

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the December 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held via Zoom, rather than in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt minutes for December 8 , 2020; seconded by Ms. Phillips: 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**            None

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**    Three new ordinances and one new resolution:

Ordinance 30-20 – The Administration asked that three reading be waived and passed this evening.

Ordinance 31-20 – Has been assigned to Arts & Culture Committee

Ordinance 32-20 – Has been assigned to Safety Services Committee

Welcome new Ward 2 Councilmen, Lisa Slobodizan.

Council clerk asked to email all of Council the current Rules of Council for review. New rules of Council will be adopted in January 2021. Committee chairman are to advise President of Council if they would like any changes to the committees.

Wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome Lisa Slobodizan as Ward 2 Councilman

It was a great honor to participate in Wreaths Across America this past Saturday.

Republic Services will be collecting live Christmas trees the first two weeks of January on your regular pick up date. Place on the boulevard next to the trashcan. In addition to African Safari Wildlife Park, they collect trees for shelter and other purposes. Please call park at 419-732-3606, extension 4. Both options are to have all ornaments, lights, hooks, etc. removed prior to disposal or donation.

Gift of Lights at Adams Street Park will continue and be voted on until December 31, 2020. Voting can be done at various location in downtown Port Clinton.

The construction phase of the Jefferson Street project are completed.

FEMA has provided their revised preliminary insurance flood study as well as their revised preliminary site map for Ottawa County. It is available to review at City Hall. Questions regarding the documents will be answered by Lisa Bailen at 502-212-5072 or [lisa.bailen@stantec.com](mailto:lisa.bailen@stantec.com)

Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council (GPCAAC) has had a decades-long engagement with our community. They have worked extremely hard to provide us with form, movement and color. Through their collective efforts, the GPCAAC has provided joy, enriched souls and even raised a few eyebrows over the years. Very soon, the City of Port Clinton, along with GPCAAC, will take the next in a line of

symbiotic evolutionary steps with the planned repurposing of 317 W. Perry Street – the old City Garage. Any endeavor of this magnitude requires three components: time, space and energy. Well I am very excited to announce that the time has arrive; the space is available, ladies and gentlemen, the GPCAAC is overflowing with energy. Ordinance 31-20, which can be heard for three readings, will reinforce our community’s long-standing acknowledgement of the importance of the art in our collective lives. The Art Garage, the new name for 317 W. Perry Street, has the real potential to be a one-of-a-kind force for substantial economic development and artistic expression for generations. Thanks to the vision of the officers and leaders of the GPCAAC for taking on the challenges associated with bringing art, in all its forms, to the Port Clinton region.

Some 621 days ago (April 11, 2019); then SSD Olen Martin, myself and members of the Poggmeyer Design Group met at City Hall to begin discussions on a comprehensive infrastructure upgrade to our City. Frankly, the news I was given wasn’t good. The needs are huge and the price tag is even larger. We all recognize the surface needs in our community each time we move from point A to point B. However, that is only part of the problem. Investing in ourselves is difficult and not cheap. Investing in something unseen (like sewer and water lines) is needed but not glamorous. A preliminary plan was created; key department supervisors were consulted; revision were made and the plan was present to individual council members and all city department supervisors; additional revisions were made. The plan was first unveiled to the public at the Listening Room in late spring 2019. Additional public meetings on the topic were held at the Port Clinton High School - Performing Arts Center, Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center and Council Chambers. Similar presentations were given at Kiwanis, Lions & Rotatory Club meetings, the Port Clinton Ministers Association and to other community groups and organizations... and multiple less formal discussions were held at Ala Carte Café, Kroger, City Park, Friendship Gas Station, Slater’s, aboard the Jet Express, my daytime office and countless other locations around town where people grab my ear for discussion on the topic. All while, City Council was kept up to date on the progress of the plan of action, and on several occasions, provided advice and authorization on the scope and direction of the project. 621 days ago we all started a long journey together. Understand, we aren’t near the end of that journey, but we’ve are farther along today than we’ve ever been as community to improving the quality of life for everyone. Council, your actions tonight should be applauded by everyone with a connection to Port Clinton. Tonight your vote will change the course of this community for the better for decades to come.

**AUDITOR’S REPORT**

Ordinance 27-20 is up for the third reading this evening. This is for the appropriations for the first quarter of 2021 physical year. This allows the City to operate on the financial level.

Ordinance 30-20 is up for first reading this evening. To make sure the budget line items within the appropriations ordinance match what was actually spent. Request that Council to waive the three readings and pass on the first reading.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Sarty announced Dock tax \$31,175.00 / Bed tax \$167,131.10

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**SAFETY SERVICE**

Thank you to all with the Wreaths Across America. Wish all happy holiday season and please stay safe.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Below:**

***Finance Committee:***

The Finance Committee held three public hearings on the proposed monthly infrastructure fee, totaling \$12.50 per month for a typical household with both water

and sewer service, to fund solely the planned Port Clinton Infrastructure Improvement Project sanitary sewer, storm sewer, waterline, and overlying roadway improvements portions. Those were held on December 2, 14, and 17 and the committee had hoped for significant public input at that time. We had only a single member of the public respond. The committee then met December 21 to take action on the ordinance and accepted the ordinance by a vote of 3-0.

I worked to improve the ordinance so that fewer city residents would be presented with what may be a significant financial hardship. In addition, we are still facing the pandemic unfortunately.

Section 4 authorizes the Help 2 Others (H2O) financial assistance program for senior citizens.

Section 3 of the ordinance, that Infrastructure Fee funds shall be dedicated solely to the portion of the Port Clinton Infrastructure Improvement Project presented in Exhibit A, the schematic plan outlining those priority areas in need of repair. Therefore, this will not provide a blank check to City Hall.

I am glad these two items made it into the ordinance we have before us tonight.

The Finance Committee will also work to make sure the construction schedule promised by the Mayor and City Hall is met, that is construction to be completed within 12-18 months of groundbreaking in early 2022.

Lastly, on affordability. The Finance Committee will continue to solicit feedback from city residents into January and beyond. Council does not stop listening to public comment once an ordinance is passed and enacted. I have asked Mr. Colston that the Water Office provide a running record of resident inquiries and any complaints regarding the monthly fee, so that Council can carefully monitor the rollout of the infrastructure program, and propose adjustments to program as may be needed in the future.

The infrastructure plan calls for an 18% increase to monthly bills from City Hall. I take that very seriously and I believe we all should.

***Economic & Community Development Committee:***

Nothing to report

**Mrs. Hickman:**

***Environment & Public Works Committee:***

Will have a meeting in January.

**Ms. Phillips:**

***Safety Services Committee:***

Will review Ordinance 32-20 in the month of January.

**Mrs. Gillman:**

***Arts & Culture Committee:***

Will have a meeting in a near future.

**CORRESPONDANCE**

Katy Elias letter to Council

Ohio Public Utilities Commission

Columbia Gas of Ohio

Architectural Review Board, October 22, 2020 minutes

Planning Commission, October 22, 2020 minutes

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

WHEN THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE READ ALL COUNCIL, MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SEE AND HEAR VIA ZOOM.

**THIRD READINGS**

**Ordinance 27-20**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO

Mr. Below moved to adopt Ordinance 27-20; seconded by Mr. Tarolli

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

**Ordinance 28-20**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY INFRASTRUCTURE FEE TO FUND THE SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, WATERLINE, AND ASSOCIATED PAVEMENT RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS PORTION OF THE PORT CLINTON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to retain emergency clause of Ordinance 28-20; seconded by Mr. Tarolli

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

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**Ordinance 29-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE FINAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE PORT CLINTON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to retain emergency clause of Ordinance 29-20; seconded by Mr. Tarolli

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Mr. Below moved to adopt Ordinance 29-20; seconded by Mr. Tarolli

Discussion: Mr. Below advised that the Finance Committee recommend adoption 3-0 of Ordinance 29-20.

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## **SECOND READINGS**

None

## **FIRST READINGS**

### **Ordinance 30-20**

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

Mr. Below moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 30-20; seconded by Mr. Tarolli

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

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### **Ordinance 31-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WIT THE GREATER PORT CLINTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL TO LEASE THE LAND AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 317 W. PERRY STREET, PORT CLINTON, OHIO TO SERVE AS THE PRIMARY LOCATION FOR A COMMUNITY BASED ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER AND DECLARE AN EMERGERNCY.

No action taken – Ordinance 31-20 will be moved to a second reading on January 12, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

### **Ordinance 32-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PORT CLINTON HARBOR PATROL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

No action taken – Ordinance 32-20 will be moved to a second reading on January 12, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

### **Resolution 20-12**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TRANSPORATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) TO REQUEST PARTIAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-USE TRAIL ON LAKESHORE DRIVE AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Resolution 20-12 will be moved to a second reading on January 12, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Ms. Slobodizan** – Provided a little background about herself:

- Born and raised in the City of Port Clinton. Studied at Hocking Technical College; received a degree in Recreational Wildlife.
- For 32 years has been a Park Service Park Ranger
- Served as a Commission Law Enforcement Officer, Emergency Service Technician Intermediate, Wildlife Fire Fighter, worked with the US District court in Knoxville, TN and a host of other jobs.
- Retired from the Great Smoking Mountains National Park in December of 2018.
- Moved back to Port Clinton to be with her Mom.
- Served with the Federal Government and looking forward to serving locally.

**Ms. Hickman** – Welcome Lisa. Thank you to all the guest watching. Stay safe and have a Happy and Healthy Holiday. Merry Christmas to all.

**Ms. Phillips** – Merry Christmas to all. Please stay safe. Welcome Lisa. Glad to have you back in the City.

**Ms. Hovis** – Welcome Lisa. Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas. See you next year.

**Mrs. Gillman** – Merry Christmas and Safe Holiday.

Tomorrow Bistro 163 has their Christmas drive-thru dinner.

F.O.P. is having a free pancake breakfast on December 26, 2020.

**Mr. Tarolli** – Welcome Lisa to City Council. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Sandra Ostheimer  
Clerk of Council

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Lisa Sarty  
President of Council