

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the September 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at Lakeview Park Shelter House rather than in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Below moved to waive opening formalities and proceeded to roll call; seconded by Mrs. Hickman: all agreed.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Pat Hovis, Beth Gillman, Margaret Phillips, Jerry Tarolli, Roseann Hickman, Brian Hild and Gabe Below.

Ms. Phillips moved to adopt minutes for September 8, 2020; seconded by Mr. Tarolli: all agreed.

The chair noted certification had been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT **Mrs. Marty Brown** – Spoke in regards to water and sewer charges assessed to a housing provider in the city and, secondly, the installation of proper shut-offs. See attachment

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL The next Council meeting, October 13, 2020, will be held at Port Clinton High School / Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance 24-20 has been assigned to the Finance Committee
Ordinance 25-20 has been assigned to Economic & Development Committee

MAYOR'S REPORT Community Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Main Street Port Clinton annual Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2020 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The OSU game on October 31, 2020, will be on the jumbo screen downtown with an anticipated start time of 8:00 p.m., weather permitting.

All Port Clinton High School football games will be on the jumbo screen downtown every Friday night, weather permitting.

The thirteen picnic tables that were donated by community members arrived today. They will be assembled by the Street Department and placed throughout the City.

Recently Mayor Snider and Mr. Colston met with Friends of Ottawa County Parks. They are putting a 0.6 million dollar levy on the ballot to generate a million dollars a year. This money will be dedicated to parks within Ottawa County, allowing placing of bike trails, walking trails and other amenities. Mayor Snider has invited the Friends of Ottawa County Parks to speak at the October 27, 2020, Council meeting. In addition, Mayor Snider has requested Mrs. Shenker to have a Resolution of support created for the next Council meeting (October 13, 2020).

Recently a LIFEPAK 15 (monitor /defibrillator – where the patient is attached to the machine and the information is sent to Magurder Hospital to help improve patient outcomes.) was purchased with C.A.R.E.S. funds for the Port Clinton Fire Department. A second unit has been purchased through donations and the Fire Fighters Association. The cost of each unit is \$36,000.00.

Port Clinton City Wide Cleanup will be Saturday, October 17, 2020, at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Community members will have to unload their own vehicles and place in the City equipment.

Cemetery Cleanup is October 1, 2020. Legal items can be placed back on graves as of Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Jefferson Street project has two items yet to be completed. Fencing that will be around the pump station is held up overseas and a junction box for the streetlights is back-ordered.

Mr. Colston, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Shenker and Mayor Snider will be meeting with various homeowner associations to discuss bed, dock tax and infrastructure project in the near future.

The next Council meeting, October 13, 2020, will be held at the Port Clinton High School Performing Arts Center. Poggemeyer Design Group will put on a presentation about the infrastructure project. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. to the public.

Mrs. Gillman inquired if the October 13, 2020, Council meeting will be live streamed. Mayor Snider advised he would be looking into it since the High School has that capability.

Mr. Hild inquired regarding the current email issue that has occurred on Monday, September 21, 2020. Chief Hickman advised it is a virus and is not malicious. If you receive an email, review the email address thoroughly prior to opening any attachments. If it is not a legit City email, address from a City employee (past or present), do not open and immediately delete it.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Not present

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Sarty announced dock tax \$27,450.00. / bed tax \$121,564.25

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Not present

SAFETY SERVICE

Not present

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Below:

Finance Committee: A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to go over Ordinance 24-20. In addition to discussing and providing suggestions on how the remaining C.A.R.E.S. funds can be used.

Economic & Community Development Committee: The Flag Design Competition is ongoing. We have received a couple of submissions so far. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to go over Ordinance 25-20.

Mrs. Hickman:

Environment & Public Works Committee: Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips:

Safety Services Committee: Nothing to present

Mrs. Gillman:

Arts & Culture Committee: Nothing to present

CORRESPONDANCE

Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber, Notification of filing of audit report

Ms. Phillips moved to approve correspondence, seconded by Ms. Hovis; all agreed

THIRD READINGS

Resolution 20-8

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Below moved to adopt Resolution 20-8; second by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Hovis, yes; Gillman, yes; Phillips, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes, and Hild, yes. Motion carried, 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

SECOND READINGS

Ordinance 23-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1323.03, 1323.04, AND 1323.041 OF CHAPTER 1323 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

No action taken – Ordinance 23-20 will be moved to a third reading on October 13, 2020, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 24-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-20 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON.

No action taken – Ordinance 24-20 will be moved to a second reading on October 13, 2020, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Ordinance 25-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1147.02 OF CHAPTER 1147 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Ordinance 25-20 will be moved to a second reading on October 13, 2020, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Sarty – Requested the Clerk to post an announcement of the new location of the next Council meeting once the all information is available.

Mr. Hild – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Announced that the Safety Service Committee meeting is cancelled for October 13, 2020.

Mrs. Hickman – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Inquired with Mayor Snider on the status of the Safe Routes to School. Mayor Snider advised it is on schedule to start spring of 2021.

Ms. Hovis – Inquired with Chief Hickman on the status of the beach street traffic light. Chief Hickman and the Safety Service Director decided due to the weather being nice enough for people to use the beach the traffic light will stay operational until further notice. Chief Hickman will send an email to Council and Administration prior to placing the traffic light back to blinking status.

Mr. Below – Requested that any pre-read material from Poggemyer Design Group would be appreciated prior to October 13, 2020, Council meeting.

Mrs. Gillman – Stein Hospice will be having another Community Prize Car Bingo on Friday, October 23, 2020, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Main Street Port Clinton met last week. They are optimistic about 2021. Discussed MORA contract with some potential changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Below. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council

Brown Properties

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September 22, 2020

I am here again to bring to your attention the water/sewer charges assessed to a housing provider in the city and, secondly, the installation of proper shut-offs.

Please refer to the printout. Notice the underlined penalties assessed. That paper was given to me yesterday and does not include charges for the current billing cycle. Notice the parts circled. The tenant paid the back (not current: notice the arrow) charges with a shut-off threat on August 5. But notice she was not required to pay the 2 penalties of \$7.94 from June and \$11.02 from July, which are NOW added to MY penalty total of \$44.68 (underlined).

Last week I was disgusting evictions with Judge Hany (former judge of common pleas). He told me and then sent me information stating that the only reason legally to evict is non-payment of rent. Even if the rental agreement says the tenant will pay for water/sewer charges, the landlord cannot evict for that reason if the bill is not paid.

Early this month Julie from the water department called to say the tenant at 424 Short St. had not paid her bill, but the city would NOT shut off the water since that house is connected to a line which services the whole block. Why hasn't the city separated the water line so that there are separate shut-offs?

I also asked her where the shut-off is for that house. She called me today and said the shut-off is on the corner of Fifth and Short Streets. That is 3 houses away from my rental.

In conclusion, I am again asking you to reconsider charging the property owner penalty charges accrued by a tenant.

And, I'm asking that the city install proper shut-offs for separate houses so that a tenant can be shut off for non-payment or a home owner can be shut off for any other problems.

Marty Brown



Customer Statement

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09/21/2020

City of Port Clinton Water Department
1868 E Perry St
Port Clinton, OH 43452
419-734-5522

Account 21212910-16
Name W Russell Brown
Address 424 Short St Port Clinton, OH 43452

For 06/01/2020 to 09/21/2020

Date	Transaction #	Bill #	Usage	Transaction Amount	Running Balance
06/01/2020	11311838			-320.59	79.35
06/16/2020	11319605	2667740		7.94	87.29
06/25/2020	11322090	2685244	6	110.22	197.51
07/16/2020	11332204	2685244		11.02	208.53
07/28/2020	11337512	2729000	7	128.59	337.12
08/05/2020	11343119			-208.55	128.57
08/18/2020	11351682	2729000		12.86	141.43
08/26/2020	11356605	2772723	7	128.59	270.02
09/16/2020	11366727	2772723		12.86	282.88
Totals					

Type	Total
Bill	367.40
Pay	-529.14
Penalty	44.68

Total Usage: 20