

**CITY OF TOLEDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 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 GARY REBOIN.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Morgan, Gary Reboin, Michelle (Shelly) Thomas, and Ron Neumann. Glenda Forga was absent.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Michelle Whitten, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Brockmueller, Police Chief; Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent; Jim Buzzard, City Attorney and Deavon Jacobson, Clerk's Assistant.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Stephanie Fisher, Cindy Samco, Eric Hayes.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,983.56. Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: 6:02 pm - 6 Year STIP. Michelle explained that this is a 6-year plan for street, sidewalk and trail improvements. This information will then go to our local RTPO (Regional Transportation Office) which will gather information from cities and counties, rate the projects and send to state for potential funding. Eric Hayes asked for better sidewalk signage on State Route 505. Michelle explained that signage on the State Route is the WSDOT responsibility. They can be contacted with concerns. As there were no further comments the hearing closed at 6:04 and regular meeting resumed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Steve Dobosh – Mayor: Everything is good.

Mike Fisher – Public Works: Mike reported they are getting ready for Cheese Days doing yard work and painting. The tires on the F150 have been replaced.

Emily asked if the centerlines will be done. Mike said they will be installing soon.

John Brockmueller – Police Department: Normal operations. The stat sheets for June were handed out. He has contacted other agencies to help with Cheese Days.

Ron asked if Lewis County had possession of the patrol car. Not yet, but we have invoiced them for it so it should be soon.

Michelle Whitten– City Clerk/Treasurer: Nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 255A – Six Year STIP 2022-2027. Ron moved to adopt; Gary seconded. Ron asked for clarification that the state would be notified about the crosswalks on State Route 505. Mike can contact at any time. He also asked about wayfarer signs and the group that met before COVID. This group can begin meeting again. Motion carried unanimously.

ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) Fund Recommendations. Michelle explained the committee met and discussed some options for spending these funds. There are criteria that will need to be met with four areas the money can be spent. Ron added that they discussed the loss of revenue for camping and kitchen use at the city park and the meter project. They also discussed the possibility of building primitive cabins at park for homeless and in future rentals. There would be strong guidelines put in place.

Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the cost estimates they were given on the meter replacement project. Michelle explained that the council already budgeted \$40,000 for the project and to finish the project with cost of software they would be using approximately an additional \$46,000. This would include hiring to part time laborers. Michelle also added that the billing software needs to be upgraded as it is almost 10 years old. Mike added that with replacing the meters there would be a savings as would have less water loss. The old meters are not reading correctly. Mike also has a call into the software company for the meters to come out and do a demonstration of how it works.

The projects would allocate \$5,700 for loss of revenue, \$55,800 for meter/software project, and \$7500 for new utility billing for a total of \$69,200. Ron motioned to accept all three items; Emily seconded. Shelly asked if the meters could still be manually read, yes, they could. Emily liked that they will be saving man hours for reading meters. Ron wanted a stipulation that all meters would need to be in place before getting the software. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Emily has a couple of ideas as she was approached if the City can be designated as Bigfoot Sanctuary and designate the watershed as Bigfoot Habitat. Mike was concerned that they would not be able to do things in watershed with that designation. Michelle asked Emily to look into it further and come back with a report of what would be needed and any stipulations.

COVID-19. Nothing to report.

PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Emily 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.

Steve Dobosh – Mayor

Michelle Whitten – City Clerk