

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: David Crawford; President of Council; Michelle Blanton, At Large; Tom Klitzka, At Large; Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Barry Keller, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward; Linda Chancey, Clerk. Guests in attendance were Mayor Don McIlroy, Law Director Gary Kenworthy and City Auditor Gayle Spangler.

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 February 4, 2020 council meeting minutes were approved with grammar corrections.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Keller announced a Finance Cmte Mtg Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm. reviewing the 2020 budget reductions.

Brady announced a Service Cmte Mtg. Tuesday March 3rd at 6:00 pm. prior to council mtg.

Blanton announced a Safety Cmte Mtg Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm. Blanton stated that the Safety Cmte had a meeting held at the Fire Station 1. Fire Chief Thompson gave the committee members a tour and viewed roof issues and other potential construction that needs to be done.

Hedges announced a Judicial Cmte Mtg Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. following Safety Cmte Mtg.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NONE

COMMUNICATION

A Public Hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:45 pm to amend the zoning text.

The Mayor's office submitted the 2019 City Administration Year-end report.

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

NO LEGISLATION FOR THIRD, SECOND OR FIRST READING

NEW BUSINESS

Ryan Scribner and David Glass of Pickaway Progress Partners, Strategic 2020 Updates. Scribner briefed Council on current events and activities with Pickaway Progress Partnership in efforts to promote economic development. The summary involved Rickenbacker development has around 6 Million sq. ft of new facilities. The discussions are centered on being prepared to turning farmland into viable industrial development grounds with infrastructure. We are working with PICCA on grant funding to have reliable transportation to northern Pickaway County, this is eliminating barriers to people that would like to have nice jobs with entrance points. South of City the expansion of Dupont Company and Sofidel are nearing fully operational now. Other items in the southern part of the City with new hotel and retail spaces are being completed.

Scribner concluded with explaining the Pickaway Works Community and its work readiness program. There are opportunities for council to volunteer time interacting with local students helping them to prepare for the workplace.

Klitzka asked about the different quarries coming into norther part of city, should we be concerned? Scribner stated the city needs to be aware and prepared, having a land use plan that is up to date will identify the land for the city uses.

Crawford asked about the land in southern part of the city that is available, is it site ready? Scribner stated that 140 acres of property is listed for sale, but it is between a number of parcels and this property needs to be site ready for developers. Scribner continued, there are opportunities joining with surrounding townships for infrastructure and joint development planning.

Brady asked if GE has been marketable yet? Scribner stated no, but there have been meetings with corporate, asking GE to leave the city with a marketable asset that can be repurposed or demolished for other uses. But the city has been met with a mothball facility that is not providing a benefit for anyone. The mayor has tried to call corporate office and they will not return his phone calls.

This motioned that council formally adopt the charter plan to start the process of getting the charter on the ballot for May 2021. Brady seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nays). Motion Passed.

This motioned to approve Linda Trimmer's application for the Tree Commission. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried. This stated there is still one opening for the Tree Commission.

Brady motioned to adjourn council meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Blanton. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Council Clerk