

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

August 20, 2018

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

Attending were: Tony Geiger, Law Director; Anthony DiPietro, Assistant Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Vince Ozier, Dir. of Human Resources; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin and Dana Addis, 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.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jasmine Thacker was not present to speak.

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 Building Appeals Minutes from July 19, 2018.
- c. Allen County Board of Public Health Minutes from July 13, 2018.
- d. Treasurer's Report for March 2018.
- e. Treasurer's Report for April, 2018.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with Baldwin and Sours. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with L&B Tools. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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3. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Miller Cable. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the City Engineer regarding storm water drainage concerns. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with CMT. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

6. From the Director of Utilities regarding legislation to hire Cleveland Pump Repair Services. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From Chief Martin requesting legislation to apply for, accept and administer an award from the U.S. Dept. of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant Program. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and the Law Director authorized to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

8. From Chief Martin regarding legislation to enter into contract with WatchGuard, Inc. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed.

9. From Chief Black regarding legislation to sell equipment on govdeals.com. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. 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.

11. From the Auditor regarding March and April 2018 Financial Reports. Moved by McLean, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the Auditor regarding the July 2018 contract labor report. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

13. From the Director of Utilities requesting legislation to purchase a 37' Aerial Bucket Truck. Moved by Gordon, seconded by McLean, that the communication be received, filed and the Law Director authorized to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

14. From the Law Director regarding legislation to enact Section 238.021 of the Codified Ordinances. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

15. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

16. From the Chief of Staff regarding an Enterprise Level Technology Department. Moved by Kreher, seconded by McLean, that the communication be received, filed and referred to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Dixon stated he believes the communication should be referred to Council as a Whole rather than the HR Committee because the issue will affect every department. Councilor McLean stated it can go into the HR Committee and if anyone else wants to attend the meetings they are more than welcome. He stated the issue will come before Council before any legislation can change. President Nixon stated that all of the Committee Chairman have been extremely acknowledging of other Council members that are there, whether on the Committee or not and procedurally it does come back to Council before any final vote. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Sharetta Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the re-design of the City of Lima's website. She introduced the Website Redesign Team who is currently working on the project. She explained what is driving the change to the website. Jim Morrissey spoke about the features of the new website. Autumn Swanson explained the photo contest that was held by the re-design team and announced the winner of the photo contest, John Wehner. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council Office.)

Major Jim Baker spoke regarding the Lima Police Department body camera project. He announced that the Lima Police Department is ready to come before Council and request that they enter into a contract with Watchguard to provide their body cameras, in-car video system and storage for the collected data. He stated the process started back in September of 2016 with the formation of an advisory committee who started off creating a policy and then looking for a camera to make sure it fulfilled the requirements of the policy. He stated in addition to the committee, they also had input from the Lima City Schools and the hospital. He acknowledged the members of the advisory committee. Pastor Cleven Jones thanked Major Baker for letting him be a part of the process and he is glad to see it coming to a reality. He said he hopes that the implementation of the body cameras will help enhance the relationship between the community and the police department. Major Baker stated they tested different cameras and then developed a proposal. He stated there were over 35 criteria that the product had to meet and WatchGuard checked every box. He said a major benefit of WatchGuard is the connectivity of the in-car video and the body cameras. He said WatchGuard offers a warranty and in three years they will replace every single camera. Major Baker advised that after WatchGuard receives the purchase order, the cameras must be shipped out within thirty (30) days. He said in a period of around sixty (60) days they should have the cameras out on the streets. Councilor Kreher thanked everyone for making

this happen. She said she would like to see the policy. Councilor Glenn stated that this is different than other police departments. He said he would like to be trained on the cameras and would also like a policy. He said this is a win-win situation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Kreher reported that the Human Resources Committee met on August 7, 2018 and discussed a potential zero-tolerance policy regarding racial slurs. She stated that it was an efficient and effective meeting and everyone had their answers resolved. Councilor Kreher moved, seconded by Dixon, that the report be received, filed and approved. Councilor Thompson stated she feels the community should know that our HR Department was very receptive to their suggestions and it seems that the Department takes these types of issues very seriously. Councilor Glenn stated that they are going to get training in place and are taking this very serious. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

169-18 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

170-18 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

171-18 Providing for the issuance and sale of \$58,500 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the property owners' portion, in anticipation of the levy and collection of special assessments, of the costs of constructing sidewalks at various locations in the city, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, in the manner provided in Resolution No. 006-17 and Ordinance No. 061-18. Thompson moved, seconded by McLean, that the Fiscal Officer's Certificate, be received, filed and approved. Motion carried. Thompson moved seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Neeper asked Howard Elstro to explain what this means. Elstro stated that Council approved a Resolution of necessity ordering the deficient sidewalks be replaced by the property owners which initiated the process of the Engineering staff inspecting for defects in the sidewalks. They then send notice to the homeowners who have to make the decision whether to replace it themselves or let it go forward in the process. He said early this year Council authorized an Ordinance allowing them to enter into a contract with an entity to replace those sidewalks. Any of the sidewalks that were not

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fixed by the homeowners were fixed under the authority of Council with a contractor. Now that those services are complete, it is time to collect the funds from the property owners and pay the contractor. He explained that some property owners chose to allow the amount due to be assessed on their property taxes for a period of five years. He said the \$58,500 pays the portion that was added to the tax assessments and later on it will be rolled into a bond and the city will then be made whole by the collection of the tax assessments. 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.

172-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with WatchGuard, Inc. Glenn 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

173-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com to dispose of outdated and non-functional miscellaneous Fire Department equipment. Glenn 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

174-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Cleveland Pump Repair and Services. Gordon moved, seconded by McLean, 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.

175-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Miller Cable. 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.

176-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Baldwin and Sours. 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.

177-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with CMT. Neeper 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

178-18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with L & B Tools. 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.

179-18 Changing Enforcement Authority for the City's Zoning Code to the Director of Community Development. 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 motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

180-18 Enacting Section 238.021 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima, Ohio. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor McLean said school has started and reminded everyone to be careful and watch for children. He said it is the Allen County Fair week and encouraged everyone to spend some time and go out and enjoy. He said to be kind to each other.

Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association meeting for this month has moved to August 29th at 6:30 pm located at LACNIP Resource Center, 1440 West Spring Street. She said to check in on Facebook with Amber Basares of Young Black Democrats and WOCAP who is organizing education tunnels to cheer on students for the first day of school. She said to be sweet to one another.

Councilor Kreher moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the issue of selecting the next Police Chief to the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 7-1, with Nixon opposing. She said over the weekend she was able to serve at a school giveaway at Fresh-n-Faded. She said it was a great event and a great day. She thanked everyone who participated in Balling with Badges. She said to push as many kids as you can along and give them affirmation. She said she was able to be a part of

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the combined sewer and overflow tank project and set off dynamite. She expressed the project is an excellent representation of what can be done when work is given to the right hands. She thanked Mike Caprella and his department along with all of the people who are doing the work.

Councilor Dixon wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and to be safe and enjoy time with friends and family. He announced that LACNIP is hosting Dancing with Lima Stars on Saturday October 13th at 2:00 pm at the Elks Lodge. He and Sharetta Smith will be competing. He said the fifth ward has done a great job with Citizens Block Patrol and have had great participation from individuals in the community. He said last week they were able to expand the patrol to the Brice area and this week they will be in the midway east area. He asked that residents come out to Meat City on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm and get registered to be a part of the patrol. He said he was able to participate in a few school supply giveaways. He said one was at Phillipian Missionary Baptist Church where the COP Officers handing out bottles, they had a send-off with K-9 Diego. He said they had another giveaway by Lima City Schools which was amazing because they were able to serve between 400-500 families with school supplies and food. He thanked Jill Ackerman and the Lima City Schools staff. He said not only be good to each other, but continue to love on one another.

Councilor Glenn congratulated Councilor Dixon on his recent marriage. He thanked Councilor Thompson, Kreher and Dixon for helping out with Balling with Badges program. He thanked Councilor Kreher for raising the money for the supplies and food. He said no kid should be left behind. He said he appreciates Leandra and his staff at Fresh-N-Faded for their giveaway over the weekend along with all of the volunteers who helped. He said that they have a big project coming up with the paint program. He announced that the hire-a-kid program will only be on weekends due to school starting. He announced that RTA is running a special where college students can purchase a bus pass for \$10.00. He said the 6th Ward Chronical will not be published this month and they are looking for a sponsor for next month. He said everyone had a great time at the 80th anniversary for the Bradfield Center and happy birthday to them. He said to stay blessed and love one another.

Councilor Neeper said he attended the National Night Out and thanked everyone who put it together. He said it was a phenomenal event. He attended the Bradfield Center benefit and was very impressed with the speaker who had everyone singing. He said one of the songs that she sang was regarding unity. He said we need to look at that as a wakeup call to our community that we need to unify together to work out the problems that we are having in the city. He said it was a well-attended event and he learned some things about the Bradfield Center that he didn't know. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

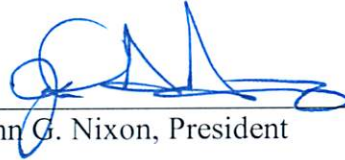
Councilor Gordon said he loves that everyone joined in the theme of "be good to each other". He appreciates the Police Dept. and everyone that worked on the body cameras. He said the cameras don't lie and we will know what happened in every situation so it is good for everyone. He said he took his grandchildren to the National Night Out and they had a great time. He is still

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hearing about when the Chief took his hat off and put it on his granddaughters head. He thanked the Chief for making her day. He congratulated Councilor Dixon on his marriage. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

President Nixon congratulated Councilor Dixon on his marriage. He wished him the very best because it can be one of the most amazing journeys with your partner.

McLean moved that Council adjourn until September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Kreher, motion carried.



John G. Nixon, President



Dana Addis, Clerk