

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
LIMA, OHIO

September 23, 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; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Chief Martin, Chief Black, and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

018-19 A Resolution Congratulating Diane French and Brandon French for winning second place at the National Grass Court Tennis Championships. Kreher moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. 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 resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. Diane French thanked Council. She said her son lives in Dallas, Texas and was not able to attend. She said any time anyone asks her where Lima, Ohio is, she responds with telling them to look at most Division One Schools and they will find Lima, Ohio.

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 of August 6, 2019.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Dir. 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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2. From the Finance Director regarding legislation to amend the 2019 Official Budget. Moved by McLean, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From the Auditor regarding the contract labor report for August, 2019. Moved by McLean, seconded by Kreher, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new Liquor License Permit for American Legion, 711 S. Shore Drive, Lima, Ohio. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received, filed and the Clerk authorized to file with no objections. Motion carried.

5. From the Mayor regarding the re-appointment of Marva Cowan to the Allen County Board of Health. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

6. From the Civil Service Board regarding approval of an increase in pay rate for the Classification of Crime Prevention Aide within the Police Department. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

7. From the Civil Service Board regarding approval of the creation of the Classification of Cashier within the Customer Service Division of the Dept. of Utilities. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received, filed and authorize the Law Director to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

8. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend the contract with Eagle Bridge. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to purchase a 2020 Ford F-150. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with Reineke Ford. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to submit three applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission requesting State Issue I funds. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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

13. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into final legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the ALL SR 65 (ELM)/CR 509 (Pine) project. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Major Coon gave presented Council with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Lima Police Department Annual Report. He gave highlights of notable events during each shift. He explained that although Major Baker already presented an update on the body worn camera systems, the cameras were included in the report because they are a valuable tool. He acknowledged the Dispatchers within the Lima Police Department. He explained the Hall of Justice Dedication in Honor of the Late Chief William K. Davenport. He reviewed the statistics of Lima Police Department and pointed out that crime is down by 17% compared to 2017. He reviewed the breakdown of calls for service by Ward in 2018. He reviewed the Investigative Services division, Safety City and social media statistics. He reviewed the Community Oriented Policing program. He explained page 56 is in memory of Honorary Officer Maleek Nelson who passed away on October 17, 2018. He emphasized that the report is only a small percentage of what the Lima Police Department is doing. (A complete copy of the report is on file in the Council office.)

#### THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

215-19 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.

216-19 An Ordinance amending the 2019 annual budget. 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.

217-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with ParkMobile. 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.

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218-19 An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of ODOT Final Resolution, enter into contract and disburse funds for the completion of the ALL SR 65(ELM)/CR 509(PINE) Project, PID 88306. Neepor 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, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

219-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission requesting State Issue I Funds. Neepor 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, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

220-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Eagle Bridge Company authorized in Ordinance 064-18. Neepor 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, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

221-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Truck. Neepor 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, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

222-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Reineke Ford for the purchase of a 2020 Ford Police Interception Utility Park Ranger vehicle. Neepor 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, Neepor 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 Neepor said he attended LPD's Picnic in the Park which had a great turnout. He also attended the Westgate Neighborhood Association's Picnic which was a win for Westgate as they had approximately 40 people attend. He announced the Community Enrichment Dinner will be on September 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Civic Center. He encouraged everyone to attend the FOP Pancake Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Councilor Gordon said he enjoyed Diane French speaking and he can see why she is such an impressive person. He expressed that he is impressed that crime is down by 17% and believes everyone should start spreading the positive information. He said Lima is a great City. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor McLean announced the FOP Pancake Day will be on October 5, 2019 starting at 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. He explained it's all you can eat pancakes and sausage and is designed to give the FOP additional funds for Christmas with a cop. He spoke about the incident that happened on November 12<sup>th</sup> and said Officer Matt Hammons has received many awards. He gave kudos to the Lima Police Department and Lima Fire Department. He congratulated Councilor Glenn for receiving the Eric Turner Service Award at the 2018 Neighborhood Conference. He reminded everyone to put their leaves in the bags and if they rake them to the street, pickup will start in November.

Councilor Thompson said she attended the Legacy Arts Street Fair over the weekend. She said the music, food and artists were amazing. She congratulated and asked everyone to support Alter Ego, Shop for Good, the Meeting Place and Rustgaze Records as they work to help build up the community. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will meet this week at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks.

Councilor Kreher thanked Lima Police Department for holding the Picnic in the Park. She said it was a good time and encouraged everyone to check out the Police Department's Facebook page to see what events they are having. She announced this Thursday, the Faurot West Neighborhood Association will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Boulevard Neighborhood Association will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 1440 W. Spring Street. She said they will be hearing from Leeann Shade who will be speaking about human trafficking.

Councilor Dixon congratulated Councilor Glenn for receiving the Eric Turner Award. He had the privilege of attending the Regional Neighborhood Networking Conference over the weekend and said it was a treat and was a great time to see what Fort Wayne, Indiana has to offer. He said we hear so much negativity in our City but we don't hear or see the positive things that are happening. He encouraged the citizens of Lima to take time and visit the corner of Cole St. and Allentown Rd. where there are two pieces of art that was painted by a local artist. He encouraged everyone to take a picture with the art and post it on social media and use the hashtag #believeinlima. He encouraged everyone to attend the South Jackson Garden from 4-6p.m. for a block party. He said he had the privilege of attending the Kings Car Show at Faurot Park and announced they are having their last car show on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-4p.m. at Greely Chapel Lima Ford.

Councilor Glenn said we should all be excited about the 17% decrease in crime. He said we should all let everyone know that they are doing a great job. He said we should stop the negativity and build off of the positive. He said the Neighborhood Networking Conference was great and it


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was great to see our Mayor sitting on the panel with other Mayors. He expressed his appreciation for the award he received. He said he appreciates the Gators and 49ers Midget Football teams who are out cleaning up the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. He acknowledged Honorary Officer Nelson and said he was our future. He expressed his appreciation to Chief Martin.

President Nixon moved, seconded by Kreher, to amend Resolution 18-19 to reflect the number Resolution No. 018-19 and authorize the Clerk to provide a clean copy. Motion carried. President Nixon announced the upcoming candidate forums as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Forum on October 1, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. at LACNIP; 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Forum on October 8, 2019 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lima Towers; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Forum on October 15, 2019 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Marks Church. He encouraged everyone to attend.

McLean moved that Council adjourn until October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Thompson, motion carried.

  
Dana Addis, Clerk

  
John G. Nixon, President