

City of Cleveland Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, July 6th, 2020

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe. Councilmember present were Nancy Gens, Justin Schabert, Fred Danner and Glenn Beer.

Amendments to the Agenda – None

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to approve the June 1st 2020 Minutes and current bills report. Voting yes – all

Police Report – Police Chief Randy Tiegs indicated there has been an increase in speeding citations issued. Tiegs said there were a few fireworks over the 4th of July weekend with one complaint called in. Tiegs stated that that his department received guidance from the state that they are encouraged to conduct spot checks in bars and restaurants to make sure they are compliant with COVID-19 state guidelines.

Public Works Report – Jared Holland stated that the 6th street culvert repair was completed by Selly Excavating. Holland indicated that when Ellingson Companies was boring a force main pipe underneath 2nd Street and a section of the road near Main Street heaved. Ellingson Companies will be digging down approximately 17' to fix the pipe leak and to return the roadway back to its normal condition. Holland stated that the brush pile was accidentally ignited and he has been moving debris around to try and get the fire to stop burning.

Liquor Report – Clerk indicated that sales were up approximately \$5k from last month primarily because on-sale was allowed to resume.

Cell tower update - City clerk advised that he was able to obtain a telephone number for a company that works with Verizon Wireless. He will continue to submit request for a cell tower in the area and will continue to try and speak with a Verizon rep on potential cell tower in the area.

West Jefferson Sewer District update – Most of the force main pipe from the lakes to the sewer pond have been bored. Project completion will be late summer / fall.

Utility late fee – The council discussed and determined that it would continue to wave late fees as a courtesy to those folks who might be struggling financially because of the pandemic. Council will review this issue next meeting.

Cleveland Fire Relief – Andy Rohlffing Fire Relief Treasure was present at the meeting and submitted a letter to the council asking them to consider increasing the annual pension amount per firefighter from \$1600 to \$1800 in 2020 and implement a \$50 increase per year tell 2024. A Motion was made by Gens and seconded by Beer to approve this request, Resolution #19-2020. Voting yes – all

The letter also asked the council to consider increasing the city's annual pension contribution amount from \$13,600 to \$20,000. The council looked at data provided by Rohlffing on other fire departments in the area. This data outlines rates and contribution amounts. The council discussed and determined that an increase was warranted. The city clerk advised that the 2020 budget was already set and an increase would not be possible until 2021 at the earliest. Mayor McCabe indicated that the city could increase the contribution amount in 2021 to \$16,800 and \$20,000 in 2022. A Motion was made by Danner and seconded by Gens to approve this request, Resolution #20-2020. Voting yes – all

CARES Act Funding – City clerk advised that the \$841 million in federal funds would be available to the city on a per capita basis. The city would be eligible to receive up to approximately \$55,000 in qualified

COVID-19 related expenses. The Clerk advised that he would be working with the auditor prior to applying for these funds.

On June 25th by declaration Mayor McCabe approve the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that was mandated by the state to take effect prior to June 29, 2020. The council discussed and agreed with the Preparedness plan as written. A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Beer to approve Resolution #21-2020. Voting yes – all

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to approve Resolution #22-2020 calling for election judges for the Primary Election. Voting yes – all

A Motion was made by Schabert and Seconded by Gens to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Voting yes – all

City Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor