

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2020**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER VIA ZOOM AT THE TOLEDO SENIOR CENTER, COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT COULD NOT ATTEND HAD THE OPTION VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING WAS ALSO TELEVISED LIVE ON YOU TUBE. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY RON NEUMANN.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan (late), Glenda Forga (via zoom), Carol Hill (via zoom), Vacancy and Ron Neumann.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk; John Brockmueller, Police Chief; and Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent (via zoom).

GUESTS: Sam Patrick (recording and streaming to YouTube), Gary Reboin, Aaron Bacon, Ron and Sue Smith, Cindy Samco, Eric Hayes, Steve Amundson, Judy Crawford, Brandon Klaas and Bethany, and Commissioner Gary Stamper.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020 AND BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020. Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Carol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Nothing.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: The dump truck was sold. The polymer is working. The school lights will be installed on October 23rd. There was a water leak on the service line to the Birchwood Court apartments. The torch down for crosswalks is being ordered through Lewis County. Glenda asked what this is? Mike explained that this is a product that is applied instead of painting annually in the crosswalks.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations. The Centralia Car Club will be in town on Saturday with cool cars and eating and spending money.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Michelle said she would like to add to the internet speed at the Senior Center where the meetings are being held as it glitches because it is inadequate. This could be done with COVID funds. Glenda said it should not be a problem and Lewis County Seniors would need a Memorandum of Understanding from the City and she can get it ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Vacancy Recommendation. Ron explained that the committee met with both applicants and either one would be an excellent choice. They are recommending Gary Reboin for the unexpired term that was recently vacated. Glenda said she would like more information on the candidates and felt uncomfortable voting at this time. Carol also stated she was uncomfortable. Michelle explained that Council Policies were followed in the selection of the position. We can hold off until next meeting as Emily was not present and get the information to the Council.

Park Stay Request – Brandon Klass. Mr. Klass explained he has a Middle School and High School student and living in a recreation vehicle in Kid Valley. He does not have adequate internet service for the kids to do the schoolwork and zoom classes. He would like to stay in the park for approximately six months. It has been recently announced that kids would be going back to school in November and December in a hybrid situation. Meaning it will be very limited school time and still zoom classes and homework. To stay in the park would cost approximately \$810 a month, Mr. Klass said he is willing to do work around the park or whatever it would take. He wants his kids to be able to get back to their studies and the ability to socialize with friends. He was asked about alternative campgrounds, and he said they are more expensive. Glenda asked if we have given a discount in the past. Michelle replied we have not, although we have had campers over the two-week period when approved by the City Council. Michelle did point out that there would be added electrical expenses trying to heat a rv in the wintertime. Ron was also concerned of winter storms and limbs coming down in the park. Council discussed different options. Ron motioned to allow them to stay in the park for one month and this will give them time to find an alternative solution, Glenda seconded. Emily asked if he had talked with the superintendent Chris Rust, he had not but had talked with the high school principal. Motion carried.

Lewis County Land Disposal. Michelle explained where this property was at in the Bill Creek diversion that took place in the 1920's. It is currently bordered by undeveloped City streets on three sides and a large parcel of land to the north. Mrs. Crawford owns the parcel to the north and she is interested in this parcel as well as the City streets. Lewis County is willing to dispose of the land to the City of Toledo as it may be more beneficial for future development. If Toledo chooses not to take ownership of the property it will go out to bid. The City also owns two other parcels of property in the spillway of Bill Creek. Ron said that not knowing long term needs of the City it would be beneficial for the City to have this property. He is against vacating of streets that have access to future development. Glenda asked if we could vacate at a later date if needed. Yes, we can. Glenda motioned to extend the county offer and take ownership of the property, Emily seconded. Motion carried.

South Sixth Street One Way. John explained that him and Mike worked out a plan for the one-way street. Copies were given to the City Council. This would be a one-way street from Augustus to Pine with parking on both sides of the street. From Pine to Maple there would be parallel parking on the left side. The new school crosswalk will help out a lot. They would also like to designate one parking spot by the crosswalk as handicapped accessible only. Council had a lengthy discussion with concerns of parents parking in the street and dropping off kids when the parking spots are all taken next to the school. It was discussed of having an area where there is no parking but only drop off area. The biggest concern was for safety of the kids. John was

trying to alleviate some of the safety issues that are there. They will look at the suggestions and bring to the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC. Ron Smith asked about the City Ordinance regarding car hulks and garbage. He has seen an increase at Ramsey's old place and across the creek. There is a car that has not been moved in fifteen years. John said there are ordinances and a process for nuisances with timelines. The hulk vehicle is in the backyard and on private property plus covered with a tarp. If there is no violation nothing can be done. Emily asked if there could be an environmental issue if too close to Bill Creek. John will look into the situation again.

Aaron Bacon asked if the ordinance can be updated, which John replied the Council can do whatever they choose. Ron Neumann replied that they try to enforce consistently but it is a revolving issue. He drove every street and found something on every street. He does not want the city to act as a Homeowners Association (HOA), but to find a balance.

Commissioner Gary Stamper informed Council of a WSDOT FAA meeting on Wednesday regarding the airport. He does know the tribe and state have been contacted regarding the airport and will bring any information back that he finds out. Commissioner Stamper also discussed the Work in Washington Grant that is being administered through LC Economic Development Council which businesses that have been impacted by COVID can apply. Non-profits and businesses can apply and there is a short time frame.

Aaron wanted to discuss the two-foot gravel strip next to the new road by his house. He would like to remove it and add dirt to, so the rock does not get where he mows. Mike said the road was engineered with gravel to protect the road from crumbling on the edge. Mr. Bacon has already removed the two foot of gravel for half a block. Council asked if something else can be done. Mike replied that two feet is standard, but it should be a minimum of eighteen inches. He could place a type of boarder between what he mows and the gravel. All of this is on city right of way. Council will look at it. In the meantime, Mr. Bacon will need to replace the rock that he removed.

ADJOURNMENT: Emily made a motion to adjourn, Ron 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

Michelle Whitten – City Clerk