

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

October 26, 2020

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; Steve Cleaves, Dir. of Finance; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Susan Crotty; Dir. of DCD; Michael Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Lisa Deters, Court Administrator; Chief Martin, Chief Heffner.

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

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

Nixon moved, seconded by Ehora, to appoint Tony Geiger as Acting Clerk. 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. Allen County Board of Public Health Meeting Minutes.
- c. Treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 2020.
- d. Treasurer's report for the month ending July 31, 2020.

Gordon moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that items "b through d" be received and filed, seconded by Wilkerson, 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 Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
2. From the Court Administrator requesting legislation to add the position of Pre-Trial Services Manager to the Strength Ordinance. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
3. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with Stryker. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
4. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with American Wood Interiors. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.

5. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
6. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with Lima Memorial Health Systems. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
7. From the Finance Director regarding legislation to amend the 2020 Budget. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
8. From the Director of Utilities regarding legislation to make a payment to the Ohio EPA. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
9. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ord. 161-20, a contract with Wellman Services, LLC. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
10. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ord. 088-20, a contract with JP Management. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
11. From the Director of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract for bulk fuel purchases for 2021. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
12. From the Director of Public Works regarding Schoonover Pool. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed, and referred to the Public Works Committee. Motion carried.
13. From the Director Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, regarding the 2020 Spring and Summer Season Wrap Up. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
14. From the Mayor regarding the City of Lima Housing Task Force. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Ehora, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

1. Petition to amend the City Zoning Code Chapter 1256.01 – Petitioned for by the City of Lima. Moved by Nixon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the petition be received and filed; that the Law Director prepare the necessary legislation; that the Clerk cause publication of the legal ad giving notification of the Public Hearing to be held

December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was opened for discussion. No discussion.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Juvenile Investigator Trent Kunkleman presented a report on the 26th LPD Juvenile Bureau.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Thompson distributed a handout in regards to the Economic and Community Development Committee meeting held September 21, 2020. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Ehora, that the report be received, filed, and approved. Motion carried.

Councilor Thompson distributed a handout in regards to the Economic and Community Development Committee meeting held October 19, 2020. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Ehora, that the report be received, filed, and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

200-20 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. 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, 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.

201-20 Amending the 2020 Annual Budget. 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.

202-20 Enter into an Agreement with the Lima-Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau. 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.

203-20 Authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to the State of Ohio EPA. Neeper moved, seconded by Ehora, 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.

204-20 Enter into a contract for the purchase of bulk fuel for 2021. 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.

205-20 Amend the contract with JP Management, Ord. 088-20. 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.

206-20 Amend the contract with Wellman Services, LLC, Ord. 161-20. Ehora 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.

207-20 Enter into contract with Lima Memorial Health Systems. 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, 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.

208-20 Enter into contract with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. Dixon 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.

209-20 Enter into contract with American Wood Interiors. 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, 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.

210-20 Enter into contract with Stryker. 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, 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.

211-20 Establishing the positions and classifications and fixing the salary and compensation of such positions. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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.

212-20 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. 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, 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 Thompson reminded everyone that the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live. She wishes everyone a safe and fun Halloween, wear your masks, they can be part of your costume. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to authorize the Law Director to prepare legislation creating the Rental Registry and Provisional Licensing System for owner-occupied properties, following the recommendations of the committee report. Motion carried.

Councilor Ehora said she is looking forward to chairing the Public Works Committee and having an opportunity to talk about the Schoonover Pool situation and receiving feedback from the community. She feels out of everything discussed at this meeting, the pool will be the issue people focus on tomorrow. There is emotional attachment to the pool and people will have a lot of questions about what happens next. She suggests the Class I residential zoning issue to be moved to the Housing Task Force for discussion because there are parts that are detrimental to the neighborhoods. Chief of Staff Sharetta Smith stated that zoning is part of the housing assessment and it does talk about zoning needing to be addressed, so that will also be work of the Housing Task Force. Councilor Ehora further stated she has concerns since the last amendment was passed in 1978. She went on to say there has been a lot of painting done recently, the City has done a beautiful job, and it's appreciated when you get new streets. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming elections and to continue to be the "i" in kind.

Councilor Dixon agreed that Residential I is something that needs to be looked at, as well as zoning, there needs to be a comprehensive zoning plan that is put together for the entire City, so the issues do not continue to be hindrances. He wanted to remind everyone to take the coronavirus seriously, it does not discriminate. Continue to social distance, wash hands, and take care of ourselves. Even healthy individuals can become ill, pay attention to the signs and symptoms. He wishes everyone safe and happy Halloween.

Councilor Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution Memorializing Thelma Wilson. Motion carried. Councilor Dixon expressed his condolences to the Wilson family in their time of bereavement. She was 104 years old and lived to see generations of her family grow. Councilor Wilkerson also expressed his condolences and recalled singing in the choir with Mrs. Wilson. Councilor Glenn congratulated the Thompson family on receiving the 6th Ward beautiful home of the month award. The turkey giveaway will be the 23rd or the 24th to the churches on Kibby Street. The 6th annual 6th Ward trunk-or-treat will be held October 31st at 2nd and Main Street in the parking lot, 350 children have signed up. Drive-thru style. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Councilor Glenn thanked everyone for their donations. Fresh-N-Faded will also be having festivities from 6-7pm at the business. The goal is to bring trick-or-treating back to the 6th Ward. Over 150 people were taken to the polls for early voting yesterday. All of the donations of gas cards and food for the drivers is greatly appreciated. A coat drive for kids K-12 is being

planned with Ford, beginning this Friday and Saturday. He is challenging each council member to purchase a new coat for a child.

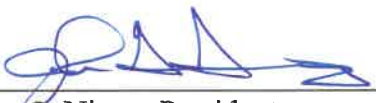
Councilor Neeper moved, Glenn seconded, to authorize a Resolution congratulating the LCC Girls' Golf Team on winning their 3rd straight State Championship. Motion carried. Councilor Neeper clarified the zoning issue is currently in the Public Works Committee, and has been for a year or a year and a half. He stated the Law Department is looking into the issue. He also encouraged everyone to get out and vote, research the subjects and candidate, don't just take the word of someone else. Your vote does count.

Councilor Gordon reminded everyone to wear a mask when they go out and vote, and to be safe on beggar's night, there will be a lot of children out. Be good to each other.

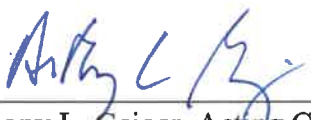
Councilor Wilkerson also encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He voted early and the process went smoothly. Masks are important, as well as social distancing. Congratulations to the LCC Girls' Golf Team, he is extremely proud of them.

President Nixon thanked Councilor Neeper for reminding everyone the zoning code is in the Public Works Committee; he looks forward to that conversation. He is hopeful changes can be made, there are other zoning codes out there that are a lot more definitive, and broken down better. It would be nice to have a comprehensive effort in bringing the zoning code more current. It will be a cumbersome task. Councilor Ehora stated there are things outlined where commercial is approved in residential without a permit or discussion, which greatly impacts the neighborhood. President Nixon also reminded everyone to vote and wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the meeting be adjourned until November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.



John G. Nixon, President



Anthony L. Geiger, Acting Clerk