

**CITY OF TOLEDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 8, 2020**

**MAYOR STEVE DOBOSH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT THE TOLEDO SENIOR CENTER, COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT COULD NOT ATTEND HAD THE OPTION 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 (via zoom), Glenda Forga (via zoom), Carol Hill (via zoom), Guy Spratt and Ron Neumann.

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Michelle Whitten, City Clerk and John Brockmueller, Police Chief and Mike Fisher, Public Works Superintendent.

**GUESTS:** Sam Patrick (recording and streaming to YouTube), Rain Amrais, Cindy Samco, Eric Hayes, Mike Morgan, Joh Jones, Josh Metcalf, Commissioner Gary Stamper, Airport Manager John Roe, Brian Dennis, Andy Caldwell and Jamie Cummings (via zoom).

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2020 AND PAYROLL AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,968.22.** Ron motioned to approve the consent agenda; Emily seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Steve Dobosh – Mayor:** Nothing.

**Mike Fisher – Public Works:** They have been fine tuning the screw press and working on different components of polymer. They are waiting to hear back from testing the bio solids and then it will be hauled off. The new truck and trailer are working out well. They have been moving the stock of sand and gravel behind City Hall to the water tower area.

Contractor should be paving tomorrow. The crosswalk signals are on back order.

**John Brockmueller – Police Department:** Normal operations, stats for August were given out with 22 calls for service. The drone that was approved is on order. The new motorcycle is working great and parked out front if anyone would like to view it.

**Michelle Whitten– City Clerk:** Expenditure and Revenue reports were in the packets.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING: 6 YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN 6:02.** The public had no comments. Hearing closed and regular meeting resumed.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Commissioner Gary Stamper on future development of Ed Carlson Memorial Field (Toledo Airport)**

Commissioner Stamper introduced Josh Metcalf and John Roe. Someone has asked for a timeline for a study being done to identify another airport for improvements to take traffic off of the SeaTac and Portland airports and relieve some of their congestion. The main objective is to find a new location by January 2022. In January 2021 the committee will narrow it down to 6 locations and give recommendation to the Legislature, which will narrow it to 2. They will be looking at airspace, real estate, location, and many other conditions. At the end of the study, they will have a list of improvements needed at each airfield. All the Lewis County Commissioners have done is to be asked to be considered as this will help to work with study to figure out what is needed at the airport. They will be participating with WSDOT and the committee as well as extensive public outreach potentially in the middle of next year. The main purpose is to have the ability to apply for grants and gain employment opportunities at the airport.

Ron asked if this is state or federal, it is state funding. John Roe the Airport Manager added that they are trying to figure out location and reliable traffic. We have a lot of open area around us, we don't have traffic or cargo mobility. Toledo does not have the numbers for a first choice like Olympia. There are financial numbers to consider along with aviation. Toledo is probably not going to grow much bigger than it currently is. They just put \$3 million into the airport. Development will happen and we need to control it.

Glenda commented that she is behind it and glad to see them looking at options for improvements. Everything in South Lewis County is a plus.

Commenting was opened up to the public. Jamie Cummings (via zoom) has concerns about the draft drawings. She does not feel we are being told the whole story. The initial groundwork has been done and all the data is available to general public.

Joh Jones discussed the impact it is already having on property owners. They cannot sell their property with this looming over their heads. This has been hidden in the Commissioners meetings, there are already conceptual drawings. It started with 30 airports and whittled to 11 and now 6 potential sites. Toledo made it into the final review. She does not want to see a major regional airport in Toledo.

Glenda wanted it known that she did not see there would be no impact to Toledo. Commissioner Stamper stated he is 99.9% sure there will be no regional airport in Toledo. He just drove to Bremerton and Shelton and they both have more square acreage than Toledo. He also stated he has talked to people who do want to see opportunities developed in the area. We are working to leverage money to improve what we have. Possibilities of STEM technology, new hangars, etc. Currently the taxpayers are paying for the airport as it is not generating enough income to pay for itself. Construction would not be possible until 2035 or further. There is a chance for Benaroya to build a hangar for Lowe's products. Mr. Roe added that the airport has not seen change in 40 – 50 years. He also discussed the improvements that were done to the Packwood airport and how it has helped.

Rain Amrais talked about how she lived in the Vancouver/Orchards area 20 years ago and the noise and light problems from the Portland Airport. There will be impacts to the school and all the citizens of Toledo, warehouse jobs are not living wage jobs. She is looking for clean air and concerned of water pollution if this happens.

Josh said he is happy to come out and update as there is new information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 251A – Surplus Property.** Glenda motioned to approve Resolution 251A, Emily seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 252A – 6 Year Transportation Plan.** Glenda moved to approve Resolution 252A the 6 Year Transportation Plan, Carol seconded. Motion carried.

**Park Board Recommendation – Historic Jail.** Brian Dennis explained the recommendations for the historic jail. Emily recommended the approve the recommendations as presented, Guy seconded. Motion carried.

**COVID-19 Update.** Deputy Director Andy Caldwell of Lewis County Emergency Management was present to discuss as well as other things going on within the county. There is a burn ban on ALL burning including campfires. They have 3,000 child size masks that will be distributed to K-5<sup>th</sup> grade low-income students. Your local Food Banks have adult size masks.

There has been no update to the interlocal contract between the City and Emergency Management done since 2001. The new agreement has been sent to the City Attorney Jim Buzzard for review. There is a need of continuity in government and Andy encouraged the city to has a succession plan. He will have a template that can be used. With COVID-19 and now the wildfires that have torn through communities this is very important.

The Department of Health has a very good dashboard to look at to see how many cases of COVID are occurring. He also stated that FEMA is now allowing for a 60-day supply of personal protection equipment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.**

**OTHER BUSINESS: None.**

**PUBLIC.** Commissioner Stamper wanted to acknowledge the work that Michelle had done with getting information regarding a grant to support renter/mortgage assistance in Lewis County.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Emily made a motion to adjourn, Glenda seconded. Motion carried.

These minutes are not verbatim. If so desired, a recording of this meeting is on file and can be heard.

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**Steve Dobosh – Mayor**

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**Michelle Whitten – City Clerk**