

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:32 P.M. at the Active Adult Center with President Megyes presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Greer, Griffin, Heitic, and Jaber. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mrs. Debevec gave the Invocation.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, June 8, 2020 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.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

None.

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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES - POLICE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO SCRAP/SALVAGE FOURTEEN (14) 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 Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, 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 Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. 66-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT - LEXIPOL. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY AN INVOICE TO LEXIPOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,922.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, 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 Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 67-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

The Clerk stated the following Ordinance was amended in the Finance Committee to add the amount of this contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT – INSURANCE COVERAGE - PROPERTY / VEHICLE / LIABILITY. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WICHERT INSURANCE COMPANY, CONSTITUTING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,223 FOR THE CITY’S PROPERTY / VEHICLE / LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 29, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. Mrs. Debevec asked Mr. Flaker what the City ended up with for coverage on the dam. Mr. Flaker stated it is not included under the ten-million-dollar umbrella but they were able to get a million dollars of general liability coverage on it. He said they went out to 10-15 different agencies and Travelers was the only one that would reply. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 68-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

The Clerk stated the Finance Committee invoked Council Rule 702 to suspend Council Rules 302 and 401 to add the following ordinance to tonight’s agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: CREATE NEW FUND - “LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.” AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CREATE A NEW FUND, THE “LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, 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 Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 69-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

The Clerk stated the Finance Committee invoked Council Rule 702 to suspend Council Rules 302 and 401 to add the following ordinance to tonight’s agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT. A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE CITY OF BARBERTON, OHIO AFFIRMING THAT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND WILL BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COSTS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON, OHIO CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 801(D), AND ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AS IS NECESSARY PURSUANT TO H.B. 481 BEFORE RECEIVING SAID FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, 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 Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk stated the following Ordinance was amended in the City Properties Committee to read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2020. PRESENTED BY: MR. HEITIC. TITLE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARBERTON, HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES INC. AND THE CITY OF NORTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, to amend Ordinance No. 63-2020. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. Mr. Heitic stated after conferring with Director Miller, Mayor Judge and the committee, Christian Healthcare Ministries acted in good faith and in what they want to do with the cemetery. He said they have agreed to suspend and forgo the third reading so they can work on this project right away. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that **ORDINANCE NO. 63-2020 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

APPOINTMENTS

Design Review Board:

It was moved Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, to appoint Christina Drubel to the Design Review Board effective immediately through December 31, 2021. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Megyes stated the following Monday is a 5th Monday so Council will not meet. He said the next meeting will be July 6th and the schedule will be back to normal but it will still be held at the Active Adult Center.

President Megyes said Friday, July 3rd the City Building will be closed in observance of the 4th of July.

President Megyes announced the yard sale is back. He said it is August 6, 7, 8 and 9th – the first full weekend of August.

Mr. Griffin thanked everyone for the annual campaign of the YMCA. He said they reached their goal for this year and this is the 2nd year he has been the Chair of Finance Committee. He stated the goal was \$27,000. He said he made his rounds in the Municipal Building a few weeks ago and he came out with \$240 and more pledges. He said he is very thankful for everyone in town who donated and if you are feeling left out, you can still make a pledge.

Mr. Jaber asked if there are any rules or regulations regarding a graduation party. Mayor Judge directed them to the Summit County Health Department's website on all the guidelines and rules. He said they are the enforcers of the rules but they can enlist the police department if need be. He said they have an entire section dedicated to COVID.

Mr. Tracy announced the Ohio Department of Health also has guidelines and recommendations for garage sales.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Judge stated there was a meeting at Decker Park put on by Mr. Willie Jenkins to discuss the community race relations. He said there is a lot going on not only throughout the country but throughout the world. He stated it was a great meeting with a lot of fine points associated with the police, community, relations and our schools. He said he believes Mr. Jenkins will have another meeting in the August-September timeframe.

Mayor Judge said things are starting to get back to somewhat normal. He said they are still continuing to meet with businesses, doing their BR needs here in town and prospective businesses looking to move into town. He said the 5th Street storm water inlet project and the foundation field retention and expansion projects are moving forward. He said they are continuing to try to dry out Web Park in order to move that project along.

Mayor Judge stated the Federal Funds have been allocated for the flood plain management studies through the Arm Core of Engineers. He said this is one of the first major steps towards storm water mitigation and really solving the problem. He stated Barberton, Norton and Copley Township worked on a mitigation plan and this is bigger than any one community. He said there is about \$390,000 in Federal Funds that has been allocated for this project. He stated it may seem silly to spend money where some money is being spent but this will show where the run off is and what does the flood plain look like in the Portage Lakes area and how does it change once it gets into Barberton, New Franklin and then into Canal Fulton. He said you need to do those studies and collect the data to go to the next step. He stated they are very excited for this but it is not an easy or inexpensive fix.

Mayor Judge announced they are meeting with a lot of groups to try to spur development here in Barberton.

Mayor Judge said COVID is not gone and they have conference calls with the County, State and Federal (White House) to help with the rules and guidelines that are always changing.

Mayor Judge stated the COVID Business Stimulus Program, Phase 2 is underway. He said they have about \$200,000 allocated for small businesses but the problem is if you received funding through the County previously, you are not eligible. He stated if you know of any business, please point them to our Planning Department. He thanked Mr. Hunt and his team for all of their work.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to adjourn. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

Craig Megyes
President of Council

Renee Fox
Clerk of Council