

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2019**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY MAYOR DOBOSH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Glenda Forga, Carol Hill via phone, and Ron Neumann. Guy Spratt was absent (unexcused).

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jill Davis, Deputy Clerk; John Brockmueller, Police Chief; and Jon Cravens, Public Works Superintendent.

GUESTS: Cindy Samco, Gary Reboin, Joe Notch, Eric Hayes, Ron and Sue Smith, Eric Duerst and Marlea Hanson.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2019 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,749.06. Emily motioned to approve the consent agenda, Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: The Southwest Washington Fair is coming up August 13 through the 18. If you are able to attend please support them.

Jon Hinton contacted the City in regards to the Washington Street sidewalk and S. Third Street projects. It is their recommendation that we wait until next year. Prices have skyrocketed and if we go out to bid now the prices may be too high. We will not lose any money by waiting until next year. Steve is disappointed that the projects will not happen as we have promoted them to our community. Glenda asked why it has taken so long. Steve said he feels that there were too many irons in the fire (for our engineers).

Jon Cravens – Public Works: Jon Cravens reported that operations are normal. They are focusing on the treatment plant maintenance. Much of the equipment is due for its annual checkup. They have stained the gazebo at the boat launch and are working on getting the handrail repainted. Glenda asked how the park shower was coming along. Jon said that they got confirmation that the office got it on Friday and they are inspecting it. Once it is done they will ship it to us. We should have it by the end of the week. Ron questioned if the showers were still available; yes they are.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: John commented that everything is normal. Sam is on vacation. The new Reserve Officers graduated the Reserve Academy on July 25th. Glenda asked if they have been out at all; yes they have been riding with our Officers. He will try to have them at the next meeting to introduce them to Council.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Michelle is on vacation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Eric Duerst noticed that two council members were missing and wanted to know where Carol was. Carol replied that she was present on the phone. Eric asked where Guy was. Steve replied he did not know, he was absent but he would be checking on him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Threshing Bee Water Request. Emily motioned to approve the request for water for the annual Threshing Bee event to be held August 23 – 25, 2019. Glenda seconded. Ron asked if they are charged a flat fee or are they charged by how much they use. Jill explained that in the past Council has approved a flat fee of \$50.00 as the event helps out our community. They are required to keep track of their usage and it is reported to Jon. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Renewal – Toledo Short Stop. Emily motioned to approve the liquor license renewal for Toledo Short Stop. Ron seconded. Ron asked if there have ever been any incidents of inappropriate actions with the police department or the Liquor Control Board, not that we are aware of. Motion carried unanimously.

Radio Read Meter Proposal. Jon explained that he is looking to replace all of our water meters with a radio read system. Many of our meters are the old original ones that were installed in 1976. As time passes the parts on these meters wear out causing them to be less efficient. We are over our 20% threshold for efficiency. Ron said that the 20% water loss he is claiming is just a guess. Jon explained that the water meter distributors all say that after ten years they are 10% less efficient and after twenty years they are 20% less efficient. Ron asked if there is any data on the meters that have already been replaced as to how efficient they were. For example how much water was being used six months prior to being replaced and then again six months after replacement? Jon would like to replace all the meters at once and then start a phasing plan for future replacement. Ron is concerned that if we do this and something happens to our aging system we have just depleted our funds. He would like to see more data and cost analysis. Other scenarios should be presented as in doing half now and half in two years. The only thing we won't gain by phasing now is the 90 man hours a year in readings. Ron feels that is just an estimate as well, Jon won't know if that is a true number until it is all in place.

Glenda and Carol both voiced that they are not comfortable making this decision without having the Clerk present to ask questions. Council supports Jon's request and knows that the meters will have to be replaced but they need more information. The proposal will be tabled until more information is brought forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC. Eric Duerst would like to bring the possible water rebate to water customers that pay overage during some months but are under the annual allotted water consumption back to the agenda. He would like to have it placed on the agenda either September 3rd or September 16th.

Marlea asked if this was to be considered as water conservation. Eric feels that the City is granting water to the Threshing Bee, gifting water to private property leaks and the school district but taking from those who pay overage some months but are under the annual allotted consumption. Yes it is a conservation but also a question of equity.

Carol insisted that the City is not “gifting” water to anyone. The Threshing Bee helps the community and they are charged a fee. The school district is charged for their consumption and property owners pay a portion of their overage on their water leaks. The leak reduction is offered to help our residents not harm them. The City cannot “gift” anything and we don’t. Eric respectfully disagrees.

ADJOURNMENT: Emily made a motion to adjourn, Glenda seconded. Motion carried.

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is on file and can be heard.

Steve Dobosh – Mayor

Jill Davis – Deputy Clerk