

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

March 11, 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; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Sharetta Smith, Interim Dir. of Human Resources; 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 Gordon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the alley vacation located between 311 and 313 S. Cole Street, petitioned for by John Benjamin and Robert Foley. The Clerk read the call. There being no one wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

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 Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a transfer to Amy's Waiting Room, 309 E. Wayne Street. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed and the Clerk authorized to file with no objections. Motion carried.

2. From the Executive Director of New Lima Housing for the Future regarding Spring Street Senior Lofts. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor Neeper asked what the address is for this project. Councilor Dixon stated he believed it was the behind the old YWCA. Motion carried.

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

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4. From the Director of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase equipment. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Director of Utilities regarding legislation to advertise for bids and enter into contract for parking lot improvements. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

6. From the Director of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into a professional services agreement with Jones Henry Engineers. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Kreher, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Perry Protech. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Auditor requesting legislation to transfer funds between General Fund and Debt Service Fund. Moved by McLean, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

9. From the Finance Director regarding legislation to amend the 2019 budget. Moved by McLean, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Chief of Staff regarding legislation to enter into contract with UMS. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with Bender Communications, Inc. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

13. From the Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 270-18. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor Glenn thanked Ric Stolly for putting this park together. He said it is great. Councilor Gordon thanked Ric Stolly and Howard Elstro and said this has been in the works for years. He said he appreciates them doing this for special needs. Councilor Neeper thanked Ric Stolly, Howard Elstro, and Lima Memorial Hospital for their contribution. Motion carried.

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14. From the Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry regarding legislation to accept and expend a contribution from Lima Memorial Health Systems. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor Neeper recognized the other financial participants in this project. He believes this is a great program. Motion carried.

15. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to purchase a 2019 Ford Super Duty Multipurpose Modular. Moved by Neeper, seconded by McLean, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor McLean said this is to replace the previous trash truck which was a mess and was due to be replaced three years ago. He said he appreciates this getting done. Motion carried.

16. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with the Allen Soil and Water Conservation District.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff gave an update on the Smart Cities Initiative. She said in 2016 the City of Lima engaged in a process to determine how to get GIS throughout all of the departments. She said GIS is a system used to collect, share and analyze data. She explained that when they decided to get GIS, they ran into the problem of the City not having the correct infrastructure to support GIS. The City of Lima entered into contract with a company named Utility Metering Solutions who performed an assessment of all of the City departments and operations. From that assessment, it revealed a number of deficiencies in our current technology software. She reviewed a few examples of the deficiencies in the City's technology. She said the goal of the Smart Cities program was about building a technology infrastructure that would allow the departments and public to share data. She said Smart Cities is currently in State 1 of 2 of the Work Order Management System and are in Stage 1 of the Case and Incident Management System.

Officer Patricia Wogerman gave an annual report on Safety City for 2018. She said she has wrapped up one full year at Safety City in 2018. She said they had D.A.R.E. in the schools from January until March which had a total of 324 students go through the program. She advised there were 55 field trips that came through Safety City totaling 13,097 kids. There were 318 kids who attended the Lima Noon Optimist Safety City Summer Academy. She said they began to teach RAD Kids in the Lima City Schools and two of the Lima Catholic Schools. She advised numbers were down for the 5K and Trick or Treat but they were busy and it was a good day. She said in November they partnered with Anheuser Busch for their Trade Safety Week Exhibit. She advised that this summer, they are able to plan 7 weeks for the Summer Academy and registration will begin on April 1st. Councilor Glenn encouraged Officer Wogerman to continue to keep doing a good job. Councilor Neeper congratulated Officer Wogerman on a year of service with Safety City. He said it really is an incredible program.

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Howard Elstro, Director of Public Works, presented Council with the Public Works 2018 annual report. He said he is very proud of the people who make up the Public Works Dept. and their accomplishments. He said the department has a wide array of responsibilities such as caring for over 160 miles of streets, storm sewers within the public right of way, parks, recreation programming and looking after and maintaining a fleet of vehicles. He said the Building Dept. oversees the responsibilities of carrying out the building code inspections and plan review. He said the Engineering Dept. oversaw 11 major projects as well as multiple smaller projects and were responsible for \$14 Million worth of capital improvements this past year. He said they have put in place a plan for 2019 of which they will see about \$18 Million in expenditures for capital improvements. He believes Council can be very proud of the accomplishments of the Public Works Dept. (A complete copy of the report is on file in the Council office.)

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

042-19 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.

043-19 Amending the 2019 Annual Budget. McLean moved, seconded by Neeper, 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.

044-19 Vacating a portion of an unnamed alley located between 311 & 313 South Cole Street. 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.

045-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Perry Protech. 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.

046-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Bender Communications, Inc. 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.

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047-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. Kreher 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.

048-19 Authorizing the Mayor to accept and expend a donation from Lima Memorial Health Systems. 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.

049-19 Amending Ordinance No. 270-18. 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.

050-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Allen Soil & Water Conservation District. 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.

051-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for the purchase of a 2019 Ford Super Duty Multipurpose Modular. 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.

052-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with UMS. McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor McLean said a lot of this is going to go back into the Court system. He believes they are contributing a healthy portion of the amount. He believes there is a lot more to this than what they are seeing so he is going to refer the Smart Cities Initiative to his Committee during miscellaneous business. He believes this is something that needs to be accomplished so the systems talk together, but as an overall picture, he would like to see what the total cost is going to be. 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.

053-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts for the purchase of equipment for the Utilities Department. 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion

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

054-19 Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for parking lot improvements at the Metzger Road Pump Station. 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, 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.

055-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Jones and Henry Engineers. 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, 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 Gordon reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Councilor McLean moved, seconded by Kreher, to refer the Smart Cities Initiative to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Thompson thanked the Elks for welcoming the Central Lima Neighborhood Association for the first time back in February. She announced they will be meeting on the 27th of March at 6:30 pm. She said there is a levy coming up in May for the Allen County RTA. She has always thought that vibrant cities required vibrant and viable public transportation. She explained that when her and her husband first moved to Lima from Cleveland, they looked into the bus system and were actually impressed. She believes public transportation is important and is proud that other members of the community are on board, including the Mayor. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize the Law Director to prepare a resolution in support of the Regional Transit Authority Tax Initiative on the May ballot. Motion carried.

Councilor Kreher announced that the Faurot West Neighborhood Association will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the Boulevard Neighborhood Association at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month both at LACNIP Resource Center. She encouraged everyone to attend. She congratulated Councilor Glenn on receiving the Jefferson Award. She said he has done a lot of work in his neighborhood and a lot of people appreciate that. She believes he deserves recognition.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize the Law Director to prepare a Resolution memorializing Minister Doris Elaine Watkins. Motion carried. He congratulated the Lima Senior Spartans Basketball team for becoming district champions. He congratulated the Allen County Sharks team who will be heading to the Special Olympics Final Four. He invited everyone to attend the Lima City Schools Open House on Tuesday March 26, 2019 between 5-7pm located at Lima Senior High. He thanked Amy Harpster and the Building Dept. for their quick action over the weekend with 401 S. Jackson Street. He said the residents of that

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neighborhood are very elated and thankful for the Building Dept.'s help resolving the rat infestation issue. He had the opportunity to attend State with a Cop and gave kudos to both Lima Police Department and Allen County Sheriffs for coming together and doing something positive for the kids. He encouraged anyone 18 and older who is interested in a career in law enforcement to reach out to the Lima Police Department and ask about what the job entails. He announced there is a job opening in communications as well as on the force and those applications are due by March 29th by 4:00 p.m. to the Civil Service Board. He thanked Chief Martin and Major Baker for investigating an issue over the weekend.

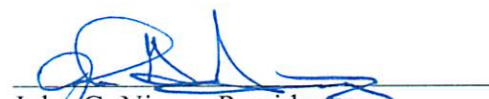
Councilor Glenn announced that Coleman Professional will be handing out free food on March 16, 2019 starting at 8 a.m. He announced the third annual "Say No to Heroin Walk" will be on April 27th at Martin Luther King Park. He said the RTA issue is very important. He said he would like to set up a rally to get people to support this issue. He said we have a lot of people that rely on the bus service. He announced that on March 12th a home on 727 Catalpa will be having an open house from 10-4pm where they will be having a sale. He announced the Young City Council will be working on a cleanup. He said they appreciate the donations. He said he is glad people show their hometown pride. He said he has had some calls about the Highway Patrolmen sitting on Main Street. He said he does not know what is going on but they are there for everyone's safety. He reminded everyone to watch their speed.

Councilor Neeper announced the Public Works Committee will meet on March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a four way stop at McDonel and Murphy. He attended the Neighborhood Leadership conference at LACNIP and said he received a wealth of information. He said there are 4 sessions and encouraged everyone to attend at least one of the remaining three workshops. He attended Skate with a Cop and thanked Chief Martin. He said it was a good turnout and was a good collaborative effort to get kids with the officers to show that they are people too.

President Nixon said St. Patrick's Day and the parade are over the weekend and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. He said over the weekend we will also have the timely passing of winter.

McLean moved that Council adjourn until March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Gordon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President