

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2021**

MAYOR PRO TEM RON NEUMANN 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 RON NEUMANN. MAYOR DOBOSH WAS ABSENT.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Reboin, Glenda Forga, and Ron Neumann. Emily Morgan was excused.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Hayes, Steven Berch and Nora Davis.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Brockmueller, Police Chief; Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent (ZOOM); Jim Buzzard, City Attorney, and Jill Davis, Deputy Clerk.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Cindy Samco, Donna Wallace, Ron and Sue Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021. Gary motioned to approve the consent agenda; Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Absent.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: The snow blower is here; the digester is back together and the waste water plant is up and running. The planters around town were moved today to be taken apart and new ones replacing. They have been working on the city park in preparation for Councilwoman Carol Hill's Celebration of Life on Saturday.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations. The new car was taken to Day Wireless to get equipped.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk/Treasurer: Nothing to report.

Jim Buzzard – City Attorney. Jim said he was happy to be in attendance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Toledo Planning Commission – Land Development Code Updates. Eric Hayes Chairman of the Planning Commission presented information on the proposed changes to the land use codes. The big significance is lot size lowering to 4,000 square feet and subdivisions allowing lot size at 6,000 square feet.

Council appreciates all the work that went into the document.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Council Position #3. Glenda motioned to appoint Michelle (Shelly) Thomas; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office – Council Position #3. Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Neumann administered the Oath of Office to Shelly Thomas.

Approve Land Development Code for Public Hearing. Glenda motioned to have Public Hearing on the new Land Development Code, Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MOU – Lewis County Parks and Recreation. Michelle explained this is for the Public Works department to do the potable water testing. Gary motioned to approve the MOU with Lewis County; Shelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Leak Reduction Request – 702 Pacific Road, Wayne Brown. Glenda motioned to approve the request in the amount of \$34.81, Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Event – Donnas Place. Cheese Day Beer Garden on Ramsey Way. Donna also wanted to request a “No 24-hour Parking” sign posted prior to the event so there are no vehicles parked in the area. This will keep the street clear for set up which she would like to begin on Thursday. Donna said she would pay for it. Glenda motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Donna’s; Shelly seconded. It was clarified the street would be shut down on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and all affected businesses have given their consent. John stated in the past the only problem has been the bank and the handicapped parking space being unavailable. Bank Manager Lisa Hull would like a temporary spot on Cowlitz Street designated for Handicapped Parking. Valley View is closed on Fridays, Nicki at hair salon and Chris from School District both said they were ok. Mike Morgan from The Landing Event Center will be partnering with Donna for food delivery to the Wine and Cheese tasting. Ron asked if there have been any incidents in the past that the police department needed to resolve, John answered no and Donna’s has been very easy. Motion approved.

Special Event – Marcus Ouelette- Protest Against Young Mask Wearing and Vaccination. A protest is planned on the Cowlitz Bridge. Ron let it known that this is outside the city limits and Mr. Ouelette was informed he would need to contact WA State Department of Transportation.

Lewis County District Court Contract. Jim had concerns over the new contract, especially the Public Defender fees being renegotiated without city involvement. The City is in a contract that does not run out until the end of the year, but Lewis County is making this contract retroactive to January 1st. The arbitration agreement has also changed. Jim let it known that he is not a fan of the City contracting for court services with the County. Options are, sign this contract, contract

with a different city, City start its own court, or do nothing. Glenda suggested we have a workshop. She also asked why we would sign if we are currently under contract. Michelle did inform that the Council had approved at a previous meeting but that has been stopped.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 765 Interfund Loan- Second Reading. Ron read by title. Gary moved to pass Ordinance No. 765; Shelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COVID-19. We have not received the new COVID funding yet. Council will need to decide if they will still allow members to ZOOM in or not if there is no reason to come to a meeting. This will need to be placed in our policies. Can someone not show up because they don't want to be at the meeting and participate via ZOOM, or do they need a valid excuse, i.e., vacation, sick, etc. Council will discuss at next meeting.

PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Glenda 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.

Ron Neumann – Mayor Pro-tem

Michelle Whitten – City Clerk