

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

August 19, 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, Deputy 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, Chief Black, and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the Agenda be amended by adding Communication No. 12 and Ordinance 204-19. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 31, 2019.
- c. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 7, 2019.
- d. Treasurer's Report for June 2019.
- e. Treasurer's Report for July 2019.
- f. Board of Public Health Minutes for July 12, 2019.

McLean moved that items "a-c" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that items "d-f" be received and filed, seconded by Gordon, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Kreher, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
2. From the City Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with UMS. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
3. From the City Auditor regarding June and July 2019 Financial Reports. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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4. From the City Auditor regarding the Contract Labor Report for July, 2019. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Dir. of Public Works requesting legislation to dispose of the City's interest in the Amano McGann parking control gates and controls. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

6. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 175-18. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enact preliminary legislation for ODOT's Bridge Inspection Program Services. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to accept the Ohio Law Enforcement Diversion Programs Grant, if awarded. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to apply for, accept and administer an award from the U.S. Dept. of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

10. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to dispose of two spools of 2500 ft. Drake Cable Batch. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to dispose of City equipment through govdeals.com. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the Director of Human Resources regarding legislation to enter into contract to allow the Youth Commission to hire four site leaders. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

LeeAnn Shade, Crime Prevention Specialist, provided Council with a report on the services provided by the Crime Prevention Specialists of the Lima Police Department. She reported that the Crime Prevention Aid is actually a Crime Prevention Specialist as they must be certified by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. She explained the graffiti abatement process and showed Council examples of graffiti within the City of Lima. She advised that they visit businesses and apartment complexes to offer services of the Police Department and offer a security

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survey. She advised she presents to all of the Neighborhood Associations who she has developed a partnership with. She attends community events and passes out crime prevention information to anyone that she can. She provides administrative duties to LPD such as scheduling ride-a-longs, coordinate internships and tours. She advised one of her favorite duties is house of worship and explained the process of crime prevention for house of worship. She gave examples of discussions she has had with children throughout the City of Lima where she has helped them gain a better understanding of the Lima Police Officers and their intentions to keep the children safe. She believes the position is a wonderfully needed connection to build relations with the Police for the citizens of Lima. Councilor Glenn expressed his appreciation to LeeAnn Shade for doing a great job. (A copy of the report is available in the Council Office).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Dixon reported that the Neighborhood Concerns Committee met on August 12, 2019 to discuss the proposed annexation for 1601 Reservoir Road and the issue of animal welfare. All Council members have received a copy. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the report be received, filed and approved. Councilor Glenn said the good thing about that meeting was that Deb's Dogs will be holding a fundraiser because the City could not afford to put more money towards it. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

191-19 An Ordinance 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.

192-19 An Ordinance appointing Mark Mullenhour to the Lima Civil Service Board. 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.

193-19 An Ordinance authorizing payment from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Glenn 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.

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194-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with UMS. McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, 1; McLean. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-1 vote.

195-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Schoolhouse Electronics. Dixon 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.

196-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to Peterson Construction Company. Gordon 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.

197-19 An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 175-18. 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.

198-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to give consent to and enter into an LPA Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for ODOT's Bridge Inspection Program Services Project, PID 109334. 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.

199-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant Program. Glenn 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.

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200-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com to auction a 1992 Harley Davidson FXR. Glenn 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.

201-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of 2 spools of 2500 Feet Drake Cable Batch. 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.

202-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer funds from the Ohio Law Enforcement Diversion Programs Grant. Glenn 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.

203-19 An Ordinance setting forth municipal services to be provided to property proposed for annexation and owned by David O. Smith and Marsha A. Smith, if the annexation is accepted by the City. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor McLean explained that he hopes the Ordinance passes but there is an issue to have the property clean up that needs handled. He said this is the first step to get the annexation process to the County Commissioners and from then on it's on Mr. Smith's back. Councilor Glenn said he is glad the issue was put in a Committee because he learned a lot. He said we are making sure the property is cleaned up. He believes everyone should support this. President Nixon pointed out the language in the Ordinance and stated this is nothing different than what they would do for any other annexation being requested. He advised they are setting forth the services that the City will provide if the annexation is approved and goes through. He said in this case, the issues that need that need to be address he believes have been set forth for nearly a year and little has been done. He said the last thing he is interested in is taking on another area of land that is going to be nothing but a consumer of our code enforcement problems. He explained until the criteria have been met, he will not be supporting any Annexation Petition or Ordinance that comes before Council. 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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204-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for after school site leaders. 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepier 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 Dixon thanked all participants and the neighborhood specialist, COP Officers and Chief who attended the Walk the Beat at the Bradfield Center. He encouraged anyone who is interested in taking part in the Block Patrol to please contact Autumn Swanson who is the Neighborhood Specialist for the City of Lima. He thanked Councilor Kreher for attending the evening of prayer for our community which was a great treat. He said it was filled with worship and singing and everyone was unified and prayer for our City and Nation. Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, to authorize a Resolution memorializing the late Henry Frank Wallen, Jr. Motion carried.

Councilor Glenn said he was at the worship service and challenged everyone to do it more than one time and not to wait until there is a crisis. He said it makes you feel good to see everyone come together. He thanked everyone who helped with the Back to School giveaway. He named a few of the donors who helped with the giveaway. He told a story about receiving a large donation from someone from Bowling Green, Ohio. He said the Fresh-N-Faded Team all came together and made the event happen. He thanked the Allen County Fair for bringing in a great concert. He said it makes him excited to see the concert sold out. He said we have the fourth biggest fair in the State of Ohio.

Councilor Neepier sent a shout out to the Fire Dept., Police Dept. and all of the Neighborhood Associations for all the work they put in the National Night Out. He said it was great and very well attended. He attended the Toast to the City and thought it was a great event. He met a lot of the business leaders in town and the Mr. Nixon gave a pretty good toast. He announced a candle-light vigil will be held on Thursday at 7:00 in Town Square to pray for the City. He announced there will be an open house for the new Juvenile Detention Center on the 28th at 8:30 a.m. He announced the LCC-Lima Senior Football game is coming up and there will be a tailgate party across the street from the stadium at Chiles. He announced the Ottawa River Cleanup will be on September 7th from 9-12pm at Red Cross. Neepier moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a Resolution memorializing former Allen County Prosecutor, Larry Huffman. Motion carried.

Councilor Gordon reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Councilor McLean encouraged everyone to attend the Allen County Fair. He said it is a great fair and there are a lot of things to do.


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Councilor Thompson said the Citizens Block Patrol walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and said even if someone hasn't done the training they can still walk with them and see what it is about. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on August 28th at 6:30 pm at the Elks Lodge.

Councilor Kreher thanked LeeAnn Shade for her many years of work and that she attended many of her presentations and has learned something new at every one. Kreher reiterated the Ottawa River Cleanup will be on the first Saturday in September at the Red Cross building. She encouraged everyone to attend and said it will be a great way to express serving others in the community. She announced Thursday, August 22nd, the Faurot West Neighborhood Association will meet at the LACNIP Resource Center from 5:30-6:30 pm.

President Nixon reminded everyone that school is back in session and to drive carefully. He announced there are varying start times for the schools. He said Labor Day is September 2nd and is a day to honor the workers of America.

McLean moved that Council adjourn until September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President