

Minutes of February 4, 2021 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
February 4, 2021

Due to the Governor's orders on limited size of meetings Clayton's City Council conducted its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Thursday February 4, 2021 via the Zoom meeting format

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the January 21, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 02 – 21 – 01 An Ordinance Approving a Twenty Percent (20%) Increase of the Competitive Bid Threshold Pursuant to City Charter Sections 8.02(B) and 8.02(C)(1). Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, advised we are requesting an increase to the bid threshold by 20% and this will only apply to capital assets that cannot be purchased through the State bid. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance, second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 02 – 21 – 11 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Proposal of and Enter Into a Contract with Coate Construction, LLC for Installation of a Large Box Culvert at a Cost Not to Exceed \$52,500. Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, advised we contacted two contractors for bids to install a 6' x 4' large box culvert, Coate Construction, LLC was selected for the installation. The current box, which is located just west of Union Road, is in very poor condition and will need to be replaced prior to the Old Salem paving project later this summer. Motion by Henning to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 02 – 21 – 12 A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Repairing and/or Removing and Replacing Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, and Driveway Approaches within the City of Clayton, Ohio Relative to the Properties Identified on the Attached Exhibit A. Sanders advised we have completed inspections for the 2021 curb, gutter, and driveway approach repair program. Individual letters will be sent to each property owner containing the parcel number/address of the property, the noted deficiencies, and an estimated cost for the city to make the repairs. Property owners will have a minimum of 30 days to make repairs or the city will make the necessary repairs and the cost will be assessed on their property taxes. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 02 – 21 – 13 A Resolution Approving Amendment of 2021 Appropriations and Estimated Resources. Schweitzer advised additional fire department equipment maintenance

and furniture purchases are needed for 2021 as they were delayed in 2020 to ensure cash flow was available for these items. The Fire fund balance can handle the increase without any additional transfers from the General fund. EMS monies received from the EMS Billing company for COVID supplies needs re-appropriated as supply was restricted or unavailable in 2020. The sewer construction fund has a balance of \$25,729.88 that can only be used for additional sewer construction or debt payment. We would like to utilize the entire balance to pay toward the Ohio Water Development Authority loan on sewer lines installed in 2008. Motion by Henning to approve the Resolution, second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 02 – 21 – 14 A Final Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Resurface Specified Portions of SR49 within the City of Clayton, Ohio and at a total estimated cost to the City of Clayton, Ohio not to exceed \$250,880.00. Sanders advised in an earlier Resolution, council approved preliminary legislation authorizing an agreement with ODOT to complete resurfacing of State Route 49 with a funding basis of 80% / 20%, with the state providing eighty percent and Clayton providing twenty percent of the funding for the project. The city's new estimated cost for the project is \$250,880.00. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised that at our February 18th City Council meeting we will hold a Public Hearing on the zoning request on Haber and National Roads.

Zimmerlin turned the floor over to Councilman Henning who asked for Council's interest in a forming a Rural Conservation Committee. After discussion, no action was taken at this time.

There was also discussion on residents who do not have access to Zoom and their ability to comment at our February 18th Council meeting. After discussion it was determined the letters going out to residents and on the city's website it will be advertised that residents who can not access the meeting via Zoom can mail in their comments to Council.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Jeremy Blanford of Haber Road asked if there will be a three-minute time limit for speaking at the public hearing to be held at the February 18th Council meeting. Mayor Stevens stated each resident would have five minutes to address Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Henning thanked the Service Department for their response to our first snowfall of the season, they did a tremendous job. Henning then asked for a moment of silence for retired Police Officer Sergeant Garrison who recently passed away. I also want to thank the Clayton fire and police departments in helping a local community in a recent issue I'm sure everyone saw on the news, everyone stayed safe. Lastly, I'm happy to announce the Northmont Education Foundation is planning an online activity later this year to raise funds for college scholarships for Northmont Seniors. Gorman thanked the Service Department they did a great job. They are forecasting very cold temperatures this weekend, so everyone stay healthy and be careful. Kelly also thanked the Service Department with the snow removal, there are many wonderful comments on

social media. Stevens stated I saw firsthand as I visited another community over the weekend, their snow removal was terrible, but our roads looked great.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stevens advised an Executive Session is needed to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Gorman made a motion to break for an Executive Session to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, second by Kelly. Voting yea were Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman, and Stevens. Council broke for Executive Session at 8:19 PM.

Council returned and Mayor Stevens re-opened the regular session at 8:29 PM.

Motion by Gorman, second by Merkle to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.