

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

February 5, 2018

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; John Payne, Deputy Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Vince Ozier, Dir. of Human Resources; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin, and Sally Clemans, Clerk.

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

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

McLean moved to amend the Agenda by adding George Haver to privilege of the floor and the Economic and Community Development Report, seconded by Glenn, motioned carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

Appreciation to Jessie J. Lowe II as Councilor of the Third Ward. McLean moved, seconded by Gordon that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; McLean , Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. President Nixon presented the Resolution to Jesse Lowe II. Jesse Lowe said thank you to the citizens of the Third Ward.

Appreciation to Teresa Adams as Councilor of the Fifth Ward. McLean moved, seconded by Kreher that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; McLean , Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. President Nixon stated that Teresa Adams was unable to attend.

Appreciation to C. Ann Miles as Councilor of the Seventh Ward. McLean moved, seconded by Neeper that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; McLean , Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. President Nixon stated that C. Ann Miles was unable to attend.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

George Haver spoke on behalf of Sandy MacDonell. Mr. Haver stated that he believes Lima will have another legend in the memory of Sandy MacDonell. Mr. Haver then read his letter

that he wrote to the editor of the Lima News.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.

McLean moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved, seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Dir. of Comm. Dev. regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Deputy Dir. of P.W. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Marimor. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From Chief Martin regarding legislation to advertise for body cameras. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From Chief Martin regarding disbursement of funds from the Asset Forfeiture Account. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Dir. of H.R. requesting legislation to enter into contract with Clemans, Nelson & Associates. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed, and authorized the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

6. From the Auditor regarding the contract labor report. Moved by McLean, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Mayor regarding appointments to the Regional Planning Commission. Moved by Gordon, seconded by McLean that the communication be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

8. From the Ohio Div. of Liquor Control regarding a new permit for Timothy L. Callahan, 113 E. Spring. Moved by Thompson, seconded by McLean that the communication be received and filed and the Clerk file an objection with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to hold a public hearing in the County seat. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Major Baker presented with an update on the status of the testing process to determine the best body camera for the City of Lima. He explained that the process was laborious and lengthy but they did not want to repeat the same mistakes made by many other agencies in their rush to provide

body cameras to their officers. Sgt. Nick Hart lead the testing . Six manufacturers were tested. Major Baker stated that a Request for Proposal is currently being written and he hopes to have body cameras in a 60-90 day window. (A copy of this complete report is on file in the Council office.) Councilor Glenn said it is great that we are doing this, it will be a win-win for everyone. Major Baker said each officer will be provided with one camera. Councilor Dixon said thank you because it has been a long time coming and I think this will benefit our community. Councilor Gordon said thanks for the hard work and for trying to get this right the first time. Councilor Kreher said thanks for putting up with us and a thanks to Sgt. Hart and the other officers.

Randy Bartels presented that the City of Lima was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the second year the City of Lima has receive this award. Mr. Bartels thanked Sue Odenweller for all of her hard work. Mr. Bartels also thanked the Mayor, administration and staff.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor McLean reported that the Finance Committee met on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of January 2018 to review the 2018 budget. Each department has their turn explaining their part of the expenses and explained where the monies were to be spent. The Public Works dept. is concerned that the 309 account could be under funded this year and wants to review this with the committee at a later date to keep Council informed. McLean moved, seconded by Neeper, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried. Councilor McLean thanked his Committee for their contribution. President Nixon said it is a lot of information to take in and thanks to the Committee.

Councilor Thompson reported that the Community and Economic Development Committee met on the 29th of January. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Ordinance 011-18, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Downing Community Advisors for land bank manager service for year 2018. It was a unanimous decision from the committee to approve the ordinance. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

011-18 (Second reading) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Downing Community Advisors for Land Bank Manager Services for calendar year 2018. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the second reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the second reading by an 8-0 vote.

023-18 (Second reading) Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Central Ohio Code Consultant, LLC for building official services for calendar year 2018. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn that the ordinance be passed on the second reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 4; Gordon, Thompson, Dixon and Glenn. Nay, 4; McLean, Kreher, Neeper and Nixon. The Chair declared the motion did not carry on the second reading by a 4-4 vote and will be placed on a third reading.

025-18 Authorizing levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

026-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Azteca Systems, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by McLean, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

027-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Marimor Industries, Inc. Neeper moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Dixon said the individuals in the workshops, we do see smiles on their faces and they love working in the parks. Councilor McLean said this contract has been in place for several years and they do enjoy every minute of it. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

028-18 Authorizing a payment from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Glenn moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

029-18 Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for proposals for body cameras for the Police Department. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. President Nixon said he is glad the police department took the time to review these, \$300,000.00 is a lot of money. He gave a warning to the public to be careful what you wish for, this will give a true picture of what happens on the streets. He said when videos are observed, a lot of people can be frightened by what does happen and what officers truly face. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, Nixon and Gordon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor McLean announced the Northside N/A meeting is February 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Marks Church.

Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima N/A meeting is February 21st. Anyone without a N/A is invited to attend.

Councilor Kreher said she enjoyed the Sharks vs. LPD basketball game and that the Sharks

are really good shooters. She said the LPD had a breakfast at the Bradfield Center, the pancakes were great and that she was served coffee by the Mayor. She said if you do not come to these events, you are missing out.

Councilor Dixon announced a N/A meeting February 15th and is asking residents to attend at 10:03 E. Kibby St. at 7:00 pm. He also said remember the Ordinance for the removal of snow, please clean your sidewalks. He said he was also at the breakfast and it is an honor to see the Mayor out, it is a good way to talk to the residents.

Councilor Glenn wanted to schedule a meeting on the Moratorium on marijuana for February 28th at 5:30pm. He thanked Councilor Kreher and Chief Martin for coming to the drug meeting at the civic center. He said we will continue to have a paint program and looking for donations.

Councilor Neeper said he will be attending the Central Lima N/A and he then announced the Westgate N/A on February 18th.

Councilor Gordon said “be good to each other”.

President Nixon moved to prepare a Resolution memorializing Sandy MacDonell, seconded by Dixon. Motion carried. He introduced the new Clerk, Dana Addis.

McLean moved that Council adjourn until February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

John G. Nixon, President

Sally Clemans, Clerk