City Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

December 28, 2020

(Due to the need for Covid-19 related need for social distancing, meetings are held at the Logan-Hocking Middle School Library.)

Guests: Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Safety-Service Director Bruce Walker, City Auditor Chris Robers, and Deb Tobin (Logan-Hocking Times) Absent: Jen Fickel and Abby Saving

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Fred Hawk at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with prayer following.

Roll Call: Present – Mike Berry, Shirley Chapman, Dave Driscoll, Judie Henniger, James Martin, Jim Robinson and Ed Tucker

Approval of Proceedings: Postponed until next regular meeting

People Appearing Before Council: None

REPORTS:

No report for: Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Treasurer, Law Director, Public Utilities, Recreation, Water and Sewer, Public Safety, Planning and Annexation or Cemetery and Parks Committees

<u>Finance</u> – Robinson set the next committee meeting for Monday, January 4, 2020 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Streets and Alleys – Henniger submitted minutes for the December 15, 2020 committee meeting. The committee is research the development of future alley and street vacation procedures and will invite Audie Wykle to attend the next committee meeting to consult with him on this matter. They determined to have a moratorium on street vacations until this matter is resolved. There are however, several vacations that have been "in the works" over the past 10 months, publication fees have already been paid. Concerns were expressed about safety on Federal Street (behind Maya Burrito) so Walker will consult with police about more explicit signs to more safely direct traffic. Henniger lastly wanted to clarify the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting regarding the explanation of the Lightfoot alley vacation, feeling that it might have been misleading, so she clarified the situation for Council. There had been no costs incurred by the vacation as it was never publicized.

Reading of Communications – Distributed correspondence to Council members from Utility Pipeline.

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

Resolution No. 36, 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CARES ACT SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOGAN, OHIO AND HOCKING VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$400,000.00), FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRIBUTING REMAINING CARES ACT FUNDS ACCORDING TO A PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTION AS ESTABLISHED BY HOUSE BILL 481 OF THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND LATER AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL 614 OF THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Fraunfelter informed Council that there was a need to spend a large amount of CARES Act money prior to January 1, 2021. He was initially interested in giving assistance to local small businesses but had been unable to resolve how to go about doing this in the short amount of time remaining to act. The primary concern was finding a way to use the money to assist the community in some appropriate way before time ran out.

To explain the rationale for the resolution, Robers said the mayor had talked to Stacy Phillips at Hocking Valley Community Hospital, inquiring if they had incurred expenses that were Covid-19 related; could they use some assistance? "Yes!" she responded; they had had to purchase expensive equipment for specific issues involving Covid virus patients. If the city donates \$400,000.00 to the hospital, Robers said, there will still be \$100,000.00 available to the City. Robers felt confident the remaining funds would still be available for a while into 2021.

Robinson moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the second and third reading. This motion was seconded by Driscoll and unanimously passed after a roll call vote. Robinson moved to pass the resolution which was seconded by Martin. After a roll call vote the motion passed, all voting yea.

With nothing else on the agenda, Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Driscoll. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk	Fred Hawk, Council President