

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2020**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER 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 MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH.

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

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

GUESTS: Sam Patrick (recording and streaming to YouTube), Cindy Samco, Eric Hayes, Commissioner Gary Stamper, Ron, and Sue Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,885.30. Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Nothing.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: The two TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) projects are near finished with the school flashing light to be installed later this month. They are doing the torch down of crosswalks next week. There will be a walk-thru and then sign-off of the project.

The polymer at the wastewater treatment plant has been tested with good results so far. The dump truck will be put out for bid this week. Mike was excited to say that the city saved a couple thousand dollars hauling the biosolids ourselves.

Ron asked if there will be striping done when project is finished and who will be doing it? Mike answered that painting stripes was not in the contract.

Ron and John Brockmueller have discussed making 6th Street by the Elementary School a one-way street to eliminate some safety issues and add more parking. This would be going south from August to Maple Street. Emily thought it was a great idea! Carol wondered why there is a problem now and would this take away parking. John is suggesting diagonal parking and one-way street. Ron commented that there is a lot more traffic and less walkers than 40 years ago. Steve asked Mike to get the number of diagonal parking that would be available with the change.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations, stats for September were given out with 31 calls for service. Glenda requested that these stats be put in the Council Packets prior to the meeting. The drone should be coming in. Michelle informed City Council that Tonya Lovell came into City Hall and there was around \$300 left in an account for “Citizens on Patrol”. This program has been defuncted for several years and she wanted to get rid of the

account. Michelle suggested it be donated to the police department for the drone, and she was excited to be able to do that.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Michelle will be going on vacation this week into next. In helping the City of Winlock with their office it has put a lot of extra work on city staff. Michelle suggested giving bonuses based on hours spent in Winlock. In looking at what Winlock has paid to Toledo of \$12,000 the suggested bonuses would be around \$7,000 for the 6 months so far. Ron said he was concerned of the extra work and if there are extra resources because of this it is appropriate to give these bonuses. Ron motioned to approve bonuses to the employees based on hours of work to Winlock, Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle has been writing a grant for a visitor's station at the Toledo Airport through Vision: Toledo and Nola Roe. This is funding from Lodging Tax dollars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

LC Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement Renewal. Glenda motioned to approve the 2021 agreement with LC Emergency Management, Emily seconded. Ron asked what the alternatives would be. Toledo would have to do it themselves and we do not have the resources or contract it out, and there is no one in the area that does this. Motion carried.

LC Jail Contract Renewal. Ron motioned to approve the LC Jail Contract; Emily seconded. Glenda asked how often people are sent to jail on average. John answered that it depends on the crime and the mandatory minimum. Are there other alternatives. Michelle mentioned way in the past we did contract with a jail in Wapato if a defendant was sentenced to over 30 days. They are not offering to take criminals from out of the area currently. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update. Steve said this was discussed at the Mayors meeting, and all the Mayors want to get the schools up and running. Kindergarten classes did start today in Toledo four days a week for a few hours and other kids with special needs have also started.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC. Commissioner Stamper presented a banner for First Responders in recognition of last week in October as First Responders Week. These were made with thanks for funding from the Chandlers. The Lewis County Public Works will be getting additional information on the airport which he will share with everyone.

\$1.5 million additional funding was awarded to public health for help with communities and the focus towards schools. There is also a grant through the LC Economic Development Council with information on their website. The emphasis for this funding will be non-profits. The timeline is quick, and the rules are still unclear. Lewis County is responsible for this

funding, and Commissioner wants to get the word out. He also thanked Michelle in her help in giving them a heads up of potential grant funding in the COVID crisis.

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