
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: FEBRUARY 25, 2020
8:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Brunello, Council Representatives D'Amico, DeLisio, DiLalla, Ganser, Milroy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Evans; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; City Engineer Susan Hamilton; Finance Director Filippo; Law Director Paluf.

EXCUSED: Council Representative Hargate

ACTION ON MINUTES:

The reading of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 11, 2020 was dispensed with. Mr. Milroy moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Turner distributed to Council the 2019 Fire Department Annual Report. The Annual Report is also posted on the city's website.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Cook reported that the Communication Center has been completed and is functional for police and fire. The new alarm board is in service which will offer cellular service to residents who do not have a landline. A message will be in the spring newsletter.

Chief Cook provided a deer control management update. The Deer Management Plan was initiated February 18th and completed on February 20th. The City was authorized by the Natural Resources of Ohio Division of Wildlife to cull 40 deer. Forty deer were culled in two evenings and Mr. Westerfield was present along with Chief Cook to supervise. Second Harvest Charity received 1,814 pounds of venison.

Service Director's Report: Director Evans stated all five items on the Agenda were discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Director Evans recommended suspension of Item #3, disposal of surplus equipment and Item #4, MOU with County SWCD and NEORS.

Building Commissioner's Report: Mr. Grabfelder distributed the Building Department's Annual Report. Mr. Grabfelder thanked Administrative Assistant Hodge for her assistance in the 2019 Annual Report.

City Engineer's Report: Ms. Hamilton stated a bid opening was held on February 13th for the Strumbly Drive Water Main Replacement and 2020 Asphalt Road Program. City Engineer Mader prepared a bid tabulation of the seven bids and an award recommendation. Item #8 on the Council Agenda is a Resolution to award Mr. Excavator as the lowest and best bidder for the base bid of \$903,706.80 and Esther/Roy/Renee bid alternate of \$247,994.00 for a total of \$1,151,700.80. The Engineer's estimate for Strumbly was \$900,000.00 and Esther/Roy/Renee bid alternate was \$360,000. Mr. Excavator has performed work for cities the Engineering firm represents.

Ms. Hamilton stated a bid opening will be held on March 5th at 10 AM for the 2020 Concrete Road Repair and Sidewalk Program. The Engineer's Estimate is \$295,000.

Ms. Hamilton stated a bid opening will be held on March 5th at 11 AM for the 2020 Crack Sealing Program. The Engineer's Estimate is \$174,000.

Ms. Hamilton stated the application for the Franklin Waterline Replacement has been submitted to the Cleveland Suburban Water Renewal Program.

Ms. Hamilton stated an application for the Bishop/Wilson Mills widening was submitted to the County's 50/50 project for project years 2021 and 2022. A signal improvement at that intersection is scheduled for 2020.

Ms. Hamilton stated the Ohio EPA Phase II Annual Report will be submitted by April 1st.

Mrs. Ganser questioned if Roy/Esther/Renee would receive curbs along with the new asphalt. Ms. Hamilton stated there are no plans for curbs as curb drains would have to be installed.

Mr. Milroy questioned when notification of the Franklin Waterline Replacement will be received. Ms. Hamilton stated notification should be made by approximately the end of March.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo stated the Auditors are at City Hall and have started the audit.

Mr. Milroy thanked Director Filippo for updating the Ohio checkbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission on Aging: Ms. D'Amico stated the Highland Heights Seniors met on February 17th to schedule activities for the summer. There will be a planting event on May 29th at the Community Center. Reservations are required; however, there is no cost to participate.

Ms. D'Amico stated the Commission is pleased that legislation has been introduced to provide their name change to Highland Heights Seniors.

Park & Recreation: Mr. DeLisio stated Park & Recreation met February 20th and made a motion to postpone election of officers until the March meeting. Baseball and Softball registration forms are available online to be printed off and mailed to the City Hall. The score box on Diamond 1 will be updated by the Service Department. The Easter Party will be held on April 4th from 10 AM until Noon.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. DiLalla stated the Planning & Zoning Commission met on February 24th and had a public hearing for a variance at 302 Miner Road. The vote was postponed until the next meeting. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved signage for Poke Fresh at 6319 Wilson Mills Road.

Safety and Service Committee: Chairperson Ganser stated there was no meeting of the Safety and Service Committee. Chairperson Ganser did tour the new Communication Center and commended Chief Cook for the state-of-the-art dispatch center. Chairperson Ganser called a Safety and Service Committee meeting for March 10th.

Drainage Committee: Chairperson Milroy stated the Drainage Committee met this evening and reviewed a letter to be sent to residents in the Eastlawn/Colony area. A tentative meeting is scheduled with those residents for March 31st.

Mayor Brunello questioned which residents would be affected. Chairperson Milroy stated there are 10 residents which recently had the survey performed.

Law Director's Report: Mr. Paluf stated a 6-9-month extension on the moratorium for assisted living facilities will be required to continue researching this issue. The legislation will be forthcoming for the next Council Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brunello reminded Council members to submit their articles for the Spring newsletter.

Mayor Brunello stated the street sweeping services will be paid for from the Stormwater funds.

Mayor Brunello stated an Economic Development Committee meeting was held last week.

Mayor Brunello attended the monthly Community Partnership on Aging meeting and welcomed representatives of the City of Richmond Heights who recently joined CPA.

Mayor Brunello requested a Committee of the Whole meeting for March 24th to hold a presentation from the Illuminating Company's representative Mr. Conley.

Mayor Brunello stated the city received a grant from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in the amount of \$5,914 to cover the cost of two shred days; six additional recycling receptacles in the Park; and 700 reusable shopping bags.

Mr. DiLalla asked when will the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee be held. Mayor Brunello answered, Monday, March 30th at 7 PM at City Hall Conference Room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Stickan stated the Legislative and Finance Committee will meet on March 10th to review proposed zoning code amendments and discussion on the moratorium.

Mr. Milroy questioned if the Kimble request will be discussed at L/F. President Stickan stated yes, the L/F committee will review Kimble's request.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED/ADDED TO THE AGENDA: There were no items added or removed from the Agenda.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Cindy Friedman, 850 Cranbrook, attended the last Council meeting and was not aware that a vote was taken on the deer issue. President Stickan stated the vote was taken and is recorded in the minutes. Ms. Friedman stated she received complaints from residents that gun shots were heard two nights after the culling occurred. Chief Cook stated culling occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday night and two noise complaints were received. Chief Cook stated no culling was authorized on private property and the culling occurred on city managed property for two nights only.

Ms. Lynda Schriebman, 658 Clinton Lane, attended the last Council meeting and did not hear the vote taken on the ordinance to allow the culling of deer. Ms. Schriebman questioned the meeting that was held before the last Council meeting. President Stickan clarified that a Committee of the Whole meeting was held prior to the Council meeting. The Committee of the Whole is a public meeting and the agenda is posted on the city's website.

Ms. Schriebman questioned if the culling has been completed or will culling be allowed on private property as stated on the deer permit. Chief Cook explained that no one in the city will be authorized to cull on their own private property. Chief Cook stated the city will not perform any more culling this year. Chief Cook stated no person will be allowed to hunt on private or public property in the City. Chief Cook stated no one has made a request to cull deer on private property. Ms. Schriebman requested confirmation that no private residence will be able to have deer killed on their property. Chief Cook stated no authorization will be given to cull deer on private property. Chief Cook stated bow hunting is not allowed in the city.

Ms. Sherri Ianiro, 1010 Millridge Road, commented that she has received numerous phone calls from residents who have been hearing gun shots since the day after the Town Hall meeting.

Ms. Regina Tellado, 5743 Highland Road, who resides next to the Gazebo. Ms. Tellado stated the culling occurred very close to her home and was awakened by the gun shots. Ms. Tellado called the Police Department and they confirmed that culling of deer was being performed. Ms. Tellado called the Police Department again because the culling of deer continued, and it was very disturbing. Ms. Tellado is very concerned that shots were taken so close to residences.

Ms. Jeanne Rosati, 429 Longspur Road, stated that the culling of deer has caused her to be very sick with stress and mental anguish. Ms. Rosati stated that the residents should have been made aware of when and where the culling was going to be performed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION DECLARING SURPLUS: A motion was made by Mr. DiLalla declaring a 2009 Ford Fusion, serial number ending in 51408 as surplus equipment no longer needed for municipal use; seconded by Mr. DeLisio. Ayes all; motion carried.

MOTION ENTER INTO AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ganser to enter into an agreement with Sweeping Corporation of America, dba Reilly Sweeping Inc., for street sweeping services for 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; seconded by Mr. Milroy. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 5-2020 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the City to allow for the sale or disposal of municipal property determined to be no longer needed for municipal purposes by way of internet advertising and auction and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to begin the advertising process. Mr. Milroy moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Mrs. Ganser. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. DiLalla moved to adopt; seconded by Mr. DeLisio. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 6-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 6-2020 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide technical assistance regarding Public Information and Public Education and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello Jr. and Council as a Whole)

Council was asked to suspend the Second and Third readings to begin the annual contract process. Mrs. Ganser moved to suspend the Second and Third readings; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

Mr. Milroy moved to adopt; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 7-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 7-2020 which description is: " A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Sutphen Corporation for the purchase of Hydraulic Rescue Tools, in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$38,000.00) and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 8-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 8-2020 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Ganley Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe, pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$37,551.50), and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 9-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 9-2020 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Ganley Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe, pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Act in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars (\$36,691.00), and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 10-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 10-2020 which description is: “A Resolution declaring Mr. Excavator, Inc as the lowest and best bidder for the Strumbly Drive Water Main Replacement & 2020 Asphalt Road Program, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with said bidder in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred and Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$903,706.80) for Base Bid and Two Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Four Dollars (\$247,994.00) for the Alternate Bid for a total of One Million One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$1,151,700.80), rejecting all other bids received and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 8-2020: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 8-2020 which description is: “ An Ordinance amending Chapter 141 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, pertaining to the title of Commission on Aging.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4-2020: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 4-2020 which description is: “A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with B.T.S. to provide food and beverage concession services at the Municipal Pool and Park for the summer of 2020 and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 6-2020: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 6-2020 which description is: “An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2020 Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

SECOND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 7-2020: Council listened to the Second Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 7-202 which description is: “An Ordinance appropriating for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.” (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr. and Council as a Whole)

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 3-2020: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 3-2020 which description is: “An ordinance amending Ordinance 31-2019 establishing compensation for certain employees of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio, commencing January 1, 2020, repealing all ordinances inconsistent therewith and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Mr. DeLisio moved to enact; seconded by Mr. DiLalla. Ayes all; motion carried.

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 4-2020: Council listened to the Third Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 4-2020 which description is: “An Ordinance establishing compensation for employees of the Recreation Department of the City of Highland Heights, Ohio for 2020, repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency. (Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr.)

Mr. Milroy moved to enact; seconded by Ms. D’Amico. Ayes all; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Milroy and seconded by Ms. D’Amico to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council