**Regular Council Proceedings**

**July 27, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Lane called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present:Jody Carney, Sherry Heineman, Shannon Pine, Darren Lee, Frank Reed, John Rucker

**Approvals:** Ms. Pine motioned, seconded by Mr. Reed to table the approval of Council and Work Session minutes so the grammatical errors can be corrected. Six yea votes.

**Visitors:** Kayleen Petrovia, Tim Dawson

Ms. Pine updated Council on the UPCO grant program. The grant is to help with expenses for local profit businesses within Plain City that may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant amount is $3,000. The application deadline is Aug 31, 2020 and UPCO will announce the grant winner during their Sept. 17, 2020 meeting. The grant dollars are supposed to help the business and not go toward business improvements. Ms. Pine said there is a scoring system to evaluate all applications. It’s very competitive due to the amount and the number of businesses eligible to apply.

Ms. Pine informed Council the farmer’s market will begin this Thursday at the old elementary school.

**Reports:**

* Mayor Lane read from a statement regarding his personal and business relationship with Tim Dawson. He informed Council that he works with Mr. Dawson in the automotive field but has nothing to do with his restaurants. He apologized to Mr. Dawson about the treatment he is receiving by several uptown business owners. Mayor Lane said he feels Mr. Dawson is being treated poorly because of his relationship with the Mayor and there are business owners in the uptown that don’t care for the Mayor.
* Fiscal Officer- informed council the Village has received a few RFPs and has selected Middlefield Bank.

* Police Chief- Chief attended the Union County Advisory board meeting. He also informed council Officer Martin has submitted his two-week resignation. Chief has begun reaching out to past applicants to see if they are still interested in obtaining a position with the Police Department.

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* Village Administrator- staff is recommending the Village pursue a loan vehicle through OEPA which has very attractive interest rates below 1%. The window for applying for these funds closes in early August. Staff is in the process of finalizing the plans for the Gay Street project bid process. We have also in the process of finalizing the loan documents for OPWC. The Village rejected all bids submitted for the repaving program this week after analyzing various options. Statutorily, the Village’s hands were tied since the lowest bid was more than 10% above the project estimate. The project will be re-bid starting Monday with some scope modifications that will hopefully bring the cost back within budgeted parameters. Currently working on the 2021 budget. The goal is to have an 85-90% draft budget ready P&F committee in August. We will also be meeting with the CIP committee next month to discuss some project schedules and sequencing. Right now, we are still tracking about 15% below the original 2020 revenue estimates in income tax. At the August work session meeting, staff would like to discuss with Council the planned Labor Day fireworks display and logistics/protocols as they relate to current public health orders, etc. Lastly, EPA had previously put a moratorium on water shut offs for non-payment however that order will expire at the end of the month. Currently the village is working to make contact with account owners that have a large outstanding balance on their account. Mr. Reed asked Mr. Cahall if it is possible to use Cares Act funds to help with the outstanding balances. Mr. Cahall responded saying the funding was not allowed for that purpose. Mr. Lee stated if the resident's needed help regarding their balances, they need to call the village to work out a payment plan.

* President Pro Tem- Ms. Carney gave a brief overview of a meeting she attended with the Union County Tourism development team. The committee is currently looking to enhance tourism opportunities in Plain City. The Union County Chamber would like to enhance Plain City portion in regards to key points for tourism. Ms. Carney praised Mr. Dawson on his devotion to the Village and she supports him as well as all the other businesses within Plain City.
* Solicitor- Working with Village Administrator on creating Impact Fee ordinance.
* BZA- The commission reviewed an application from the Shell gas station owner to change their sign. The BZA will meet on July 28 at 6:30 to discuss the findings of fact and render their decision on the application.
* Parks & Recreation- The committee met to discuss changing the impact fees and possible ways to extend park land. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2020.
* Personnel & Finance- The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020. Mr. Cahall suggested both the Capital Improvement Committee and P&F meet at the same time to

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* discuss the operating and capital budgets. Mr. Cahall will coordinate the meeting for August 13.

* Fire- Next Meeting will be on Aug 6th at the Firehouse in person.
* Design Review Board- the meeting was held on July 22 to discuss the building located at 132 N Chillicothe St. The application was tabled to allow the applicant to provide further documentation for requested changes to his building. The next meeting is scheduled August 5, 2020.
* Charter Commission- Mr. LaFayette reported the meeting was held on July 23, 2020. The commission discussed the different types of government. The facilitator, Catherine Cunningham, led a detailed discussion on the various forms of government and the options available to the Commission. Overall, the commission agreed on a Council-Manager Form of Government (Hybrid) with a Mayor being part of Council. The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2020, via Zoom. The commission will discuss and vote on the overall structure of government for the city.

**New Business:**

Ms. Carney motioned, seconded by Mr. Lee to waive the three readings for Resolution 19-20; Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Plain City on Behalf of the State of Ohio ( The Borrower) to Reimburse its OPWC Project – Gay Street Fund for the Gay Street Reconstruction Project Number CK15X, with the Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Six yea votes.

Ms. Carney motioned, seconded by Ms. Heineman to approve the resolution by emergency. Five yea votes with Mr. Reed voting no.

Mr. Reed motioned, seconded by Ms. Heineman to waive the three readings for Resolution 20-20; Amending the Village of Plain City Employee Policies and Procedures Handbook. Four yea votes with Ms. Carney and Mr. Lee voting no.

Ms. Carney motioned, seconded by to approve Resolution 20-20. Six yea votes.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Lee motioned, seconded by Ms. Carney to approve the third reading of Ordinance 9-20; Adopting Chapter 910 to the Village of Plain City Municipal Code – Outdoor Seating and Non-Permanent Amenities. Four yea votes with Ms. Heineman and Mr. Reed voting no.

Ms. Pine motioned, seconded by Ms. Carney to approve the third reading of Ordinance 11-20; Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Unvoted General Obligation Notes in the Maximum

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Aggregate Amount of $1,450,000.00, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Various Municipal Public Improvement Projects. Six yea votes.

**Discussion:**

Ms. Carney spoke with Chief McKee regarding the future hires of police officers for Plain City. The department would like to move forward with replacing Officer Martin and one new position. Council is an agreement to allow Mr. McKee to hire two police officers for the Village.

**Adjourn-**Ms. Carney motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm.