

**CITY OF TOLEDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

**MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT THE TOLEDO SENIOR CENTER. THE MEETING WAS ALSO TELEVISED LIVE ON YOU TUBE. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY MAYOR DOBOSH.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Reboin, Michelle (Shelly) Thomas, and Ron Neumann.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Michelle Whitten, City Clerk/Treasurer; Sam Patrick, Police Chief; Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent; and Deavon Jacobson, Clerk's Assistant.

**ABSENT:** Glend Forga and Emily Morgan were excused.

**GUESTS:** Steffanie Fisher, Cindy Samco, Eric Hayes, Jim Fluckinger, Ron and Sue Smith.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2021, BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2021 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,434.58.** Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Steve Dobosh – Mayor:** Nothing.

**Mike Fisher – Public Works:** The blades for the mixer at the waste water treatment plant have arrived. The Park will be closing tomorrow including the bathrooms for work. They will begin winterizing the park. The meter project is going well with the cost currently at \$61,000. They are looking at finishing by the end of the year, with almost half of them installed.

Ron asked if the one-way in front of school is working out, Mike replied yes, it is day to day. There are issues when the school has a big event like Halloween. The school did grade and rock the entrance. Ron said his opinion is the one-way is safer for the kids.

Sam spoke about the "trunk or treat" event at grade school and the traffic issues with people driving the wrong way. There may be a need for more signs. Ron suggested to block off the street and put signs up for these special events.

**Sam Patrick – Police Department:** The bank robber is in jail, which Sam thanked citizens involvement in helping identify. Halloween went well.

**Michelle Whitten– City Clerk/Treasurer:** Training from AWC for newly elected officials will be held on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Michelle will be on vacation next week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING; 2022 Budget – Revenues and Property Tax.** Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Michelle reported on the proposed property tax for 2022 and information on revenues for

2022. As there was no other comments Mayor closed the hearing and reopened the City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Interlocal Agreement – Lewis County IT Services.** Gary motioned to approve the agreement for the mayor to sign, Shelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 768 – Ad Valorem Tax. First Reading.** Mayor Dobosh read by title. Michelle gave an explanation of the ordinance. Ron moved to accept Ordinance No. 768; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 767 – St Helens/Salal St Intersection Vacation. Second Reading.** Mayor Dobosh read by title. Gary motioned to accept Ordinance No. 767 on its second reading; Shelly seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**COVID-19.** Past Councilman Jim Williams lost his fights to Covid-19 over the weekend.

**PUBLIC:** Ron Smith with the Lions Club mentioned a that a few months he had to put tables back into the kitchen area at park after someone had moved them out. He and Jim Fluckinger went down today and again put the wet wood framed tables back into the kitchen, blew the leaves out, and other clean up of the kitchen. He said if the table are stood upright, they can all be put into the kitchen for the winter. They will have a function at the Veterans Wall for Veterans Day and will clean up around this area. He did ask if public works could mow. He suggested that if the kitchen is rented out in the future that people need to be told to take care of anything they move. Mayor Dobosh said there will be cookies and coffee by Vickie Davis for Veterans Day. The restrooms will remain open for this event.

Mayor spoke with Ric Kindle, who said he was going to the hospital today for his illness. He would like to extend his stay as host in the park and ask council for leniency. Jim said he talked with Ric and he would like to stay until February. Ric will be getting another trailer and possibly moving to Yakima. Ron asked if he is asking to place this new trailer in the park. The sister is working on getting one and getting him over to Yakima or property somewhere. Ron is concerned that we do not extend out too far. He suggested getting ahold of Ric and seeing where he is at. Ron also explained he has more time than 30 days and the 30 days was the official notice, but we need a definite timeframe. There was confusion as to he was in hospital or a doctor appointment. Jim asked why we couldn't keep him in the park with another host as it is only two spots. Ron motioned to extend the date until the next Council meeting with distinct details and if not provided any that date will be the drop-dead date, Gary seconded. Michelle cautioned Council on gifting of public funds and providing someone a free space with no service to the city. Ron amended his motion to extend the contract until the next Council meeting. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Jim said the biggest problem he has is why you want him out after 19 years of service and less than 10 days off for a job he is doing 24 hours seven days a week. Ron explained the additional duties to the contract which he wanted compensation for. We want to close out the agreement and put the new agreement in place. Ric had suggested he could work for a place that pays him, we cannot. We have been appreciative of Ric's service, but changes need to be made for the city. Jim asked about vandalism if no one is in the park. Ron Smith asked if

there was a lot of vandalism at the park and if the city had cameras. Yes, there are cameras but we have not observed vandalism. Ron Smith asked about the gutters that are coming off the building. Mayor said that the gutters will be removed and a French drain put in place. The gutters hang down too low and kids can reach and hang on. Ron Smith also stated that there is a post on the west side of the building that is rotting off.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Gary made a motion to adjourn, Shelly seconded. Motion carried.

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

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**Steve Dobosh – Mayor**

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**Michelle Whitten – City Clerk**