

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2019**

MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE FLAG SALUTE WAS LED BY MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Glenda Forga, Carol Hill via phone, Ron Neumann and Guy Spratt.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk; and John Brockmueller, Police Chief.

GUESTS: Eric Hayes, Cindy Samco, Gary Reboin, Cristine Mershon, Ron and Sue Smith, Eric Duerst, and Jeremy Cook -Boy Scout.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2019 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,821.78. Guy motioned to approve the consent agenda, Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING -6:02 P.m. Community Development Block Grant. Handouts were provided explaining the grant program in both English and Spanish. Michelle also explained about the program, the purpose, and that it is for Low-to-Moderate Income levels. The program can be for a specific project which low and moderate-income level participants use, or community wide projects if it is determined that the percentage of low-to-moderate income levels of the community are above 51%. The total amount for one project is \$750,000. The city is currently in the middle of an income survey to see if we qualify for a city-wide project. If we qualify there is a water main that is exposed and on a hillside. The concern is that it could be in danger of breaking if the hillside moves or trees slide down.

Eric Duerst questioned the \$80 Capital Improvement fee per cycle and how much would go for these improvements. Michelle answered it would depend on the cost of the construction, and if we receive grant funding. Eric then stated the city has contracted with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the water system, will the study be put out for bid. He stated there was an article in The Daily Chronicle which stated the city would be doing a study of over \$800,000 for the water system and upgrades will be in excess of \$18 million. Michelle did not know where this information came from as the city is not proposing either of these projects. He still questioned the study, in which Michelle said there is not a study associated with this grant. Michelle then explained what the City will be looking at the funding for.

As there were no further questions or comments the Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 and regular session reconvened.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: None.

Jon Cravens – Public Works: Jon Cravens report was in packets.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: John gave out monthly stats. Operations are normal.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk: Michelle informed Council about the Income Survey and the group Econometrics is now in town going door to door. She misunderstood and only a sampling of the residents will take place, and not the entire city. They will need to have a minimum of 56 surveys for the sampling.

The City is slated to receive \$469,000 through the state Capital Budget. This money will be used for updates to the Water Comprehensive Plan, work on additional water rights (we have had an application in with the state for almost 30 years) and design of water and sewer lines from North Fifth Street up Toledo-Vader Road to Plomondon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water/Sewer Loan Policy. Michelle explained that she is bringing this forward to see if the City Council would recommend revisiting. When we first passed the Ordinance it was intended for a specific group. There have been requests for some type of loan or extended payment plan for a water/sewer hookup. The Ordinance would need to be expanded to include water and Businesses too. Glenda said we should consider both water and sewer and both residential and business customers to aid in growth.

Ron Neumann asked how much money would be set forward. Michelle explained that it would be on a case by case situation as to what the costs of the project would be. Some may only be for the hookup fees.

Carol thoughts it would be good to look at again, she doesn't want to handicap someone with high fees at once and work with them. Michelle stated that the process is very specific with liens against the property until the loan is paid in full, and if the property sell it would be paid off immediately. Michelle was given the okay to go forward.

Special Event Permit – Jaime Cummings. Cheese Ball Dance. Emily motioned to accept the permit for May 18th, Glenda seconded. Michelle stated that the funds for the event are intended for improvements for the city parks and would the Council consider omitting the fee. Glenda asked if it would be used for the Kemp Olson Park. Michelle reminded Council that we have several pocket parks and Jaime is working on Steamboat Alley which is a pocket park. Emily amended her motion to not charge a fee, Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Event Permit – Jaime Cummings. Mondo Croquet Tournament. Emily motioned to accept the permit, Glenda seconded. It was explained that this is croquet with sledge hammers and bowling balls. The concern of where it would be held in the park came up, Michelle explained it will be in the large grassy area to the right of the entrance. Emily amended her motion to not charge a fee as this will event will raise funds for the city park system, Glenda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Special Event Permit – Donnas Place – Beer Garden for Cheese Days. Michelle explained that this arrived late this afternoon. It will be set up the same as in previous year although set up will not begin until Friday night. Glenda would like to request from other business owners that they are also okay with the road being closed during these times. Ron motioned to approve the request from Donna's with the condition that an updated insurance policy is given to the City and documentation from the businesses that they were communicated with, Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC. Eric Duerst questioned the Mayor as to why the Public Works no longer attends the meeting but the police department and clerk's office does. Mayor answered to cut down expenses as this would put him in an overtime and he has told him not to attend unless there is something to discuss. Eric commented that he is not available to the public.

Eric then asked the Council if the water system is both fluoridated and chlorinated. City Council did not know the exact answer but thought it was only chlorinated. He then asked if anyone had a definite answer, which Michelle replied it is only chlorinated. A discussion of fluoride then took place with opinions.

Boy Scout Jeremy Cook was present to observe government and report on it for a Merit badge. Council thanked him for his attendance.

Ron Smith asked if the gentleman that was cleaning his property by Pacific will be cleaning up the brush he put in the ditch. This will be checked into. Ron then asked if the Public Works can clean up the ditch which has tall grass on Pacific. Mayor answered that it gets done every year and he will remind them.

ADJOURNMENT: Guy 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