

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: David Crawford; President of Council; Michelle Blanton, At Large; Tom Klitzka, At Large; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Barry Keller, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward; Linda Chancey, Clerk. ABSENT: Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Guests in attendance were Mayor Don McIlroy and Law Director, Gary Kenworthy and Treasurer Brent Bowers.

President David Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Crawford invited the public, if they wish, to join with council for the invocation. Crawford stated the January 21, 2020 council meeting minutes are approved as corrected.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH COMMITTEE REPORTS

This announced LRSP Cmte Mtg Wednesday February 12th at 7:00 pm

Brady announced a Service Cmte Mtg. March 3rd at 6:00 pm

Crawford announced a Committee of Whole meeting Tuesday February 11th at 6:00 pm

NO REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

NO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NO ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

COMMUNICATION

Council's 2019 Annual Report was submitted.

Blanton motioned to accept the correspondence and place it on file. Brady seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Necessary Documents to Have the City of Circleville Join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Declaring An Emergency. Keller stated this was reviewed in the Judicial Cmte and recommended for passage. This allows the mayor to file an application to join MORPC for the City. Keller motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas – 0 Nays). Brady motioned for passage. Theis seconded. Roll Call. (6 Yeas – 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and was assigned #02-03-2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Steven Fellenger, ODOT, Project Manager (bridge improvements photos were available) explained the process on the bridge replacement over Hargus Creek on North Court Street. The original bridge was built in 1924 and will be replaced with a similar structure, a single span arch bridge, with utility and sidewalks replacements. The project cost is \$1.65 million dollars. The construction will begin in the summer of 2022. There will be a 90-day closure that will allow ODOT to remove the existings bridge and traffic will be detoured off to other roads. ODOT is not adding lighting but will install conduit for future lighting.

Brady asked if there is enough room under the bridge to have a bike path? Fellenger stated currently the improvements are not designed for a bike path to go adjacent to the creek.

Crawford asked, you stated a 90- days closure, how long is the actual construction timeframe going to take? Fellenger stated it will be little longer than that, but when ODOT gets the majority of the work completed the road will be back open, but there will be road paving and striping.

Crawford continued, ODOT pays the total cost for this project? Fellenger stated I believe so, but there are some funding improvements that are above and beyond the city is planning.

Brady asked this a precast concrete? Fellenger stated “Yes, it’s a sixty-foot (60) single span arch, the largest arch that money can buy.

Tom Spring, 335 Meadow Lane, Board of Zoning Chairperson and Dick Liston Vice Chair along Jeff Carithers and Brent Bowers members of Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Spring reported that the board reviewed the duties and tasks requirements in the area of variances. The BZA board asked for an opinion about a sign request that was pending before the BZA board was formed. After reviewing the sign request it was noted the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) received the sign requested on 12/27. The BZA board's thoughts were the ordinance passed by Council did not take effect, January 17, 2020. The Board motioned to have Planning and Zoning Commission hear it under the old codes, because of the time frame of enactment, and jurisdiction will still hold with P&Z date the application was received.

Other items that were reported:

1. Developing a schedule of zoning and developing fees.
2. Budget for funding - City Auditor and Service Assistant is helping with budget and estimates.
3. The hearing meetings will be held the second Monday of each month, but the month of February is for training by a Zoning Attorney for Rules and Procedures for Code requirements.

Dick Liston, Vice Chair stated the Board does not have someone to go into the fields to follow up on variances that the BZA Board hears. To ensure the individual that received the variance or denial thereof is in compliances with what the Board requests. Would Council consider hiring a part time inspector that could follow-up on the case load. There were less than 30 cases heard last year on Zoning Appeals, it would take an individual a half day a month to do field reports.

Keller motioned to excuse Katie Logan Hedges from tonight council's meeting. Brady seconded.

Keller motioned to go into executive session under Rule 3 to confer with the Law Director to give City Council updates on pending or imminent court actions pursuant to O.R.C. 121-22 (g) (3). The executive session will include the mayor and the law director and all of City Council. Brady seconded.

Roll call (6 Yeas – 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Council adjourned from executive session, with no further business conducted.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Council Clerk