

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

September 27, 2021

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

018-21 A Resolution memorializing the late Estella Cooper. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Glenn expressed his condolences to the family and expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Cooper. He reminisced about memories he had of Mrs. Cooper. Councilor Wilkerson recalled a time when he was younger and Mrs. Cooper taught him a lesson about respect. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote. Karen Griff, daughter of Estella Cooper, thanked Councilor Peggy Ehora and to Council for recognizing her mother as she knows she is smiling down today. She thanked the Mayor, whom her mother loved so much.

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 from August 13, 2021;
- c. Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2021.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Auditor regarding the August, 2021 Financial Reports. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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2. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2021 annual budget. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
3. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to approve the designation of the building located at 113-115 East Spring Street as a Historic Structure. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
4. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various entities for CDBG projects for the years 2021-2022. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
5. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various local entities to implement projects and/or activities using HOME funds.
6. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contract to place tax assessments on premises in the City of Lima. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
7. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contract to place tax assessments on specified parcels in the City of Lima. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
8. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 106-15, contract with Jones and Henry. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
9. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to pay All Terra for the emergency repair of the sewer collapse on Market Street. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
10. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to allow payment to Jones & Henry Operating Services. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
11. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase vehicles and equipment. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
12. From Lima Police Major Ronald Holman regarding the number of police calls for businesses that have a permit to sell alcohol in the City of Lima. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received, filed and referred to the Safety Services Committee. Motion carried.

13. From Lima Police Major James Baker regarding legislation to allow for the disposal of a 2011 Ford Police Cruiser. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

14. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to allow the Mayor to dispose of items from the Public Works Department. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

15. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 175-21. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. President Nixon explained he will be abstaining from the communication and the Ordinance to avoid any possible conflict of interest. Motion carried with one abstention by Nixon.

16. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Beam Designs, LLC. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

17. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to allow the Auditor and Clerk of Municipal Court to make an account adjustment and payment. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

204-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

205-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

206-21 An Ordinance amending the 2021 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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

207-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor and Municipal Clerk of Courts to make an account adjustment and payment. Neeper 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

208-21 An Ordinance designating the building located at 113-115 E. Spring Street as a Historic Structure. Neeper 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

209-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of a police cruiser. Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

210-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts to purchase vehicles and equipment 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

211-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to Jones & Henry Operating Services. Neeper 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

212-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to All Terra. Neeper 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

213-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Jones and Henry as authorized in Ordinance 106-15. 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper 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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214-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Beam Designs, LLC. Wilkerson 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote

215-21 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 175-21. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. Abstention, 1; Nixon. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote with 1 abstention.

216-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of Public Works Department vehicles and equipment. Neeper 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

217-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for Streetscape Engineering Services. Wilkerson 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper 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:

Councilor Wilkerson moved, seconded by Dixon, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Ehora. Motion carried. He thanked the Utilities Department for their diligent response to the rain received over the weekend. He asked everyone to be conscious of the spike of COVID cases and encouraged everyone to wear a mask and social distance. He asked everyone to continue to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson thanked the family of Estella Cooper for attending the meeting today. She expressed that she has seen more memorial resolutions this year but believes it is due to losing good people. She is happy there are so many people in the community that care enough that their passing warrants a resolution and she hopes to continue to honor the memory of those people. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm located at 875 West Market Street. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association was awarded the Matching Grant by the Department of Community Development and they look forward to installing a Brice Avenue Reading Park soon. She announced Mike Blass will be in attendance during the October meeting to discuss the Block Challenge.

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Councilor Dixon congratulated the Council Clerk for graduating the Allen Lima Leadership Program. He thanked her for making Council's job easier. He invited residents to the Peacemaker's Neighborhood Association on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Church.

Councilor Glenn expressed his appreciation to the Council Clerk and encouraged her to keep up the good work. He said the Block Challenge is a great program. He said they are taking registrations for the turkey program at Fresh and Faded and the deadline is October 1st. He announced on October 7, 2021, from 6:00-7:00 pm at Fresh-n-Faded they will be meeting with Lima City School Board to ask questions. He encouraged the public to support black businesses in Lima October 17th through October 23rd. He thanked Mrs. Ward for her help on projects. He expressed his appreciation to all of the Council members.

Councilor Neeper announced LACNIP will be holding a Mayoral debate on Wednesday at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Church.

Councilor Gordon referenced a conversation he had with a constituent. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Mayor Berger announced the City Auditor, Randy Bartels, was recently elected President of the Ohio Chapter of the Government Finance Officers Association. He explained this is a significant and challenging responsibility and he congratulated Mr. Bartels.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President