

**CITY OF TOLEDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 7, 2020**

**MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER 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, Gary Reboin, and Ron Neumann.

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

**GUESTS:** Sam Patrick and Toledo School Superintendent Chris Rust.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, NOVEMBER 16, BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,629.90.** Emily motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Steve Dobosh – Mayor:** Nothing.

**John Brockmueller – Police Department:** Back from vacation and normal operations.

**Mike Fisher – Public Works:** Mike reported the strobe and rotator lights are installed on truck. They have purchased basic tool kits and outfitted with a vice if needed for emergency plumbing.

The signage has been received for the one-way in front of the elementary school. This is set to be installed during the Christmas break.

Mike thanked Dan from Bonanza BBQ for renting of the lift to install lights at the boat launch. He also thanked Joe Notch for purchasing lights and Mary Bush and Stephanie Fisher for decorating and purchasing additional lights.

The Gator is in the shop to be retrofitted for the police speed radar equipment.

There has been no word regarding the torch-down. No plans for chip sealing in 2021.

**Michelle Whitten– City Clerk:** Michelle explained additional paperwork for tonight. One being information from Lewis County regarding the property on Hemlock and North Third Street owned by Lewis County. After additional research this weird piece of property has a vacated Hemlock street to the South and made into an island. It may be best the County put the property out to bid instead of the City taking it over. The City should consider vacating the rest of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and a small alley. Ron motioned to rescind the request to Lewis County for the additional property, Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Another item is a request by Chris Rust that should have been on the agenda. Mayor Dobosh added to the agenda the request for City Council endorsement of letter to get schools and keep schools in session during this pandemic.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water Leak Request for Erle Cooper.** Glenda motioned to approve the water leak reduction for Erle Cooper in the amount of \$59.67, Emily seconded. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 761 – First Reading- 2020 Budget Amendment.** Mayor Dobosh read by title. Glenda motioned to approve the budget amendment; Gary seconded. Michelle informed this was due to COVID revenues and expenditures and the Water/Sewer truck was an additional \$2000. Emily asked about the Substance Abuse Fund, Michelle answered this is a fund that has not been used in over 25 years and we should probably dissolve it. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 762 – First Reading – 2021 Budget Ordinance.** Steve read Ordinance 762 by title. Ron motioned to approve Ordinance 762; Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Gray & Osborne Change Order No 1. Street Projects.** Mike explained this was due to a wet well that was not marked on a map. The contractor hit it when excavating and thought it may be a sewer main. Grindings had gone into the pipe and they had to order a vac truck to clean it out. If Council approves it will then go to TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) funding for request to be paid. Glenda motioned to approve the Change Order No 1, Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IGA Liquor License Renewal.** Emily motioned to approve the liquor license; Carol seconded. Motion carried.

**Chris Rust Request for City Council endorsement of letter.** Chris explained the work group he has been working with titled Lewis County Public Health and Social Services. They have crafted a letter to the citizens of Lewis County to get on board with distancing, hand washing and masks so the schools can safely open and remain open. This group is comprised with three colleagues, other participants and Dr. Woods of Lewis County Health Department. This is nothing to do with politics and looking at the science. This is not an endorsement of the governor or his actions, but looking at helping keep kids in schools. The Toledo high school is waiting until classrooms are completed in January for the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes to be held. The Seniors are currently in an old portion of the school with the help of additional ventilation. There are approximately 12-15% of students opting to do school remotely. Glenda said she is a huge supporter of staff and all working toward what is best for the community and kids and wants to see other leaders on the letter. Emily seconded all that she said. Ron asked about the comments he is receiving about why can't we do what Mossyrock or Spiffy' s is doing. Will Toledo have an official stance against the Governor restrictions. This is a very delicate situation and businesses will need to decide what is best for them, as the state can still come in and shut them down with possible fines. Ron motioned to endorse the letter for Chris, Emily seconded. Motion carried. Chris then invited everyone to tour the high school construction this Friday.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**COVID-19.** Numbers are climbing in Lewis County and Washington state. The Santa Quad Parade is dependent on the Governor lifting orders on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle also added that it is critical that the Lewis County Seniors Programs get funding to continue operations through COVID. Request to Council to get the word out for friends and family members that may be donating funds during this time of year. This will help get meals to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

**Award for Sam Patrick.** Michelle presented Sam an award for his 10 years of service with the Toledo Police Department.

**PUBLIC. None.**

**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.

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**Steve Dobosh – Mayor**

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**Michelle Whitten – City Clerk**