

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

November 9, 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; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Chief Martin; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

016-20 A Resolution celebrating the life of Major Gordon on his 100th Birthday. Glenn moved, seconded by Gordon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Glenn thanked Council for authorizing the resolution and explained Mr. Gordon was very happy about it. He thanked Rev. Gordon for his long life and said he was a great man who calls Lima his home. Councilor Dixon wished Mr. Gordon a Happy Birthday and said it has been an honor and a pleasure to have Mr. Gordon in our City. He wished Mr. Gordon many more years and encouraged Mr. Gordon to live life to the fullest. Councilor Wilkerson wished Mr. Gordon a Happy Birthday and said he thinks of his grandfather and Mr. Gordon's great relationship. Councilor Ehora wished Mr. Gordon a Happy Birthday and said Mr. Gordon was the one neighbor to the gas company on Jackson St. and he was always been a great neighbor and is still considered a great neighbor. Councilor Thompson said she met Major Gordon while working at the Water Dept. and he was always kind and sweet to the employees. She wished Major Gordon blessings and many more birthdays. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

017-20 A Resolution memorializing the late Thelma Wilson, outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to her family on behalf of the Lima City Council. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Dixon said he knows Ms. Wilson as "MeMe" who was a grandmother to everyone on the south end of Lima. He expressed his condolences and prayers to her family and thanked them for sharing a beautiful woman with the City of Lima and all of the South-side Churches. Councilor Glenn explained Ms. Wilson was the Sixth Ward and he told a story about her response when he first ran for office. He expressed his appreciation to her family

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for sharing her with the City. Councilor Wilkerson expressed his condolences to Ms. Wilson's family and shared a memory he had of her back in the Fourth Street Choir Days and said she always had encouraging words. Councilor Ehora expressed her condolences to the Wilson Family and the Banks Family. She said she rarely saw Ms. Wilson when she wasn't with Barb and they were a funny combination. She said she feels bad about Ms. Wilson passing, but she lived a wonderful life and left a legacy with her family. President Nixon extended his condolences to the family and said it is something to live to be 104+ years. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote. Henry Bratton, Thelma's oldest grandson, said his grandmother was very strong and said she will be with them every day of their lives. He reflected back to the time when he and Gary Wilson were growing up together. He can't think of anyone that could have something bad to say about his grandmother and said it is an honor to have the City of Lima memorialize her. Diane Lamar, who is the oldest granddaughter, reminisced about Thelma Wilson's cooking. She thanked Council for honoring her grandmother. Gary Wilson, Thelma's son, expressed his appreciation from Council and said his mother would have been tickled to receive this resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the vacation of the 200 & 300 blocks of Dewey Ave. and the 1400 block of Hill St., petitioned for by Lima Memorial Hospital. The Clerk read the call. Derek Younkman, 101 N. Elizabeth St., 6th Floor, Lima, Ohio 45801, Attorney for Lima Memorial Hospital explained the intent is to increase the safety of the hospital campus patients, visitors and staff. He said the hospital owns all of the adjacent to the streets that are contiguous to the streets that are sought to be vacated. He explained there will be traffic control devices installed and/or possibly some street closures to limit traffic to make it safer. There being no one else 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.
- b. Treasurer's Report for August, 2020.
- c. Treasurer's Report for September, 2020.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Reineke Lincoln, Inc. and Miller Auto, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Wellman Services, LLC. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Area Energy & Electric, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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

5. From the Chief of Staff requesting legislation to enter into contract with Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor Thompson thanked Shareta Smith for being fiscally responsible with the City's money as comprehensive land use plans and development plans are normally much more costly than what she managed to negotiate with the Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

6. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase mowers for the Water Supply and Treatment Division. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to advertise for bids and award a contract for the sewer relining project. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with R.D. Jones Excavating, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to advertise for bids and award a contract for the purchase of utility vehicles. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Deputy Dir. of Parks, Recreation and Forestry regarding legislation to receive and expend funds from the Johnny Appleseed Parks Improvement Grant Program. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend a contract with Brenneman Excavating, Inc. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

213-20 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

214-20 An Ordinance vacating the 200 & 300 blocks of Dewey Ave. and the 1400 block of Hill St. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

215-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3 year contract with Wellman Services LLC. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

216-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3 year contract with Area Energy & Electric, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

217-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3 year contract with Reineke Lincoln Inc. and with Miller Auto, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

218-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the purchase of three trucks for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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219-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts to purchase mowers for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

220-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the sewer relining project on W. High St. and Jameson Ave. Gordon 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

221-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with R.D. Jones Excavating, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

222-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer funds from the Johnny Appleseed Cooperative Parks Improvement Grant program. 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

223-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Brenneman Excavating, Inc. as authorized in Ordinance 062-20. Ehora moved, seconded by Wilkerson, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

224-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, 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, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

President Nixon moved, seconded by Gordon, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Neeper. Motion carried.

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Councilor Ehora apologized for missing Pancake Day at the High School on Saturday. She is grateful for the warm weather but it seems like traffic is picking up again. She asked the Chief to check the streets out. She is looking forward to the holidays and asked everyone to be safe. She said the pandemic is nuts and she asked everyone to be diligent and wear their masks. She asked everyone to be the "I" in Kind and be united as one community. She advised a meeting will be scheduled for a later to date to discuss the Schoonover Pool. She appreciates the communication she has received from many folks who are concerned about the pool and are open to the discussion.

Councilor Dixon reminded everyone that leaf pickup for the City starts the week of November 16th and asked everyone to rake and pile their leaves on the curb. He wished all veterans a Happy Veterans Day and asked everyone to be kind and do something nice for a veteran. He said COVID is real and after spending 3 weeks at home battling it, it is a real thing. He asked everyone to continue to wear a mask, social distance, wash hands and disinfect things that they come in contact with. He knows it will be hard not being with family during the holiday season, but he believes the best gift we can give is being safe and making ourselves aware. He asked everyone if they receive call from the Health Department, to be honest of whom they have been around. He asked everyone to be safe, wise and wear a mask.

Councilor Glenn thanked all of the teachers for helping take care of his boys whom all three are teachers and have gotten COVID-19. He said his boys got it pretty hard and he thanks god they are doing fine now. He expressed his appreciation for the motorcycle club who fed the homeless on Main Street last Sunday. He appreciates Mr. Potts for paying for a Halloween Party last Saturday. He thanked the AKA's for donating the gas cards to take people to the polls. He said they registered over 5,000 new voters. He thanked everyone for helping clean up the alleys. He thanked the Chief of Police and Ford Motor Company for donating to the coat drive. He expressed the importance of wearing a mask.

Councilor Gordon said Veterans Day is a very important holiday and expressed his thanks to all veterans. He said the Pancake Day was a nice event and he appreciates the school for having it. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson said Veterans Day is special day for him because he is a veteran. He reflected back on his time when he first enrolled in the military. He said if anyone coming out of high school is not sure what direction to go, or whether or not college is for them, he encouraged them to talk to a local recruiter.


Councilor Thompson announced the Low Vision Coalition will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday at 6pm. She announced Crime Victim Services will be hosting the Healthy Love 365 Relationship Health Fair the week of November 16th-20th. She reminded everyone to shop safely and still shop locally. She said she is proud of those who turned out in record numbers to vote. She explained those who voted, have a right to complain or rejoice. She congratulated all newly elected officials locally up to the National realm. She thanked people like Elizabeth Parker who volunteers


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tirelessly including working at the polling centers. Thompson provided a photo of a rental property that had a dog on the roof. She explained the house has had many complaints and has negligent tenants and negligent owners. She believes the City needs to find solutions to problems like this and that is why the Housing Task Force is coming due. She is grateful for those who are dedicated to the idea that housing is an issue. She thanked Mr. Rice for doing the work on his properties and being a decent business man.

President Nixon asked Councilor Thompson to provide Administration with the address of the property and requested Administration to provide Council a summary of the activities that have gone on at that property.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Thompson, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President