

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the February 23, 2021 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, Jerry Tarolli, Lisa Slobodzian, Roseann Hickman and Gabe Below.

Ms. Phillips moved to adopt minutes for February 9, 2021; 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 None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL On the agenda this evening are Ordinance 4-21, Ordinance 5-21, Ordinance 6-21, and Ordinance 7-21 for first readings. All have been assigned to the Finance Committee. The Administration and Auditor has requested that Ordinance 7-21 if Council so chooses to be adopted this evening due to time sensitive nature. The Administration and Mr. Colston requested that Ordinance 3-21 be adopted on the second reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT A large thank you to the Street employees for what they do. Last Monday evening, early Tuesday morning he and Mr. Colston had the opportunity to spend 4.5 hours riding along in a snowplows. Last week's snowstorm was one of the fourth largest single event snowfalls in our area's history in addition to being the most snowfall since 1982. While out in the snowplow the windshield kept freezing up. We could plow for 45 minutes then go back to the garage for 20 minutes to defrost. At one point the windshield wipers stopped. The truck Mr. Colston was in completely stopped working on State Street and had to be towed back to the City garage. With a bit of research I discovered that the four larger snowplows were purchased in 1995, 1999, 2002, and 2004. Of the four, only the 1999 truck were purchased new. The rest were purchased from surrounding sources used.

Feeling that the community was provided ample notice and time, the Port Clinton Police Department ticketed 50 vehicles.

Thank you to those who shoveled their walk and driveways. In addition to those who did so for their neighbors.

Mom 2.1: Several meetings have transpired. There will be one additional meeting tomorrow evening. The response of proposed plan has been positively received.

Safe Routes to School: the first of three advertisements to accept bids was in the newspaper last week and will be for the next two weeks.

A couple of weeks ago at the Fire Station there was a demonstration on a new piece of equipment called Zoll Auto Pulse, a mechanical CPR device. Encourage all to watch a demonstration on YouTube.

Thank you to Ms. Shenker for taking the initiative on Ordinance 5-21 and Ordinance 6-21. These two ordinances will generate revenue for the City that performs these duties and never charged for the service in the past. Ordinance 6-21 will allow the community a second location to obtain background check.

COVID-19 vaccines are moving forward. There are more clinics this week than ever before. The Ottawa County Health Department and Ottawa County Emergency Management are in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Kim Sedlak at 419-898-6459 if interested.

Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. the Greater Port Clinton Arts Council will have a public Zoom meeting to discuss the plans for the Arts Garage. If you are interested, please email Carol Morgan at ottawacountyarts@gmail.com

April 16 & 17, 2021, Cabela's Master Walleye Circuit. They will be at the Knights of Columbus and Arlington Inn.

Mr. Tarolli inquired if the City still has the snow removal on apron program for those 65 year old and older or handicapped individuals. Mr. Colston confirmed. Please contact Mrs. Ostheimer to be placed on the list.

Mrs. Gillman requested that Mayor Snider update Council on what was discussed in the recent Main Street meeting. Discussed what Mom and Walleye Festival will look like in 2021.

Mrs. Hickman inquired if we will have kiosks downtown, Mayor Snider advised they are looking for kiosks that do not have to be fastened to the new sidewalks and pavement.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ordinance 4-21 is the appropriations ordinance to allow the City operate financially through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ordinance 7-21 is the bond ordinance to secure financing needed for the completion of the Waterfront Walkway project. The bond is for \$670,000. This will finance the City's share of grant purposes and construction management. Council please adopt this evening at the first reading due to the interest rate provided expires on March 3, 2021.

Mr. Below advised that the Finance Committee supportive of moving forward on Ordinance 7-21.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing to present

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mark Anderson the Records Clerk of the Port Clinton Police Department brought to my attention the need for the two following ordinances.

Ordinance 5-21 – when the Ottawa County Municipal Court send out subpoenas and warrants the Port Clinton Police Department deliverers those at no fee. When the Ottawa County Sheriff's office deliveries these items they charge a fee plus mileage. The City will advise the Ottawa County Municipal Court of the charges, they will be added to the defendants court costs. Once all the court costs are paid, the charged fees will be sent to the City of Port Clinton. Judge Wargo is supportive of this process. Each warrant fee will be \$20.00 and \$10.00 for each subpoena.

Ordinance 6-21 – Port Clinton Police Department is purchasing software to conduct criminal background checks. This will allow anyone to obtain a criminal background check for licensing, employment, volunteering, etc. A BCI check fee will be \$30.00 and a FBI check fee will be \$40.00. This will also assist the Sherriff's office for they are currently a month behind in background checks. The fees are identical to the Sheriff's office. The Port Clinton Police Department will conduct background checks from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Mr. Tarolli inquired if the funds are going to the Port Clinton Police Department or the general fund.

Mr. Hatfield advised the fees would go to the general fund.

SAFETY SERVICE

Thank you to the street crew for all they did during the snowstorm last week. They are currently cleaning catch basins off to help with run off from the snow.

Ordinance 3-21 requests that Council will consider adopting this evening. Then later this week he will be able to meet with the FOP representative and move forward.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Nothing to present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Below:

Finance Committee:

Finance Committee met last week and recommends approval of Ordinance 3-21 this evening.

Recommends Resolution 21-1 be approved at the third reading.

Economic & Community Development Committee:

Mayor Snider, Mr. Colston and Mr. Below met today to discuss rules and regulations of downtown parking requirements. In addition to dining and sidewalk retail sales. Anticipate making recommendations to Council in the near future.

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

None

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

THIRD READINGS

Ordinance 1-21

None

SECOND READINGS

Ordinance 3-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE NO. 79 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below moved to waive the three reading of Ordinance 3-21; seconded by Ms. Phillips

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

Mr. Below moved to retain emergency clause of Ordinance 3-21; seconded by Ms. Phillips

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Resolution 21-1

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 1.9-MILL TAX LEVY AND REQUESTING THE OTTAWA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5707.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

No action taken – Resolution 21-1 will be moved to a third reading on March 9, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 4-21

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING OF DECEMBER 31, 2021.

No action taken – Ordinance 4-21 will be moved to a second reading on March 9, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Ordinance 5-21

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SERVICE AND RETURN OF WRITS AND ORDER BY THE PORT CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE OTTAWA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT.

No action taken – Ordinance 5-21 will be moved to a second reading on March 9, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Ordinance 6-21

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS AT THE PORT CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No action taken – Ordinance 6-21 will be moved to a second reading on March 9, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Ordinance 7-21

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$670,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS AND MULTIPURPOSE TRAILS CONNECTING THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN TO THE AREA WHERE THE PORTAGE RIVER MEETS LAKE ERIE, INCLUDING INSTALLING LIGHTING AND SIGNAGE, AND CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENT TO AND STABILIZING THE EMBANKMENT ALONG THE PORTAGE RIVER IN THAT AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Gillman – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Noticed today that the street crew were cleaning the ice and snow off the catch basins. Encourages homeowners to do this also with a broom or shovel. In addition to clearing a path around fire hydrants for emergency crews.

Mr. Tarolli – Nothing to present

Ms. Slobodzian – Nothing to present

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Below – Waterfront Walkway project: the parking lot at Jefferson Street pier has been crumbling due to high water for some time. There has been past internal funding that if we did not move forward with the bond a lot of that would have been lost. It makes a lot of sense to not let that go. Thank you Mr. Hatfield for the work you have done to retain a bond.

The full year budget will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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 6:52 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council