. Cassady reported that a copy of the January 2022 Treasurers Report is before you tonight and is needing approval. Mr. Millhone made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson asked Mrs. Nolan if it was possible to track the \$4.00 and the \$2.00 when it comes in. Mrs. Nolan told Mr. Ferguson that it is a line item in the water fund. I could possible add that in under the water. It however is not a fund. Mr. Ferguson said that it is a topic for discussion.

**Communication and Petitions** – none

**Reports of Standing Committee** –

Finance/Audit Committee Mr. Ferguson reported that his committee met on March 14, 2022 at 7PM to finalize the budget. There were three things that was discussed: Sunny Creek Horizon that was \$22,500 that we will hold on to, the other was for \$5,000 for Discovery World on Market and the last change was for training for the police department. The amount went from \$5,000-\$8,000 as requested by Mrs. Dennis.

Mrs. Dennis, Police and Fire Committee reported that she had attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Family Tree Dental in Belpre which was great. I met with our Fire Chief, Mr. Cronin today and was able to see some of the things they do along with some of the behind the scenes. We had a Police and Fire Committee meeting last

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a very good informational meeting. I look forward to more of those meetings.

Mr. Ruth, Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer reported that his committee met at 6PM for the purpose of discussing the Washington Boulevard Force Main Extension Project, the Farson Street Water Line Project. Both coincide with the street paving project that is to begin in June. We also discussed the Washington Soil and Water Conservation District and the Salt Contract. All four pieces appears on this evening's agenda.

Mr. Millhone, Utilities Committee had no report.

Mr. McClead, Parks and Recreation Committee stated that he had received a call from Travis Williams regarding a grant that was written for playground equipment. He wanted to know where we wanted it placed and when we wanted it.

Mrs. Hoblitzell informed Mr. McClead that it was down at Civitan Park near the concession stand. They can extend the existing playground if you so desire. Mr. McClead and Mr. Null to take a look at the area.

Mr. Wallace, Planning and Zoning Committee had no report.

Mr. Wallace, Economic Development Committee had no report.

Mr. Null, Rules Committee had no report.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only** ((President of Council will ask if there is anyone wishing to address City Council on any agenda items.)) None

**Unfinished Business: -**

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for second reading **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CALANDER YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS.**

Mr. Ferguson stated that this legislation has been amended to reflect 2022-2023 instead of 2020-2021 in the title of the legislation. There is also an amendment of \$5,000 - \$8,000 for training for the police department. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to amend the legislation to reflect the correction. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for second reading **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CALANDER YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS as amended.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye. This will lie over until the March 28, 2022 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ruth brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BELPRE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD FORCE MAIN EXTENTION PROJECT**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ruth moved to suspend the rule of council on three different days to allow for the second and third readings of **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BELPRE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD FORCE MAIN EXTENTION PROJECT**. Discussion followed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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Mr. Ruth moved this be Resolution #6, 2022-2023 and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ruth brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF BELPRE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH YORK PAVING COMPANY, INC FOR COMPLETION OF THE FARSON STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 21-1**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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Mr. Ruth moved this be Resolution #7, 2022-2023 and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ruth brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

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Mr. Ruth brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SALT CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMNET OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ruth moved to suspend the rule of council to allow for the second reading of **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SALT CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMNET OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)**. Discussion followed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except for Mr. Null and Mr. Wallace. Vote was 5 for and 2 against. Motion failed.

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** None

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Ferguson 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 Mrs. Meredith

