

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Jessie. Second Virtual Council meeting. No digital recording or audio tape of this meeting (On YouTube).

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Oswald, Baird, Mitchell, Tollett, Madison, Davis, Keys, Jessie, Stewart

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Ser. Dir. Feuerstein, Law Dir. Deery, Finance Dir. Pileski, Clerk Lotko, Asst. SSD Brubaker, Asst. SSD Calvert, Asst. Law Director Breunig, Asst. Finance Dir. Farrell

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Oswald moved, Callahan seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020 be approved as printed. MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield: Mayor Whitfield thanked the front line nurses and doctors. He also thanked the Sanitation Department for doing a great job. He stated that the City has 43 (forty three) of the Covid19 virus. His god mother had it and so did Mark Ballard's grandfather Clarence. He stated that the City with suffer a 3 Million dollar deficit due to Covid 19.

Safety Service Director Feuerstein: No Report

Finance Director Pileski: Mr. Pileski reported on the letter and email from RITA regarding the deficit expected for the City, almost 3 million dollars, more than the 2009 Depression. They will have to make difficult cuts. There is a big drop in city income tax revenues due to delays and extensions for filing. A drop in local government funding, state sales and income tax and the hotel transient tax.

Law Director Deery: No Report

Chief Whitely: No Report

ASSD Brubaker: Mr. Brubaker reported that the last 6 weeks sanitation has been maintaining all pickups, and street department doing brush. Mrs. Crossan (George's wife) made 16 masks for the sanitation department and others in the Administration

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of accepting the Annexation of 38.665 acres from Carlisle Township

REFERRED BY: Lorain County Commissioners

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of a rezoning request for the Northwest Corner of Abbe Rd. and Hilliard Rd. from a POD(B-N) to a Business Automotive Oriented (B-AO), (Five (5) Parcels.) (Proposed Circle K convenience store with fuel sales and a carwash)

REFERRED BY: Wellert Corporation

REFERRED TO: Community Development/Planning Commission

3. The matter of the review and adoption of the recommendations from the Elyria Economic Development Committee (EEDC).

REFERRED BY: D. Calvert

REFERRED TO: Community Development/Finance

4. The matter of an amendment to the CDBG Action Plan for the COVID-19 Response (CDBG-CV) Action Plan Amendment.

REFERRED BY: Mayor Whitfield

REFERRED TO: Community Development/Finance

5. The matter of the disposal of the Fire Department's unneeded pumper truck

REFERRED BY: SSD Feuerstein

REFERRED TO: Finance

6. The matter of donating old computers owned by the City of Elyria to the Elyria City Schools.

REFERRED BY: Mayor Whitfield

REFERRED TO: Finance

7. The matter of the re-roofing the sludge building located at the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities

8. The matter of advertising for bids and entering into a contract for the resurfacing of West River Road (Infirmery Rd. to W. 3rd St.)

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities

9. The matter of advertising for bids and entering into a contract for the East Ave. & St. Mary's Way Improvement Project.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities

10. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contact for sludge disposal at the WWPC Plant.

REFERRED BY: T. Korzan, WWPC Supt.

REFERRED TO: Utilities

7. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

8. PETITIONS--LOBBY: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None

10. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE SPECIFIED ACCOUNT.

Madison moved, Davis seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.

MOTION CARRIED

Madison moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-38, KNOWN AS THE "2020 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Madison moved, Davis seconded to consider without benefit of a committee report.

MOTION CARRIED

Madison moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: Continued

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48
Utilities, Safety AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR
&Environment: BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 STREET
D. Mitchell RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
B. Davis
J. Cerra
J. Keys
K. Oswald

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 4/27/2020 6:00 P.M. Joint with Finance to Follow CD
All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

VIRTUAL

FINANCE 4/27/2020 Following CD and Joint with CD All Referred Items Council
Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

VIRTUAL

16. COMMITTEE CALLS: Continued

UTILITIES 4/8/2020 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/law Director,
SSD. Eng.

VIRTUAL

STRATEGIC PLANNING 4/20/2020 Immediately following Council All Referred Items
Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Stewart asked Mrs. Mitchell about the upcoming Utilities meeting, will they be doing the streets? Mrs. Mitchell responded yes. Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. This meeting has been referred to as the Super Bowl of meetings. This will be the first time doing virtual. A short discussion was held going virtual or meeting in Chambers. It was decided for the safety of everyone that it be done virtual.

Mr. Callahan stated that he is checking on his neighbors and helps when needed and keeping their distance. Mr. Oswald stated they had a fund raiser at Don Tequila's, drive through, and raised \$100.00 for his employees. How, as Council, can they handle people wanting to speak at Council meetings. Ms. Deery state they can contact contacts the Clerk's office, send an email to submit comments.

Mr. Cerra said is doing social distancing The sewer project on Bon Air is moving along. And Cleveland Street is being paved.

Mr. Baird stated that he would call Tom to have him pick up something for him. Sanitation and Street Department are doing a great job and he even saw some pot holes being filled.

Mrs. Mitchell stated all has been quiet and staying in and safe. She excited about the roads.

Mr. Tollett congratulated Mr. Brubaker, the Administration and Sanitation. Seems the word got out about the additional five (5) bags allowed.

Mrs. Davis said that the election is April 29, 2020 and ballots must be postmarked by April 27, 2020. She also stated that there has been way too much traffic out and we are suppose to be staying home. She and her group are making masks, please stay home and stay safe.

Mr. Madison thanked the President and the Administration for their support of the hot breakfast on Sunday. Ely Stadium will be lit up at 8:20 P.M. and he urges everyone to join in.

Mrs. Keys stated that they are doing great. They lost a lot o trees with the lat storm. She's seeing a lot of people out walking and practicing social distancing.

Mr. Jessie stated its quiet. He will be calling Mr. Brubaker after the meeting/

Mr. Stewart stated a great job the everybody . Administration has risen to the challenge, thanked everyone and said to keep in touch.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Baird motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cerra.

MOTION CARRIED 7:36 P.M.

Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council

Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council

