

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 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 STEVE DOBOSH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Gary Reboin, Glenda Forga, Ron Neumann and Carol Hill (VIA ZOOM).

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: John Brockmueller, Police Chief; Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent; Deavon Jacobson, Clerks Assistant; Jill Davis, Deputy Clerk; and Michelle Whitten, City Clerk/Treasurer (VIA ZOOM).

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Eric Hayes, Cindy Samco, Patti Angeliz-Sugito of Valhalla Rescue and LC Commissioner Gary Stamper.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021. Emily motioned to approve the consent agenda; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Nothing

Mike Fisher – Public Works: Mike reported two new services were hooked up, one on Alder Street and the other on N. Fourth Street. He did a lot of spraying last week and is still looking for a bucket for the backhoe. Ritchie Bros. has an auction coming up soon that he will check out. The excavator will be delivered on the 23rd to remove the stump from the park and dig up the camp sites. Emily asked where they are taking the stump? Mike said it will be hauled off to the water shed. Mike offered to all council members if they would like to come down to the plant and see how the screw press works to just give him a call to set up a time. Mayor Dobosh asked how many they have so far to be hauled off? Mike said they are at 4 right now and are going to try to get 6 altogether. Ron asked how the cross-country meet went. Mike said it went well. They changed their route and didn't go into the plant.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations. Lots of interest in the car. Emily said she had a concerned citizen contact her about the activity at Mr. Spratt's house. John said they are aware and watching. Mayor Dobosh asked if they've used the drone lately. John stated not lately. Mayor Dobosh asked about the wreck at the post office this last weekend. John said the throttle had stuck on the vehicle and went from the propane tanks at Napa across the S. Second Street into the post office parking lot and into the back part of Cindy Philbrook's Insurance office. The driver had minor injuries, thankfully and no one else was around when it happened.

Jill Davis– Deputy Clerk: Michelle is out today. General Cothren contacted her and is planning on having the Blue Grass Festival in the park this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Valhalla Rescue. Patti Angeliz-Sugito introduced herself and said she had spoken with Mayor Dobosh about the feral cats. Sgt. Pennington had originally contacted her asking how to handle the feral cats. Patti explained the process of how they trap-neuter-release-rehome. Ron asked if they just trap any cat that is wandering around. Patti said, no they don't just pick up any cat they find wandering around. They set up notices for social media and put posters up to get the word out of when they will be trapping and if they end up with someone's cat, they make every effort to find it's owner and reunite them. She also explained that her co-worker Amanda has a very good idea of what cats are feral and what ones are pets. If the community wants to keep them. The cats will be neutered/spayed, given shots, micro-chipped (if you want) and released back into the community and the community takes care of them or they can be rehomed. Glenda asked if there was any cost to the city? Patti said there is no cost. They have programs set up that cover the costs along with grants. They also offer low-cost spay/neuter to private owners. Glenda asked if they work with the Cat's Meow Organization. Patti stated they have not been able to open yet because of the pandemic, but would like to work with them in the future. Emily asked if they let everyone know before they start trapping the cats. Patti explained again, that they do and it's usually about a week before. They usually trap at night and are working right now with 3 active cat colonies of cats with private owners. Last year they trapped 2,000 cats. Ron asked if they check the cats for micro-chips? She said yes, they do and contact the owners. Ron asked if they only trap cats? Patti explained that they also help with dogs and livestock. Mayor Dobosh asked if they can recognize cats they've already trapped before? Patti said, yes. They clip one of the cat's ears, so they can visually see that the cat has been trapped before. There was a general discussion about the feral cats. Glenda asked if we need an MOU? Mayor Dobosh said, we are going to vote on it. Jill explained they are voting on allowing Valhalla Rescue to be on city property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allow Valhalla Rescue to conduct trap/release on city property. Glenda motioned to allow Valhalla Rescue to trap feral cats on city property. Emily seconded. Ron asked to define city property. Is it just city owned property or all of city limits? It is just city owned property. Gary asked what the intent was for the feral cats. Are they coming back or going away? Patti said, it is up the city if they want them back or want them re-homed. If they are returned, they want someone to manage the cat colony and provide food them. Gary stated he does not want the feral cats coming back. Ron would like a future discussion on what to do with the feral cats after they are trapped. Emily, Ron, Carol, and Glenda voted for; Gary voted against. Motion carried 4-1.

Proposed Stop Sign Removal – S. Third and Cowlitz Street. Mike would like to suggest taking out the stop out and putting in a crosswalk sign. Emily stated she preferred having slower traffic and does not want it removed. Gary stated he would like it stay. Glenda stated she does

not want it removed. Ron was concerned with the rerouting of the grade school traffic if it would be affected. No action taken for lack of a motion.

Liquor License Renewal – Toledo IGA Market Fresh. Emily motioned to approve the liquor license renewal for Toledo IGA Market Fresh, Glenda seconded; Ron asked Chief Brockmueller if they've had any issues before? John said, no. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 763 – Second Reading. Mayor Dobosh read the ordinance title. Glenda motioned to approved the second reading of Ordinance No. 763, Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Carlson Memorial Field – Future Development. Gary Stamper said they met with Dave Flickenstein the manager of the Washington State FAA. Gary made it very clear they are not expanding the airport footprint. Toledo is eliminated from the list. To continue you have to have sponsors from airlines, like Fed Ex etc. They will be submitting a general aviation letter which will be for funding to upgrade the power and maintenance. The letter will be submitted Wednesday and he will get a copy to us. Gary said this batch of COVID money coming you will receive the money and spend it. We still don't know what the stipulations are yet. The money is good through 2024 and the county would like to save some of it to last through 2024. Glenda asked if they knew how the money was being distributed yet? It is a set-in stone or just adjusting as they go along. Gary said he didn't know yet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COVID-19. Nothing new. Glenda said they are still doing vaccines at the fairgrounds and to always check the website first. Emily stated she was able to get vaccinated from the emergency call list. She called and asked if they had any extra doses and got one the same day. Mayor Dobosh said his doctor called him to go get the shot at Valley View Health Center and he got the Johnson and Johnson one.

PUBLIC: None.

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

Deavon Jacobson – Clerk's Assistant