

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 20, 2021
6:30 PM

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for Carolyn Powers, mother of Council member Tammy Meyer, and Vincent Luce.

Roll Call: Matt Rosolowski, Ben Prescott, Tammy Meyer, Scott Weaver, Heather Paisley, and Marty Hura.

Other Village Personnel: Mayor Linda Clark; Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck, Police Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Maryann Fabian, and Gene Arters of C.T. Consultants.

Citizens Present: Senator Jerry Cirino

Acceptance of Council meeting minutes:

Mayor Clark suggested amending the last two pages of the minutes. In the Committee reports in Tammy Meyer's finance meeting reports it says 2020 budget and should be 2022 budget. Also, in the Chief's report to spell out MDT as Mobile Data Terminal and OCJSG as Office of Criminal Justice Services Grant.

- ❖ Ben Prescott moved to amend the minutes of March 16, 2021 regular Council meeting with a second from Matt Rosolowski. All voted yes except Marty who was having technical difficulties.
- ❖ Motion to approve as amended by Ben Prescott with a second from Tammy Meyer. All voted yes except Marty who was on his way to the meeting.

Senator Jerry Cirino:

Mayor Clark introduced Senator Jerry Cirino and invited him to address Council. The first thing he wanted to talk about is the 8-billion-dollar transportation bill that just passed before Easter. It is a biennial budget for the state of Ohio. PARTA will be a funding recipient. This was an important support bill for public transportation. The Governor's budget had a significant reduction in public transportation. This bill got the dollars for public transportation reinstated.

Senator Cirino said in Columbus they are currently working on the General Fund budget. The House is passing their final budget bill and it will be coming to the Senate next. He hopes they arrive at a consensus in June and all differences are reconciled. Once the Senate adopts the budget it will go to a conference committee to reconcile differences. There is a lot of good spending in this budget. They are looking it over thoroughly and hope to weed out any wasteful spending.

They are in the final stages of Senate Bill 80 that he co-sponsors with Senator Gaborone. This bill would be to require all Supreme Court Justices in Ohio and Appeals Court Judges in Ohio to include their party designation on the General election ballot as they do in the primaries. There is a significant drop off in voting from the top of the ballot down to the Senators. Many Judges are not well known so people are skipping voting for them. He thinks Senate Bill 80 will encourage people to vote for Judges.

Also, in the current budget they are evaluating the educational funding bill. It is a major overhaul to educational funding as a result of the Supreme Court determining that the method for funding

schools is unconstitutional. This bill tries to resolve that. If you add up the elements, there is a 2-billion-dollar shortfall in what is currently being spent. They are addressing that.

Senate Bill 135 which he is the sole sponsor of, will start being heard tomorrow. This is the higher education and workforce development bill. It is designed to increase better outcomes and graduation rates in our four-year institutions. It should make education more affordable and accessible, and strengthen our community colleges and career centers such as Maplewood. This will also help schools become more transparent in terms of helping students make decisions about colleges and career centers. This will benefit the 18th Senate district since we have so many educational institutions in our community.

Lastly, he wanted to define that his role as Senator is to serve his constituents. He makes it a point to work closely with local government officials to understand their needs, and he always tries to make himself available to represent his communities. He invited any questions from Council. There were none.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Clark has two Special Event forms for Council approval. The Crestwood Youth softball league is organizing a beer and wine walk on August 7 from 9am to 9pm at the north park. They are still getting things finalized. The special events that need approval is the Soap Box Derby on June 19 from 7:00am to 9:30 pm. and they do have insurance. Cinco de Mayo on May 5 sponsored by Advance Rehabilitation from 5:30-8:30 pm. and they also have insurance.

❖ Motion to approve by Ben Prescott, with a second from Matt Rosolowski. All voted yes.

The Rib Burn off sponsored by the Sub Shop on June 19th is still on hold. They are working out some things. There are 10 local businesses involved to supply food. This will be the same day as the Soap Box Derby. Mayor Clark should have more information next month.

There was an email from ODOT outlining repairs to the Cuyahoga River bridge. This is scheduled for next summer, in 2022 so we will be getting legislation later in the year. There is micro surfacing from Mill Street to SR 303 scheduled for this year.

Buchert Park Phase 3 grant was approved. The grant amount is \$65,250 plus a match of 21750 from DMRC for a total grant of \$87,000 to connect the Buchert Trail on the north side to the Headwaters Trail. This will not start until phase 2 is completed, hopefully by the end of the month. This is a reimbursable grant so we have to certify the whole \$87,000.

Next is the Paddling Enhancement Grant. That is \$45,978 and it is a 100% reimbursable grant that we will have to certify the full amount up front. We will not hear about until June of this year.

Canada Road. Specs have been sent out for 1600 feet. Deadline to respond is May 3.

Mayor Clark also continues to work with Portage County Water Resources on the utility transfer. There are still a few things being worked out. The biggest concern is that property owners are happy with their prices, but some of the businesses are being reevaluated and adjusted. Tammy asked if this will increase the resident's portion. Mayor Clark said it will be determined at the end of the year if the surcharge calculation will be adjusted.

Citizens: No comments at this time.

Financial Reports:

Jenny said we have met the requirements to receive our Federal Stimulus money. Funds are stable. Revenues totaled about \$72,500 (more than half were income taxes) and expenses including payroll came to about \$105,349, which is pretty standard. We are upside down this month but we will make it up later. Jenny said that we are slightly under on revenues so far. We should be around 25% on revenues and appropriations but we are not. She is not concerned because some months we get certain payments that even things out. Appropriations look good being under 25%. There were no adjustments on the bank reconciliation. Checks 46402 through 46453 were written in March. There were no questions or comments on the Financial reports.

- ❖ Ben Prescott moved to approve the Financial Reports with a 2nd by Matt Rosolowski. All voted yes.

Bills of Resolution, Addendum Bills of Resolution

Mayor Clark gave details on the part numbers listed on line 34 for Industrial Connections. She recommended amending that to be a hose for a front-end loader. For Snider Recreation expenses listed under Parks should be moved to Buchert Park Phase 2. Mayor Clark also asked how long we have had internet at the service garage. Jenny said we have always had it. Mayor Clark asked how long we have had a camera at the garage. Chief said it is not part of his system. Mayor Clark will have the Village Administrator determine where it is being monitored and if we need to disconnect it.

- ❖ Motion to approve the amendments to line 34 and 45 in the Bills of Resolution by Tammy Meyer with a 2nd by Matt Rosolowski. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to approve the Bills of Resolution and the Addendum Bills of Resolution as amended by Scott Weaver with a second from Ben Prescott. All voted yes.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence this month.

Legislation:

ORD. 2021-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE. 2nd Reading. No discussion.

RES. 2021-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. 2nd Reading.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules by Ben Prescott with a second by Scott Weaver. Matt Rosolowski voted no. All others voted yes.
- ❖ Motion to approve by Ben Prescott with a second from Scott Weaver. All voted yes.

ORD. 2021-23 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A BLIGHTED AREA IN THE HISTORIC MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST Reading.

Mayor Clark explained that this comes from Planning. Dan Tillett of Restoration 44, Theresa Cutlip and Jim Mocny have confirmed that they are willing to work on this project and are going to apply for a Community Development Block Target of Opportunity Grant. Council must declare this area to be blighted in order for funding eligibility. This is not a village grant. They are going to try to get funding to redo the parking lot behind those businesses off of First Street which would add about 50 parking spaces.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules by Ben Prescott with a second by Tammy Meyer. All voted yes.
- ❖ Motion to approve by Scott Weaver with a second from Tammy Meyer. All voted yes.

ORD. 2021-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 331.45 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO DISTRACTED DRIVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading.

Chief Urso explained that in our Codified Ordinances Section 331.45 D4 would be removed and D5 would become 4. He read it to Council and explained that they recently had a court case that they cited someone for distracted driving and the person got their phone records and were able to prove that they were on a phone call and not texting. It is difficult for our Officers to know this when they see someone manipulating the keyboard of a mobile device. The goal is for calls to be completely hands free. Solicitor Stuck said she would also like to add in 331.45A to include the language “or initiate a telephone call” at the end of the sentence. Tammy asked how the Chief would know if they are calling or receiving. Gene Arters said this is for mobile devices, but the view connect in vehicles is mirroring a cell phone onto his dash board and he could type into that as well as a cell phone. It would still show up as an outgoing call. Matt thinks we need to remove all ambiguity of calling or receiving. Ben thinks it should go back for final review at the next Safety meeting.

- ❖ Motion to add language to subsection A by Heather Paisley to say “or initiate or receive a telephone call” with a second by Tammy Meyer. Scott and Ben voted no. All others voted yes.

ORD. 2021-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2022 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30. 1st Reading.

Mayor Clark noted a typo in the heading ordinance number. It says 2020-25 and should be 2021-25.

- ❖ Motion to amend by Tammy Meyer with a second from Heather Paisley. All voted yes. Jenny said on page one of the working papers we are off \$35 in the 2021 Police Operating. It should be an even \$20,000 which puts the total to \$587,300.

- ❖ Motion to amend by Ben Prescott with a second by Tammy Meyer. All voted yes. Ben said we are having a budget workshop at 6:00 next month before Council.

Department Heads and Village Engineer

Police Chief Urso:

Chief Urso said at the April 7 Safety meeting they elected Heather Paisley as the new Chair.

Old business: they discussed the Harner Plumbing touchless fixtures. Installation is complete.

We were awarded one Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) on an Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Grant. They discussed the speed limit again but that is controlled by the county.

New Business. They talked about distracted driving, and traffic enforcement on Main Street. They interviewed a new part time Dispatcher and discussed moving an Auxiliary Officer to part time, adding another full-time officer. Section 331.45 recommended to Council for distracted driving.

- ❖ Motion to bring Auxiliary Officer John Fudella to part time status by Tammy Meyer, seconded by Matt Rosolowski. All voted yes.

They were awarded another grant for a Mobile Data Terminal. This is for another MDT through the OCJS grant which completes our new computers in the vehicles and it is a 90% reimbursable grant. The total is \$4300 which makes our portion \$439.

- ❖ Motion to move forward by Heather Paisley, seconded by Tammy Meyer. All voted yes. Next meeting is May 5th. Chief has a tentative list for Crestwood end of the year events. They may be having an event for the seniors. More information will be available by the May meeting.

Village Administrator's Report:

Village Administrator Maryann Fabian submitted her report with the Council packets and invited questions. Matt Rosolowski said the content of her report is fantastic. Maryann asked Council for authorization to pay \$789.02 to pay Paul Brannon for 22.66 hours of quarantine pay, and to pay Liz Gerez for 30.58 hours for mandatory quarantine pay. This is based on average hours worked for the last six months.

- ❖ Motion to pay Paul Brannon and Liz Gerez quarantine pay by Scott Weaver with a second by Heather Paisley. All voted yes.

There was also a quote included in the Council packet for \$5,200 for Dan Wysinski's quote for repairing the time capsule.

- ❖ Motion to approve the repair at the quoted amount from Dan Wysinski by Matt Rosolowski with a second by Scott Weaver. All voted yes.

Mayor Clark said \$8,500 in the Park Capital Improvement fund. We used \$1000 for Buchert Trail so there is enough left to pay for this project out of the Park Improvement fund.

Lastly, Maryann said they met with the Seal Master Crack seal program. They got a quote for \$2,976 which includes a machine. 4800 pounds of crack seal goes 3-4 miles of a one lane road. This would be done in the fall. The company will train our employees. It takes three people to do this, four people would be optimal. Tammy asked how many miles of roads are in the village. Ben said there are 13.8 miles of roads in Mantua village. Scott added that the Service Committee thinks this is a good idea. Maryann said this would be for the roads that have been paved in the last seven years. Gene Arters from CT Consultants recommended tracking the hours with the length of roads, aggregate together and get inquiries next year. Chief Urso said the Police Department may be able to help with safety issues and traffic while this is being done. Gene said too much crack seal can make the road slippery.

Gene Arters from C.T. Consultants:

Gene said everyone received his report in the council packet. He asked if Council had any questions. Tammy Meyer asked what was going on with the vet clinic. Mayor Clark said the property has been resurveyed and we are stepping back.

Gene said regarding West Prospect Street phase 2, they have run into an issue with a hydrant that needs to be relocated back two feet, but they are finding that the valves are not closing. To relocate a hydrant requires a watch valve. The waterline is not restrained and is fragile enough to cause a waterline break. They typically would be able to isolate it, but there are no line valves. After a meeting between CT Consultants, Portage County Water Resources, and the contractor yesterday, they considered adding two new line valves for \$18,000 to add as a contingency cost in the construction budget. The county said if we don't do it, it could end up being a big expense for the village. Another option is to move the alignment of the road curve by two feet away from the hydrant so it isn't disturbed. This would avoid opening a can of worms and the \$18,000 contingency. Tammy asked why we would be responsible for this if the county now owns the lines. Gene said the village has a certain amount of financial obligation. Mayor Clark said Gene is saying that it is on the needs list and part of the surcharge. The county was going to try to address these repairs while we were doing this project, but couldn't do it right now. Portage County is leaving it up to the village to do this, but if there is damage they are not responsible. Mayor Clark said if we put valves down the road and something breaks, then we are responsible. We no longer have water and sewer funds, so this would fall on the General Fund. Mayor Clark said next week the county will be replacing some valves on Main St. and other areas which will help in the ability for future shut offs. Scott Weaver recommends moving the road and leaving the hydrant and water lines alone. All of Council agreed.

Matt asked if there is going to be a tank or tower for the Reservoir Project. Gene will find out.

Committees

Scott Weaver for Service, and Planning:

Service- Service decided to ask C.T. Consultants to work on a plan for W. Franklin Street next year. Ben said he would like to know the amount of the work authorization. Mayor Clark said Gene will have to put together a quote and we can have a special meeting.

Planning- The Planning Commission talked with Todd Peetz and Lisa Reeves about the Dan Tillett building, relating to the blighted area.

Marty Hura for Safety, Parks and Shade Tree:

Safety has already been covered by the Chief.

For Parks, the new mulch is being installed and getting prices for needed repairs.

Shade Tree will be meeting tomorrow evening in person to review the essays and declare a winner.

Mayor Clark for Cemetery & Board of Zoning Appeals:

Cemetery- Mayor Clark said the Cemetery Board is meeting tomorrow evening. Tim Benner is going to attend and talk about putting a memorial at the Cemetery. The Cemetery Board is also inviting Tom Aldrich to attend and see what the status is on the Jane and Ruthie memorial at the cemetery.

Board of Zoning Appeals- nothing

Tammy Meyer for Finance-

Finance- Jenny reviewed the reports. Chief also attended the meeting to talk about adding a full time Officer. Finance also reviewed the public records request form.

PCRP- Ben said nothing for Regional Planning.

New and Other Business- nothing

Anything else that may properly come before Council- nothing

Adjournment

❖ Motion to adjourn at 8:23 by Ben Prescott, seconded by Tammy Meyer. All voted yes.

Mayor Linda Clark

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer