

Minutes Approved

As written

February 18, 2020

Regular Council Meeting

Elyria City Council

3/02/2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Tuesday, February 18, 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 Council Person Donna Mitchell.

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Oswald, Baird, Mitchell, Tollett, Madison, Davis, Keys, Jessie, Stewart ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Director Feuerstein, Law Director Deery, Finance Director Pileski, Engineer Schneider, Asst. Fire Chief Norris, Police Chief Whitely, Asst. Law Director Breunig

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mr. Baird seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020 meeting to be approved as printed.
MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield: Mayor Whitfield began by introducing Safety Service Director, Derek Feuerstein who's first day was today. Mayor Whitfield welcomed him and Mr. Feuerstein thanked everyone for the warm welcome and he looks forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Whitfield wanted to give a special 'Thank You' to Kevin Brubaker who has been doing double duty for these 48 days. He's been a huge resource to him and he appreciates all his help.

Mayor Whitfield shared an update which is attached herewith, made a part thereof, and designated as Exhibit "A".

He began by saying how the City rallied together to make last week 'Bendix Week' and he's so proud of the City and how everyone came together and showed what Elyria is really about. His office put together a proclamation to acknowledge the businesses who got behind it and supported the Week of Feb. 3rd, 2020 and proclaiming it 'Bendix Week'.

Those businesses he wants to thank are; Smitty's Place, Hazel's Family Restaurant, Dairy Queen, Elyria Auto Detail, Elegant Assets, Our Lady of the Wayside, API Auto Parts, Tuffy Auto, Enterprise Rent~A~Car, Dale's Market & Deli, Cozerria Pizza, Pawn Plus, Francesca's Unleashed Hair Studio, Fastenol, Yoharr Supply, Elyria Animal Hospital, Elyria Budget Sales, Life Care Ambulance Service, Comm Starr Credit Union, Penny Lane Printing,

Attractive Kitchen & Floors, Twist~n~Shake, Save~A~Lot, Parsons Insurance, Stewart's TV & Appliance, Sunoco Gas, Precious Pups, Sambino's Pizza, Smokers Outlet, LC Mini-Mart, Rosy's Salon, Gold Star Awards, Tracey's Trinkets & Treasures, 1807 Art Collective, Melanie Lake and Caged Divas.

Again, he thanked all of these businesses and everyone who supported this.

His philosophy is; if you want to go far... go together and he feels if we can maintain that same spirit of unity, pride and hope, there is nothing that we can't do. Each of those businesses will receive a proclamation.

The Mayor went on to say that his office was a part of a 'chain-cutting' ceremony for the Multi-Link expansion. And he met with Crane who is expanding in the City as well.

Today, Feb. 18th was the Mayor's address that was presented at lunch-time at LCCC Stocker Center. And the Mayor presented LCCC with a Key to the City which was an honor to present that key to them.

He said that his office is working on a re-branding project and there will be a survey that will be going out to the community and for City Council. He's asking everyone to go to Welyria.org and it will direct you to each of 3 surveys. The 1st is How do you want to be communicated with, the 2nd is feedback on the website and the 3rd is if anyone wants to get involved.

Here is a quote he wanted to share... he feels that we are not intimidated by our challenges as a City, but we are actually inspired by our challenges. If we can maintain that spirit there is nothing that we can't overcome.

Safety Service Director Feuerstein: No Report

Finance Director Pileski: No Report

Law Director Deery: Law Director Deery wanted to thank the IT Department, they have been working very diligently for the past week or two to get the Prosecutor's Division under the umbrella of the City's computer system. Since they moved to the Muni Court Building, they have been under the Courts IT System and there have been a lot of inherent problems. Under Mr. Rothgery and Henderson and their staff, it's been a smooth transition.

Police Captain Hammonds: No Report

Chief Mack: No Report

Engineer Schneider: No Report

Assistant Safety Service Director Brubaker: No Report

WWPC Superintendent Korzan: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of Review & Approval of Recommendations made by the Tax Incentive Council.

REFERRED BY: Community Development Director Scott

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of Review/Approval of Facade Improvement Program for 333 Broad St.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Safety Service Director Calvert

REFERRED TO: JOINT ~ Community Development and Finance Committees

3. The matter of a Phone System Upgrade for Elyria Municipal Court

REFERRED BY: Municipal Court Clerk Rothgery

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

4. The matter of a Security Camera System for Elyria Municipal Court

REFERRED BY: Municipal Court Clerk Rothgery

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

5. The matter of a Job Classification Change for the position of Deputy Clerk-Administrative.

REFERRED BY: Municipal Court Clerk Rothgery

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

6. The matter of the Resurfacing Project of the Police Station Parking Lot.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Safety Service Director Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

7. The matter of the City Property that is no longer being used, to be disposed of by selling.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Safety Service Director Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

8. The matter of the City Property that is no longer being used, to be disposed of.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Safety Service Director Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

9. The matter of the Chestnut Commons Connector Drive Improvement Project.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

10. The matter of support of Council Member Judy Keys to join Lorain County Chamber of Commerce.

REFERRED BY: Council Member Judy Keys

REFERRED TO: Community Development Committee

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE:

11. Report of Cemetery Plots purchased and sold for the period of Oct. 1, 19 thru Dec. 31, 2019.

7. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

8. PETITIONS--LOBBY:

1. Jim Jablonski, 806 Sherwood Dr., Elyria is here representing Lester Lynch who is an Elyria High Alumnus who has gone on to become an internationally known opera singer. He is an Elyria High School graduate which is where he got his early training from and went on to Baldwin Wallace and moved on to well known music conservatories on the East Coast. Mr. Jablonski came to know Lester a few years ago while he was writing a book about the history of Elyria. He interviewed Lester and thought it was a great story of a young African American student of a working class background who credits the Elyria Schools who started him on his path to stardom. Mr. Jablonski suggested that Lester come back to the High School and work with some of the music students and then put on a performance for the community. And Lester loved the idea and he will be giving talks at the school and will be giving a performance on Thursday evening at the High School Performing Arts Center. Mr. Jablonski said that he and Council person Madison had called Lester and Marcus will be able to add more information. Mr. Madison said that the on Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. there will be the school concerts and Mr. Lester will be performing and he is bring someone from Juliard School to join him in celebration of the arts. It's a great opportunity for all to hear this performance. Mr. Jablonski thanked the Council for allowing him to speak on this.

2. Tracey Green, Lorain County Community College, 1005 Abbe Rd., Elyria. Ms. Green is the Vice President for Strategic and Institutional Development at LCCC and is here this evening to represent LCCC and the upcoming Issue 17. President Dr. Marcia Ballinger wasn't able to attend. They take great pride in delivering quality and excellence in higher education for the community and to partner with the City of Elyria in doing that. In 2018, LCCC was the 1st Community College in the State of Ohio to become authorized to have a change in Charter to deliver their own applied Bachelors's Degree in area of Micro Electronic Manufacturing. The Community comes first and they have made a difference to the Community. They have now added 'Achieving The Dream' for excellence in student success to ensure academic and career success for all students.

She went on to speak about the upcoming Levy, Issue 17. It's a General Operating Levy and it goes back to the beginning of the Institution, which was 1963. And LCCC is the first Community College in the State of Ohio. LCCC has served 50% of all families in Lorain County. In last 10 years we've grown something called Early College Credit Plus and have been working in partnership with the K-12 Partners and the Elyria City Schools. Students can take college credit classes and leave High School with a full Associates Degree. The Levy that will be on the Ballot on March 17th is Issue 17. The Levy is to not only renew the Community

Support of LCCC at 1.8 Mill but is to add 0.5 Mill to that. It means \$1.46 additional investment per month over the next 10 years. And a lot has changed in the last 10 years, we can hope the next 10 years will only be double that with even more change. Jobs are changing rapidly. To keep our economy strong and attract the right businesses and making sure our work force is prepared for those jobs. Again, she is asking for support of Issue 17.

Mayor Whitfield added that LCCC is one of the top 3 employees in our City. And it's an honor to have them in our City!

Mr. Stewart thanked Ms. Green. Mr. Madison reminded that Mayor Whitfield presented LCCC with a key to the City and in his address he mentioned that it's not about the south side, north side, east side, west side, it's all about Elyria and LCCC represents that piece of hope and opportunities for the community to move forward.

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:	<u>RESOLUTION NO. R 2020-2</u>
<u>FINANCE</u>	AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
V. Stewart, III	AN AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON BANK TO ESTABLISH A
P. Tollett	COMMERCIAL CARD ACCOUNT.
M. Madison	
M. Jessie	
J. Baird	

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

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

Sponsored by:	<u>RESOLUTION NO. R 2020-3</u>
<u>RULES</u>	AN RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISSUE 17, A TEN (10) YEAR 2.3
P. Tollett	MILL TAX LEVY, FOR LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY
T. Callahan	COLLEGE.
M. Jessie	
M. Madison	

Madison moved, Tollett seconded to pass this resolution 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

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:

COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENT

T. Callahan

D. Mitchell

M. Jessie

J. Cerra

M. Madison

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF 33.27

ACRES OF LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Callahan moved, Mitchell 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

Sponsored by

FINANCE

V. Stewart, III

P. Tollett

M. Madison

M. Jessie

J. Baird

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-199, KNOWN

AS THE '2020 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE'.

Madison moved, Tollett 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

Sponsored by:

FINANCE

V. Stewart, III

P. Tollett

M. Madison

M. Jessie

J. Baird

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN, A TWO (2) YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELYRIA AND ELYRIA FIRE FIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 474, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

FINANCE

V. Stewart, III

P. Tollett

M. Madison

M. Jessie

J. Baird

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-6, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, TO INCREASE THE WAGES OF THE ELYRIA FIRE FIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 474 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26
FINANCE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
 V. Stewart, III AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
 P. Tollett AGREEMENT WITH BLACK AND VEATCH MANAGEMENT
 M. Madison CONSULTING, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 M. Jessie
 J. Baird

Madison moved, Tollett 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

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING:

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2020-
COMMUNITY AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
DEVELOPMENT AN AMENDMENT OF THE ELYRIA TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC
 T. Callahan DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (JEDD) CONTRACT TO ADD CERTAIN
 D. Mitchell PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY.
 M. Jessie
 J. Cerra
 M. Madison
FINANCE
 V. Stewart III
 M. Madison
 M. Jessie
 P. Tollett
 B. Davis
 J. Baird

SECOND READING ~PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ~ MARCH 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2/24/2020 6:00 P.M.

Joint with Finance to Follow CD

All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE 2/24/2020 Following CD and Joint with CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 03/02/2020 Immediately following Council All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Solicitor, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Baird motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mitchell.

MOTION CARRIED 7:35 P.M.

Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council

Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council