

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

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, Carol Hill, Gary Reboin, and Ron Neumann. Glenda Forga was absent.

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

GUESTS: LC Commissioner Gary Stamper, Mike Morgan and Carol Berch.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,800.79. Carol motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Nothing

Mike Fisher – Public Works: The County has signed off on the purchase of “torch down” for the City of Toledo, using the pass thru transportation funds. Mike met with the sign guy and we will get the state rate. This will take place when the weather is better. They have been working on cleaning up around the reservoirs. They got some grindings from the state and will layer it with rock. Registers have been ordered for the new meters and will be ready to go.

They were able to process four digesters at waste water treatment plant with the work of the screw press. They are seeing their numbers go down in the oxidation ditch. Normally one digester in 4 months and it took about 80 hours or less.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: The tree that fell in the park was offered to the Lions Club for removal and clean up as long as the woodshed was filled in the park and all was cleaned up. They were not interested so we found someone else that would.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thursday Market. Carol Berch was online, she manages the Toledo Thursday Market and would like the Council to consider moving back to the boat launch parking lot during the summer months. This will give them the ability to draw larger customers. Dates would be first

weekend in May until September, then they would go back to Steamboat Landing. Ron asked if there would be more vendors or customers. Carol said both – now they have 18 confirmed vendors and 8 local line vendors. There is not enough room with Social Distancing to add more at the present location. Ron asked about the street (South First) and concerns there. John said he has no problems closing off the street for safety reasons. Ron was concerned about the availability of the boat launch. Carol said if someone is taking out their boat the vendors help to mitigate so it can be taken out safely. Ron motioned to allow for summer months. Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Alley Way Request – David Pyles. Michelle explained where the alley is at and that there is only one property owner that owns both parcels. There is a drainage ditch that goes through the alley and the City would not be doing improvements there. Ron was concerned if we would need the alley in the future. Mike answered that the owner will be responsible for utility lines down the alley as it will not be a main line. This would relieve us of liability of the ditch also. Mike does not see any other development for the future in the area. Emily motioned to vacate the alley; Gary seconded. Carol asked if it was the whole alley, no it would be the south half. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

COVID-19. Lewis County is receiving 600 vaccines this week.

PUBLIC. Mike Morgan. Mike has been getting a lot of feedback in response to a recent article in the Chronicle written by Julie Zander regarding the Toledo airport. People are concerned about potential expansion. There will be a meeting on Wednesday at Steamboat Alley for information. He is hoping to get Commissioner Stamper there to help answer questions. People are concerned the County is pulling something without input.

Mike would like a position by the City Council as in big jets and such landing. Are you for or against it? He would like the City to take a position as he feels it would hold a lot of weight.

Commissioner Stamper. Commissioner Stamper will be at the meeting on Wednesday with his public works. There will be a meeting in the morning for an update. There have been no meetings since October due to COVID. He will share what he learns. There will not be any jets in Toledo or expansion as they are using this as a leverage for potential grants. It doesn't fit model location for those airports up north. Toledo has only been considered because of location, but so far it is unsuitable. There will probably be an airport built from the ground up.

They are looking for hangar spaces, cultural center and other small upgrades. They need updated fuel tanks and safety fencing. They did receive a grant for \$3million for the taxi way improvements. Expanding the runway an additional 3,000 feet could not happen. The Commissioners only put in the offer to look at airport as a way to get upgrades. They are seeing more and more demand with private aircrafts with all the new development happening in the area.

ADJOURNMENT: Gary made a motion to adjourn, Emily 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