

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**JUNE 2ND, 2020 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Council President Kauffman called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Councilperson Dillon and seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting; passed by seven (7) votes; minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATION(S):** None.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Meeting took place via Zoom on May 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM. (minutes of the Finance Committee are hereto attached to these here minutes. Next meeting scheduled June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM at the Learning Center.

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

A meeting has been scheduled for June 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM on the front lawn of the Municipal building.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Mayor Keckler announced that the protest on May 31<sup>st</sup>, respected the rights of the citizens, 4 clergy members spoke with organizers and the City and everybody was in the same agreement with the protest and asked for peace, which is the reason for the Resolution under new business on the agenda.

The water department will be opening the public with plexiglass being installed to protect the employees, also looking at more security efforts for the courts as well.

The Federal money that was given to the State which will trickle down to the City, a phone conversation with the State regarding the money will happen on June 3rd with the Mayor. Approximately \$350 million with instructions as to how the money can be used and an Ordinance will be passed down from the State, this is not official yet still a work in progress and the Mayor will keep Council informed as to this issue. \$850 million in Cares Act money that is still sitting with the State and they will make decisions as to the use of that money to help with the Tax revenue during shutdowns due to the Covid 19 virus.

The Mayor passed out a flyer for a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser by the Woman's Club in which they need help with this, if you would like to help with their fundraiser please contact them.

The Mayor also passed out the breakdown of the temporary 1% tax, there is \$600,000.00 that is earmarked for specific funds, there is a Capital Improvement funds to purchase City equipment, \$200,000.00 allocated for resurfacing street repair and the same amount allocated for Capital improvements, \$100,000.00 allocated for infrastructure, legislation for the allocation of these funds will be introduced to Council at the next meeting for a three reading so that it can be turned in to the board of elections by August, between the first read and the August due date discussions can be made between Council and the Mayor, Director of Finance and also the State Auditor representative. The Mayor would like to see more money moved over for the street resurfacing fund.

The Mayor also spoke about having a management agreement between the City and Geary YMCA regarding Foundation Park, a conversation took place about making one the fields opened to Soccer activity.

The Mayor also had a conversation with Police Chief Loreno regarding the New Business Resolution and wanted to make sure that it was understood that this was not for antipolice related but yet for the horrendous act in Minneapolis regarding George Floyd.

Councilmember Logsdon questioned if the dog run would still be at Foundation Park and the Mayor answered yes. Councilperson Shaver asked about the Geary YMCA having their own insurance and the Mayor answered yes, they are required to have their own liability insurance out at Foundation Park. Councilperson Schuld commented that he thought the activity agreement with Geary YMCA was a good thing and thinks it would help them out since their shut down due to the Covid 19 virus. Council discussed this during the Council meeting.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Deb Hellman stated that the legislation regarding the CHIP grant was to acknowledged their change of procedures and rules, also mentioned that Paul Starkey had spoken online, and he thanked the Police for the way the protest downtown was handled. Deb Hellman also stated that throughout this Covid 19 shut down the Zoning department was still up and running with a lot of permits filed and approved, she acknowledged that due to the short staff and operating under emails due the City building being closed that they did miss a few permit applications they are working the best they can under the circumstances, however it was public ally announced the rules regarding pools, and fences around the pools, also grass in the streets is still in issue, and would still like the publics help in regards to reporting these dangerous issues with grass clippings in the streets. Trash at the end of driveways was addressed as well for example furniture being set out at the end of resident's driveways, Councilperson Dillon also added yard parking as well. The City has a kiosk for citizens to be able to pick up permit applications. Councilperson Shaver asked about permits and Deb had said the percentage of these permit applications have risen during the shut down epidemic. Councilperson Schuld commented on how great the City looks during the Covid 19 epidemic and the residents have really made their properties look good.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser no report, however requested that Council pass the (2) two pieces

of legislation under new business be passed as an emergency.

- \_\_\_\_\_ -Personnel matters, specifically:
- \_\_\_\_\_ -to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official
- \_\_\_\_\_ -to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Purchase or sale of property
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Pending or imminent court action
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Collective bargaining matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Matters required to be kept confidential
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Security matters
- \_\_\_\_\_ -Confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**  
Holly Cassady, absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**  
None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution No.: 2020 - **26**: Adopting the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Policies and Procedures Manual, and authorizing submission by Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. Councilperson Shaver abstained his vote. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No.: 2020- **27**: A Resolution reiterating the City of Fostoria's commitment to maintaining an environment of equality and prohibiting discrimination based upon race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental disabilities. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was adopted.

