

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 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: Glenda Forga (via zoom), Carol Hill (via zoom), Gary Reboin and Ron Neumann. Emily Morgan was absent.

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

GUESTS: Joe Notch and Commissioner Gary Stamper.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020, BUDGET MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2020. Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda except meeting minutes of November 2nd as a page was missing; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: 6:02 p.m. -2021 Budget – Preliminary Budget. Mayor Dobosh opened the hearing for public comment. As there was no public comment the meeting was closed by Mayor Dobosh at 6:04 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Mayor asked if anyone on Council was interested in joining the Boundary Review Board, Glenda Forga is interested in the 4-year term.

An appreciation award was given to Chief Brockmueller for his 15 years of service. He proudly accepted and thanked everyone for the award.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations. The new police car has been ordered with an expected arrival date in February. Steve asked if the parade will still be able to take place on December 5th with the new Governor’s orders of no gatherings until December 14th. We will add discussion under Other Business.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: Mike and the engineers had the final walk-thru for the sidewalk and street project. Everything looked good and will sign off on. The recent wind storm caused minor damage with 4 trees down to the access road to the well.

The digester at waste water plant is showing good numbers. They were able to empty it in 80 hours instead of 4 months. They will start the second digester.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Leak Reduction- Lane Castle. Glenda motioned to approve the water leak reduction for Lane Castle; Carol seconded. Ron asked what the process was for notification of potential water leaks, which Michelle explained. Glenda also gave an example of a personal situation she had with a water leak and thought it was just extra company until the next billing cycle and her company was gone. City Hall had notified Castles of an increase to their bill. Motion carried.

Park Board Recommendation – Jail Mural. Ron motioned to move ahead with the request of adding a mural to all sides of the jail, Gary seconded. Gary has hopes that all kids can be a part of the mural. The design will still need to be approved by City Council. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ordinance No 760. Ad Valorem. Second Reading. Mayor Dobosh read by title only. Glenda motioned to approve Ordinance No 760 on its second reading; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COVID-19. Numbers are climbing in Lewis County and Washington state Governor Inslee has stated new orders to begin tomorrow for stay at home, shutting down businesses again, wearing masks, no in person meetings, etc. Our next City Council meeting will all be thru ZOOM. Michelle has not shut city hall down to the public yet and asked Council what they would like done. Council gave Michelle full authority to decide on a day-to-day basis what needs to be done. Ron commented that Council has full confidence in Michelle's decision.

Commissioner Stamper was asked about Lewis County. He said they met this morning with the Prosecutor and Health department. They did not think it affected them at this time and will continue to have employees come in to work. The Human Resources department is another story. The Commissioners will still be meeting and make decisions based off of information they receive. He is worried about restaurants especially in the small towns as the CARES funding is now gone.

PARADE. Glenda was concerned as there is no ability to control crowds and gathering. Her concern is that we are promoting gatherings and don't want the perception by the city endorsing the parade with the new orders of the Governor. The Centralia tractor parade is now cancelled. The group will be meeting tomorrow night for the parade committee. Glenda motioned to cancel the parade on December 5th, Ron seconded for discussing the matter. Ron suggested moving the parade to December 19th after the orders expire assuming there is no extension of the mandate. Glenda amended her motion to allow the parade to change dates and if not, it should be cancelled, Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC. Commissioner Stamper addressed the airport happenings. The selection of an airport for commercial flights has been pushed to 2024. All 6 sites that had been selected, with Toledo being one, have been determined to be unsuitable. He will keep Council updated.

ADJOURNMENT: Ron made a motion to adjourn, Gary 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