

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
LIMA, OHIO

January 7, 2019

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Mayor David Berger; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Anthony DiPietro, Assistant Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin, Chief Black, and Dana Addis, Clerk.

The invocation was given by Councilor Kreher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepner and Nixon.

McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the agenda be amended by adding Dave Smith to Privilege of the Floor, motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dave Smith spoke about the Lima Allen County Building Department. He thanked Council for letting him speak and said he will also be addressing the County Commissioners. He said any relationship requires commitment and communication. He said the current situation of the County looking elsewhere to maintain the building department, flies in the face of buy local and a community working together. He expressed his concern for the local tax payer's legal standpoint if the code is not properly followed by Miami County. He said the City of Lima has made changes to the Building Department and expressed that if more changes need to be made then solutions should be offered. He stated sending local dollars out of our community would weaken our local economy. He believes with real and open communications, they can make our building department work very well. (A complete copy of his presentation is on file in the Council Office.)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Board of Public Health Minutes of November 9, 2018.
- c. Treasurer's Report for May 2018.

McLean moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that items "b-c" be received and filed, seconded by Glenn, motion carried.

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From Downtown Lima, Inc. regarding 2019 funding. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
2. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by McLean, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
3. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to proceed with DOGR Properties, LLC Energy Special Improvement District Application. Moved by Thompson, seconded by McLean, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
4. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contract for services for a Junk Auto and Vehicle Enforcement Officer. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
5. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Harris ERP. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
6. From the Auditor regarding the contract labor report. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
7. From the Director of Human Resources regarding a proposed seasonal wage scale for 2019. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received, filed and the Law Director authorized to prepare the necessary legislation. Councilor Glenn said he is glad to see seasonal helpers move to \$11.00 per hour. He said this is a win-win. Motion carried.
8. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to purchase a performance bond from Stolly Insurance Agency. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
9. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to modify the Strength Ordinance. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
10. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 15-13. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Amy Harpster presented the 2018 Building Division Annual Report. She said the Lima/Allen County Building Department Mission statement was modified to reflect their commitment to the quality of customer service. She said the department reviewed 646 plans, issued 1,413 permits, performed 3,219 permit inspections, issued 1,317 Certificate of Occupancies, issued 987 licenses and registrations and performed 116 other inspections. She said the State of Ohio requires the plan review to be complete in 30 days. In 2018, the commercial plan reviews were at an average of 12.6 business days which was up from 2017's average of 9 business days. She said they recently received additional staff certifications. She said residential plan reviews were reduced to 5.1 business days. She said the fees were down from the previous year. She said a total of 149 demolition permits were issued for residential and commercial structures in 2018. Councilor Glenn told Ms. Harpster they are doing a great job and to keep up the good work. (A complete copy of the report is on file in the Council Office.)

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

001-19 Accepting the Petition of DOGR Properties, LLC for special assessments for various special energy improvement projects. Thompson moved, seconded by McLean that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

001-19 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

002-19 Determining to proceed with certain DOGR Properties Special Energy Improvement Projects by way of special assessments. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

003-19 Levying special assessments for the DOGR Properties Special Energy Improvement Projects. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the

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motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

004-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Clemans, Nelson & Associates. McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

005-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for Junk Auto and Vehicle Enforcement. Kreher moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

006-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Harris ERP. McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

007-19 Authorizing the Mayor to purchase a performance bond from Stolly Insurance Agency. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

008-19 Amending Ordinance No. 015-13. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

009-19 Establishing the positions and classifications hereinafter set forth and fixing the salary and compensation of such positions and classifications. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

010-19 Establishing criteria for the determination of the residency of council members. Dixon moved, seconded by McLean, that the ordinance be placed on a second reading and referred to Council of the Whole. Motion carried.

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011-19 Abandoning the City's interest in the public right-of-way for purposes of travel in two unimproved alleys in the block bounded by Woodlawn, Lowell, Judkins and Wendell Avenues. Kreher moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Kreher wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed how nice it is to see how many people from the fourth ward were in attendance.

Councilor Dixon wished everyone a Happy New Year. He encouraged everyone to take this year to be active in the community and get to know your neighbors better because he believes when the two come together we can make a better community.

Councilor Glenn wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged everyone continue working hard in the sixth ward. He hoped everyone had a good Christmas.

Councilor Neeper wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged everyone to make this year better than the last. He said it was a great first year on Council.

Councilor Gordon said he put an issue in the Traffic Commission regarding a four way stop at McDonald and Murphy. He said one of the interested persons provided him 73 signatures in favor of the four way stop. He requested the Clerk submit the Petition to the Traffic Commission. He asked everyone to check out the intersection. He thanked Dave Smith for his comments on the Building Department. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Councilor McLean wished everyone a Happy New Year and said to be good to your neighbors and friends. He hopes 2019 is a better year than 2018.

Councilor Thompson thanked Mr. Smith for coming forth and showing support of Lima's Building Department. She thanked Ms. Harpster for her continued dedication and willingness to learn. She announced there will be a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm regarding the Landlord Rental Registration. She announced the next Central Lima Neighborhood Association meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Elks Lodge.

President Nixon wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said he will have the Clerk send Notice of the Council of the Whole meeting prior to the January 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.


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McLean moved that Council adjourn until January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.



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John G. Nixon, President



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Dana Addis, Clerk