

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, January 25, 2016, in the Council Chambers with President Maurer presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Megyes, Palmer, Soyars, and Wokojance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mr. Soyars gave the Invocation.

It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, to approve the revised Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, January 11, 2016, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

None.

### **MATTERS REFERRED**

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees.

**The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council’s office.**

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

Donna Skoda, 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313 – Summit County Public Health Commissioner. Ms. Skoda stated she wanted to make sure that we were aware that in December they did their first ever “State of County Health” and that was the kick off process. She said they updated their CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) and that was start of a process that will go on for 2016 and part of 2017 to update their data. She said she wants to get around to all the communities to make sure they understand and if there is something specific you would like to know about or would like them to drill down more or if there is anything you think they are missing. She said they will be offering those meetings and opportunities to be a part of and they would very much like community input and support. She said a huge part of that is the community wishes. Ms. Skoda stated the data they have – a lot of new data they can collect with the exception of a few things like the opiate crisis and some of the other things that have come forth. She said most of the data is pretty consistent and they are able to collect it fairly regularly so really what they are trying to do is get a lot of community input this time. She said they are going to be having meetings and focus groups and inviting folks. She said they wanted to make sure we were aware of that. She said it will go in 2016 and into 2017. Ms. Skoda stated she wanted to make sure we knew care coordination is a huge focus of the health district now and that is getting people where they need to be and making sure they have access to services. She said she has brochures but you could always feel free to call them if you don’t know who to call and they could find how to help citizens. She said they really believe that a huge part of being healthy isn’t just whether or not you get access to a physician but you have to be able to afford your medicine, you have to be able to afford food, you have to have a place to live and if you are lucky enough to have a job you need to work. She said they know that people need these things

and transportation and they would really like to be that pivotal piece. Ms. Skoda stated they just received funding for the HUB Grant, which is a very organized model that will allow them to create a data base to be able to do bidirectional referrals from communities. She said it should be a very good start for them. She said the other thing, sadly that she has to report on is the naloxone clinics that they run and many people are familiar with that because this City has been a very good support. She stated she wishes there was not a need for this and for those who don't know about this, it is the reversal drug of an opiate overdose. She said they have money for this now and the police departments have been carrying it. She said this City has been the biggest supporter and advocate in the county to help them with the whole naloxone but they are continually getting requests. She said if you know of anyone who cannot afford the naloxone or needs to get it, to please call them. She stated they run DAWN Clinics for the average public and they have had documented seven reversals so far and all seven of those individuals went on into drug treatment. She said whether or not they stay in treatment and make it who knows, but the idea is they are in treatment. She said opiate addiction is a very tuff, tuff uphill battle. She said the other thing they are doing is a syringe exchange program. She stated they made it legal for health departments to do needle exchange programs and the only reason they are interested in this is because of the disease control. Ms. Skoda said Hep C numbers are going up, HIV transmissions are going up and those individuals become a huge community burden once they are sick and it is not a good way to live. She said it is really, really hard so they are desperately trying to get some of the Hep C and some of communicable diseases under control. Ms. Skoda stated the other thing is Sherrod Brown and Tim Ryan have taken a real interest on how to fund some of this stuff so they are hopeful. She said they are really looking at how they can help communities battle the opiate problems. She stated one thing that really seems to work is getting drugs out of circulation and that is the dump boxes (old postal boxes) where people put their meds in. She said they are looking at ways to expand those sites. She stated they have had requests from ERs – they want to put dump boxes in ERs. She said often people come in wanting to get into detox and they are willing to give up their drugs – they just don't have a place to put them and they would like to be able to throw them into the dump boxes. She stated the other thing they are looking into, and the City's drug court has actually been a partner on this which is how to get their alcohol/drug counselors off site and into the community so they are able to do more drug and alcohol assessment in the community before it becomes a crisis. She stated they are really looking at how do they put those counselors directly into the court system and/or another agency which might be able to use the AOD counselors (Alcohol and Other Drug.) Ms. Skoda said the Health Districts are funded by the Alcohol Drug Mental Health Board and many health departments don't do the AOD but they have been doing it because it is an old leftover thing from the Akron Health Department, from the early days of AA and they find great value in it because many of the individuals that they see could use other services as well. She said it has been a really good program for them. She stated the other thing she would like to remind everyone is the District Advisory Council meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and she hopes that Mr. Judge or anyone that would like to attend, would attend. She stated Mr. Ricks does a good job of keeping everyone in the loop but she wanted to state they did open a full service dental clinic and they are looking to expand that as well. She said they have one old rickety dental van that they drive around town for as long as it will last but they may be parking that permanently so they purchased portable dental equipment. She stated they are looking at senior citizen high-rises or any other place people can't get dental care or cannot get to them. Ms. Skoda stated it is the greatest unmet need in Summit County regardless if you have

insurance or not. She said people do not have access to dental care. She said they are unable to do fancy things (whitening) but they are able to do more things than they were able to do. She said they have a full-time dentist and she is able to do dentures, any type of restorative process, root canals and they are really trying to help people meet their needs. She said they will take payment plans but they chose not to use Care Credit because they charge interest rates to clients and they felt if you cannot afford dental care you can't afford to pay the interest to Care Credit. She stated they are really looking at any number of creative ways to help individuals for their dental care. She said they get a ton of seniors that signed up for these Medicare dental plans and then can't afford a lot of it so they are working with them. Mrs. Frey asked if the dental office at the building that they have on Fairway is on a bus line? Ms. Skoda stated it is. Mrs. Frey asked if it is on a sliding scale? Ms. Skoda said it is and they are desperately trying to fix the situation with the bus line. She said the bus stops right in front of Acme and they have to walk back to them. She said they have had a couple conversations with Joe Albrecht from Acme, the County, and a few other places about the problem with the railroad tracks. She said she doesn't like people crossing them – women with strollers. She stated Metro has been wonderful and has tried working with them, different sizes of buses but the problem is they can't turn around. She said they actually made a pathway on the back door to get out. She said at the very least they would like to put a sidewalk to make it safer so folks aren't in the road. Ms. Skoda said it meets the distance requirement for access from a bus stop (600 feet) but if you are pushing a stroller in the snow it is a lot. She said this has been a good winter so they have been fortunate. She said they have been trying to think of everything to have better access on bus service. She stated they have a lot of work with Medicaid HMO's arranging travel for people and that is one of the things their Care Coordinators can do. She said access is a huge issue. President Maurer thanked Ms. Skoda.

## **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. SOYARS. TITLE: DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES - POLICE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO SCRAP/SALVAGE THIRTY-ONE (31) VEHICLES DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND UNFIT AND UNSAFE FOR DISPOSAL IN ANY OTHER MANNER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 01-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. SOYARS. TITLE: FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST - BUILDING SECURITY. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE MAYOR TO THE BARBERTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$100,000, TO BE USED FOR BUILDING SECURITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the

Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT – O.D.N.R. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (O.D.N.R.) – DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT FOR A BOATER SAFETY EDUCATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,542.37, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Clerk announced she received a notice from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control that the new permit application for Ramvani, Inc., 290 George Street has been denied.

President Maurer stated he was able to attend the Utilities Committee meeting and Mr. Weaver gave our water a clean bill of health. He said a lot of people see in the news where the City of Flint, Michigan has pretty dangerous lead levels and various other issues but Mr. Weaver is happy/proud to report that our water is in real good shape and our system has been maintained and we are way ahead of the curve in so many things. He said he appreciates Mr. Weaver’s efforts and everyone on his staff.

President Maurer said we will be addressing the issue of the council appointment. He said Mr. Harnden will be contacting the person who is looking to be appointed to see if there is any questions that can be answered. He stated he is sure everyone will do their duty and vote their conscience win, lose, or draw.

President Maurer stated the Clerk has the Ethic Commission Report if anyone needs one. He said you can also do this online very quickly. He said they have made this very user friendly.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Judge thanked Donna Skoda for coming to keep us updated on everything that is happening in the health world, which is a changing landscape in the last few years and it is going to continue to change. He said as you can tell and he can personally say she really does care about the community and she will do or be anywhere as requested. He said she has all the information and if she doesn't have it she will get it. He stated he has known her for 10-12 years and she is very approachable and she will get you whatever information you are looking for. He also thanked Leon Ricks for always contributing and being the conduit between City Council and the Health Department.

Mayor Judge thanked everyone who participated in Change for Change last Friday. He said they raised \$254.00 for the victim assistance program against human trafficking. He stated the next Change for Change event will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at Block 7.

Mayor Judge stated last week he met with State Representative Greta Johnson and she also held a public meeting to update residents on different legislative measures including the heroin epidemic and also the ODOT project on 224/76 and State Street/Wooster Road. He said there was a lot of good questions and there will be a few more public meetings with a lot of information getting out to the residents and the businesses. He said they will get all that information to the council members as it becomes available.

Mayor Judge stated he spoke with Jim Sweeney who is the Executive Director of the Lake Anna YMCA and if anyone would like to take a tour of the YMCA and learn of all the different programs that they have for children all the way up to seniors to give him a call and he would be more than happy to give a tour.

Mayor Judge said the City is giving a Police and Laborer test very soon. He said they are currently accepting applications for the Police so if you know of anyone the applications are available. Mrs. Daugherty stated the laborer applications will be available the following Monday. Mayor Judge said the test will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Judge stated he spoke with Congressman Ryan and he is putting together a round table discussion to talk about the heroin epidemic and other issues in Akron on February 9<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Judge will be participating with some of the members of Barberton's Municipal Court.

Mayor Judge said he will be spending the week going through the budget, calling on department heads to discuss things with them. He said he would like to get through the budget as soon as possible but if Council has any questions before that to stop in.

It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 8:02 P.M.

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Frederick S. Maurer  
President of Council

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Renee Fox  
Clerk of Council