

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

September 28, 2020

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via audio/video communication.

Attending were: Mayor David Berger; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Kari Keener, Dir. of Human Resources; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

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 Health Minutes, August 14, 2020;
- c. Lima Police Department Annual Report.

Gordon 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.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to amend the Agenda by adding a Petition for vacation of portions of Dewey Avenue and Hill Street. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to assess the cost associated with the demolition of 122-132 N. Elizabeth Street. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Mayor regarding the re-appointment of Dr. Wilfred Ellis to the Allen County Board of Health. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

3. From the Human Resource Dir. regarding legislation to apply for, accept and administer an award from Ohio Means Jobs. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase a Flygt Submersible Pump for the Allen County Lift Station. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation for the Instrumentation and Controls replacement for the Central Point Water Tower. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
6. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with Jones & Henry Engineers. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
7. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to allow payment to Woolace Electric Corp. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
8. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to allow payment to R.D. Jones Excavating, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
9. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments for specified parcels. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
10. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
11. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Perry proTECH, Inc. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
12. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to accept the minutes of the 2020 Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) and to accept/modify the recommendations of the TIRC. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.
13. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various entities for 2020-2021 CDBG Projects. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
14. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various entities for 2020-2021 HOME Projects. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
15. From Judge David A. Rodabaugh requesting legislation to purchase goods and services from various funds during the 2021 fiscal year. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

1. Petition for vacation of portions of Dewey Avenue and Hill Street. Petitioned for by Lima Memorial Hospital. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the petition be received and filed; that the Law Director prepare the necessary legislation; that the Clerk cause publication of the legal ad and notify abutting property owners of the Public Hearing to be held on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Lieutenant Ron Holman explained the Lima Police Department in cooperation Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Allen County Sheriff's Office conducted two traffic details on the west side of Lima. The first detail ran from Aug. 16th through Aug. 29th where they conducted 140 traffic stops that resulted in 71 citations, 59 warning tags and 10 verbal warnings. The second detail ran from Sept. 13th through Sept. 26th resulted in 87 traffic stops that resulted in 36 citations, 49 warning tags and 10 verbal warnings. They believe the drop in traffic stops during the second detail is a result of the first detail.

Cindy Leis, Allen Economic Development Group explained they have been working with Perry proTECH in selecting new headquarters for their business to consolidate into one facility to provide a more productive space for both the employees and their customers. She explained Perry proTECH executives have shown interest in Commerce Parkway. She explained the Enterprise Zone Agreement is for 75% property tax exemption for a 10 year period. Barry Clark explained the biggest mission he had was to stay in Lima and keep all Lima employees under one roof. President Nixon expressed his appreciation for Perry proTECH keeping their headquarters in Lima.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

164-20 An Ordinance 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; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

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166-20 An Ordinance authorizing the City of Lima to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Perry PRO-tech, Inc. Thompson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Thompson thanked everyone involved and believes this is why we have Enterprise Zone Agreements. Councilor Neeper believes this is a tremendous furthering of Rex's vision and he is appreciative of them staying local. Councilor Ehora explained

she knows it is hard to stay committed to downtown, but because of the commitment to the community, they did the next best thing. Councilor Dixon thanked Barry, Cindy and Dave as it is a true attribute for them to have jobs and create jobs in our community. He said it is wonderful that they want to create additional jobs, especially at a time like this. Councilor Glenn thanked Mr. Clark and expressed his appreciation that Perry is an employee owned business. Councilor Wilkerson thanked Barry and Perry Corp for being a good corporate neighbor. Councilor Gordon thanked Barry. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

167-20 An Ordinance authorizing continuation of and amendments to the following Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area Agreements based on the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

168-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer funds from Ohio Means Jobs for incumbent workforce training. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

169-20 An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$52,400 of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Fiscal Officers Certificate be received, filed and approved. Motion carried. 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, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

170-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for housing property maintenance training. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

171-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for First Home Lima administrative support. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

172-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide First Home Lima Down-payment/Closing Assistance. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

173-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. to serve as CHDO for housing development. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

174-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for a CHDO set aside home ownership project. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

175-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide housing counseling services. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

176-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide Fair Housing Services. Glenn moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

177-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhodes State College for Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing Services. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

178-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Bradfield Community Association for senior and youth health and wellness program services. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

179-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Urban Impact and West Ohio Community Action Partnership for microenterprise program startup lab services. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, 1; Neeper. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-1 vote.

180-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for LMI Homeowner property maintenance training. Ehora moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

181-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Lima City Schools for my Brother's Keeper youth after-school program services. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. Abstention, 1; Dixon. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

182-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Oheneba Soccer Academy. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

183-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Soldiers of Honor. Ehora moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

184-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Heartland Image Foundation. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

185-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Jones & Henry. Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

186-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to Woolace Electric Corp. Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

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189-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Buckeye Pumps. Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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.

190-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to levying a special assessment for demolition charges for a dangerous structure. Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, 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 Gordon thanked the Police Dept., Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Office for working hard on the traffic stops. He would like to see more work done on the noise in the City. He thanked Mr. Elstro for helping get a traffic light fixed. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

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Councilor Wilkerson reminded everyone to keep their masks on as everyone's life depends on it. He expressed his proudness of the cooperation of residents during a power outage.

Councilor Thompson thanked the volunteers of the Central Lima Neighborhood Association who helped with put mask bags together and volunteered for City Wide Pride. She thanked the Dept. of Community Development for holding the City Wide Pride event because it is needed in the City. She was touched that people were excited to get the mask bags and appreciated the information provided. She announced she will be at Fresh-N-Faded on Tuesday, September 29th starting at 3:00 p.m. to continue to help residents register to vote. She reminded everyone that the deadline to register is October 5th. She thanked Lima Police Department because they are seeing a difference and it is working. She thanked Officer Fried for responding to an incident that happened over the weekend where she was pepper sprayed while trying to break up a fight. She explained how important it is that some Officers are displaying the idea of community policing even though they aren't technically community police officers.

Councilor Ehora advised Wednesday was the last day to fill out the Census. She explained it is important of registering to vote. She enjoyed looking through the LPD annual report and understands it is a lot of work and a huge contribution. She thanked Chief Martin for a great job. She put everyone on notice that parking in yards is unacceptable. She extended condolences to Todd Gordon for the loss of his mother-in-law. She said to be both "I's" in Civil or be the "I" in kind.

Councilor Dixon thanked everyone who participated in City Wide Pride over the last couple of weeks. He thanked Pastor Collins and the St. James Missionary Baptist Church and volunteers that participated in City Wide Pride the past weekend. He said it was a pleasure to be able to pass out masks. He explained the importance of completing the 2020 Census and the potential for the City of Lima to lose needed money. He announced Tuesday, September 29th, the West Ohio Missionary Baptist Association is partnering with the Lima Area Ministerial Alliance will be giving out 1300 food boxes from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at 190 E. Eighth St. at the Phillipian Church parking lot and will continue for the next five Tuesdays. He thanked Tom Ahl and everyone who prayed over the City of Lima in Downtown Saturday morning.

Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to put aside \$150,000 of the CDBG-CV funds to assist small businesses per the CARES Act requirements. Tony Geiger explained the proper motion would be to prepare legislation. Councilor Dixon amended his original Motion to authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation. Councilor Wilkerson recommended to specify the funds be used in the City of Lima. Councilor Dixon said inside the City of Lima up to \$5,000.00 each. Councilor Neeper inquired whether there are specific regulations. Mayor Berger believes the Motion is premature as they have continued to seek guidance which has yet to be produced. Susan Crotty explained they would need to go through a substantial plan amendment and provide opportunity for public comment. She appreciates input from Council but they would need a Public Hearing. Councilor Ehora questioned the spending criteria and referenced Wapakoneta's Council passing legislation approving the use of CARES Act money. Susan clarified the CARES Act money is different than the CDBG-CV funds, which Wapakoneta does not receive. Councilor Glenn expressed his support of the motion because there are businesses that

are hurting due to COVID and they should use the money instead of letting it set. Councilor Thompson suggested this issue be put in a Committee because there are a lot of questions and she wouldn't want an adverse vote due to lack of understanding. She understands the City is concerned with not having clarification of spending funds and Councilors are worried about small businesses. She believes it is important that Council move forward in an informed manner. She agreed there are small businesses hurting and it would be nice to give them clear answers. Councilor Gordon agreed the issues needs to be discussed in a Committee so they can be fully informed. President Nixon appreciates the Notion and the Motion on the floor but he has concerns. He confirmed with the Mayor that they continue to be promised guidance documents from HUD for the CDBG-CV funds and have been engaging with stakeholders particularly regarding housing for homeless families. The Mayor advised nothing has been committed out of the funds but they have been examining opportunities. Randy Bartels advised the City has received a little over 1.5Million in CARES Act money and they anticipate receiving another 1.5-1.6Million which they have identified eligible uses for all of the money to maintain city services. He explained absent the CARES Act money, they would be looking at layoffs across the board.

President Nixon explained he is okay with the issue going to Committee but his biggest fear is the City has to be extremely prudent, no matter what other Community is spending their money on because there are strings attached. He agrees with Dixon's sentiment and he is more in favor of the motion if it were to recommend Administration to investigate the proposal and eligibility or a Resolution to compel HUD to give clear and definite guidelines. Councilor Dixon agrees they need to be great stewards of their money, but he is not willing to stand on the floor and talk to individuals who are hurting because of a pandemic. He sees people struggle and having to decide whether they are going to use their check to provide a meal, medication, housing or continue to run a business. He expressed his passion for serving the constituents of Lima and hopes others are as passionate as he is. He explained there have been conversations about the funding over the last five months and people cannot wait another five months and will be in the cold during winter if they do not receive help. As a legislature, he is serving the people he was elected to serve and it is disheartening that they have had to wait this long, at no fault of the administration if they have been asking HUD for information. He faults HUD, but they cannot sit around and allow the snowball effect to grow larger and people end up in the cold. He explained other cities throughout Ohio are spending their money but yet we are dragging our feet. He told Lima to get on board and quit dragging your feet. He explained topics get thrown in a Committee and they sit there for months and nothing gets done and it is ridiculous. He charged his fellow councilors to do what is right and if they can sleep at night, they should continue to sleep peacefully. He can't sleep knowing there are people hurting and having to choose between paying bills or get groceries. He preferred to keep his motion on the floor so they can have legislation before them.

President Nixon expressed appreciation for Councilor Dixon's passion but it is Council's job to be fiscally responsible. He advised he will support the legislation if it passes the legal test that HUD has provided. He supports the Motion to authorize the legislation; he is just being realistic that it may or may not be legal to spend the money in that manner. Councilor Thompson recommended a Motion be made to create legislation and also put the issue in Committee for discussion. The motion on the floor is to authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation to put aside \$150,000 of the CDBG-CV funds to assist small businesses within the City

of Lima per the CARES Act requirements carried. Motion carried. President Nixon moved, seconded by Thompson, to refer the allocation of \$150,000 of CDBG-CV Funds be referred to Council of the Whole. Motion carried. Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation to put aside \$250,000 of the CDBG-CV funds for rental assistance capping off at \$1,000 per person and assisting 150 people per the CARES Act requirements. Motion carried. President Nixon moved, seconded by Neeper, to refer the allocation of \$250,000 of CDBG-CV Funds be referred to Council of the Whole. Motion carried.

Councilor Glenn thanked Councilor Dixon because it is important to look at the people in the City. He said everyone did a good job at Citywide Pride. He said they will continue to register people to vote. He knows people are concerned about minorities not working on the big projects downtown so he is going to be working on getting the minority requirement in the Charter. He thanked Mike Caprella for his help because a lot of folks' water was being turned off. He expressed his concern with a lot of the Lima businesses that are hurting. He said Lima has to take a gamble and he knows they are looking at the future and could possibly have to pay money back, but they can't let people go hungry and get evicted. He gave an example of a lady whose hours were reduced and was ineligible for unemployment. He said saving people in the City is number one in his heart.

Councilor Neeper explained he does not oppose the use of the CDBG-CV funds but with all of the recommendations and hoops that need to be jumped through, they need to investigate it before they spend the money. He can sympathize, empathize and he hears the same stories as everyone else, but they have to watch what they are doing and go with the guidance they can get. He expressed the importance of slowing down on the roads especially since school is back in session. He reminded everyone to register to vote. He confirmed with the Mayor that the deadline for the 2020 Census has not been extended so he encouraged everyone to complete it as soon as possible.


President Nixon advised he will work with administration to get factual information on the COVID-CV funding and notify Council of potential dates for the Council of the Whole Committee meeting. He confirmed with Mike Caprella that trash can be put out at 6:00 pm the night before and pick it up 6:00 pm the evening after it was picked up. Caprella advised complaints can be made by calling the utilities dept. and a Park Ranger can put the resident on notice and they can be fined. Nixon advised Caprella of a problem in the area of Murphy and Burch where cans are sitting out for several days. Councilor Ehora reminded everyone the refuse service offers a service to the elderly and will help take cans up their driveway for them. Caprella advised residents can call the Utilities Dept. and be put on the list.


Councilor Ehora explained the Lima City Schools can feed any child age 1-18, breakfast and lunch, 7 days a week. Just call the school and sign up. Ehora advised on Sunday there was an informative section in the Lima News about the 200th anniversary of the Allen County. She said the Mayor was named as one of the twenty-five people who have made Allen County a better place which she believes is well deserved and she wanted to recognize him for that. Mayor Berger expressed his appreciation.

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President Nixon explained he knows there are a lot of businesses that are hurting and people who are hurting for jobs, but there are a lot of jobs available in the Lima/Allen County area. He expressed there are many employers who are looking for employees and it is easy right now to get hired.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Neeper, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President