

## PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

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The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with De Anna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips and Jerry Tarolli; Lisa Sarty was excused

Ms. Phillips motioned; seconded by Mr. Freedman to approve the August 23rd, 2016, regular meeting minutes and the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Port Clinton City Council Special Meeting. With all those in favor the motion was carried.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

### GUEST PRESENTATION

#### *Steve Hall – Burning Snowman Committee*

Mr. Hall stated that the Burning Snowman has outgrown the Lagoon Saloon. This year it will be located at Dock's Beach House this year on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He stated that they are closely watching the status of the bridge and once it gets closer we will be watching the weather also. Depending on both of those they have alternate transportation ideas from downtown to Docks Beach House. Stated that they looked into doing it at Waterworks and it posed a lot of problems. Examples were power and structures to keep people warm if it was cold out.

#### *Mr. Dick Heller – TNT Mentor Coordinator for Port Clinton City Schools*

The TNT mentor program is designed to identify children within the school system that would benefit from having an adult mentor in their life. The program is for students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and includes Oak Harbor, Danbury, Woodmore, Oak Harbor and Put In Bay school systems. At Port Clinton we have had 52 mentors over the last two years. He stated that they add a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade class every year. They have a list of mentors currently but are looking for new mentors to help fill the need. They ask for a one year commitment from the mentors but the goal is to have that mentor be in the students' life longer than pass the sixth grade. Mentors currently consist of administrators, school counselors, teachers and community members. He stated that the program is expanding every day. He stated that students are asking to be part of the program. Mr. Heller stated that they are funded through grants that are renewed every year. He stated that they are in need of financial assistance also. He stated they are currently looking into a couple different fundraisers to raise funds. He stated that the mentors can meet with the students at any time that is convenient for the student and then mentor. They can meet before school, after school or on weekend. Mr. Heller stated that he is currently looking for mentors for the Port Clinton area. He stated that if your employment is in another city and you are willing to mentor he could look into those request.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### *Larry Holman*

He stated that on August 8<sup>th</sup> of this year medical marijuana is now legal in the State of Ohio. As a concerned citizen he is asking the President of Council to draft a resolution prohibiting the growth and sales of this product in the City of Port Clinton. Mrs. Kuzma stated that she met with Mr. Wilber this morning and she is waiting on an email from Mr. Wilber. Once she receives the email from him, information will be forwarded on to the appropriate committee to look into.

#### *Jasmin Cupp*

She came to congratulate the City of Port Clinton in person on their nominations for Best Beach and Best Park. She stated that the awards banquet is on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at The CIC.

#### *Roger Smith*

He asked council if the Portage Room that is in the downtown area is up to date on their permits and all city ordinances up to date. He asked if the sign that they have now is approved along with the flower pots they have arrange. Mrs. Gillman stated that he would need to ask the architect review board in regards to the sign. Mr. Johnson

stated at this current time all the issues that were mentioned is being reviewed between him and Mr. Wilber.

*Gary Phillabaum*

He stated that he has been reading the paper a lot lately and it seems that the council people are acting like little kids that are bullies against the current mayor. We didn't have all of this with the previous mayors. Mrs. Kuzma thanked Mr. Phillabaum for his time and stated that we are going to keep tonight's meeting on a positive note.

*Lee Horn*

He stated that he has talked to Chief Johnson and Mr. Colston about houses that are in his neighborhood that have been abandoned for years. Mr. Wheeler stated that those addresses were all turned over to the county and they are in the process of taking care of them. Chief Johnson stated that they have turned over several addresses within the last 45 days. Mr. Horn then asked what are we doing about the cars that parked on the side streets that have flat tires or sitting there for long periods of time. He then stated nothing. Mr. Horn then stated that he has taken it upon himself to get area kids to pick up the trash that is in the field behind his house because no one will cut it. He stated in the past his wife was able to get ahold of people in Bay Township to cut it. Mayor Wheeler stated that he has no jurisdiction there. He stated that is in contact with Art Castillo, who is a Bay Township Trustee, in regards to getting it mowed. Mr. Horn stated Huron Court was torn out a couple years back and nothing has been done to it. He stated that the citizens can't even drive on it. Mr. Colston asked if it has pot holes again and that was confirmed by Mr. Horn. He stated if they are not going to do anything at least fill the pot holes with stone or something. Mr. Horn stated that he spoke with Mayor Wheeler at the park and gave him his phone number to come out and look at the situation at his house. Mr. Horn asked when Mayor Wheeler did not show up. Mayor Wheeler stated that he intended to show up. Mr. Horn stated that he didn't call to state that he wasn't going to show up and was not honest with him. Mr. Horn then stated that he had one last thing for his council representative, Mrs. Gillman. He stated that no one in the neighborhood even knows who you are. Mr. Horn stated that he has asked numerous times for her to come out to the neighborhood. Mrs. Gillman stated that she would like to know where he is sending the messages because she doesn't think she is getting them. Mrs. Kuzma then thanked Mr. Horn and Mr. Horn left.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hatfield was not present. Mrs. Kuzma stated that everyone should have received the month end reports for August 2016.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Hansen stated that the bed tax amount is now up to \$123,201.88. She stated if you know anyone who rents a room or renting out their house or condo, to please contact her or have them come to City Hall to get the appropriate forms.

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

Not present

**SAFETY SERVICE  
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Colston reported that the railroad is doing some work on Madison and Third on the overpass. The sidewalk will be closed for approximately two weeks. Starting on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the traffic on the draw bridge is to one lane traffic. Mr. Colston stated that the working on completing the sidewalk work on Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Colston gave some information in regards to what will be going on downtown. He stated that they are sending out letters to downtown business owners and they will go out by the end of the week. He stated that around September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 they will begin doing some surveying. He stated the intersection will probably will be closed down around October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 for about 7 days to begin the work. Citizens will not be able to drive through that intersection during that time. After that the construction company is going to be working south every half block. Once they get the entire south half done they will go back and blacktop it and then begin the work on the north half. In November they will begin the work at the intersection on Perry. Mr. Colston is working with the company to hopefully do this work at night. Ms. Phillips asked if a copy of the letter that is sent to the businesses can be sent to City Council also.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Auditor month end reports for August 2016.  
Laws, Rules and Ordinances Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2016  
Emergency Services Special Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2016  
Mr. Below moved; seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the correspondence as stated. With all those in favor, the correspondence was accepted.

**THIRD READINGS**  
**ORDINANCE 22-16**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 557.01, 557.02, 557.19 AND 557.99 OF CHAPTER 557 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Mr. Tarolli made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gillman to adopt Ordinance 22-16. Discussion – Ms. Phillips stated that they have raised the cost of cutting down a tree that is owned by the city. Mr. Tarolli also stated that no one can plant a tree in city property without proper permission from the city. Results of voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Phillips, yes; Hickman, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 22-16 was adopted.

**SECOND READINGS**  
**RESOLUTION 16-6**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

**FIRST READINGS**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mrs. Gillman – She stated that it is busy fundraising season. She stated on September 17, 2016, Joyful Connections is having a fundraiser called “Family Frenzy” with doors opening at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. On September 25, 2016, there is a fundraiser at Mon Ami called the Great Grape Stomp. This will benefit the United Way in Ottawa and Erie County.

Mr. Below – Stated that the Burning Snowman is a great event. The September Planning and Development meeting is still postpone and will be announced at a later date. The Finance Committee Meeting will rescheduled for September due to the Best of the Best banquet for next Tuesday.

Mr. Tarolli - The Emergency Services meeting for September will be rescheduled at a later date due to the Best of the Best banquet scheduled for next Tuesday.

Ms. Phillips made an announcement as follows: “We members of Port Clinton City Council do support Mayor Hugh Wheeler. Unfortunately, an out-of-the-area newspaper, on without any local ties to the community, persists in creating a discord where there isn’t any. In almost every article by this non-local newspaper, the author or authors will put a new spin on what is being reported. When we council members are asked for information, our responses are twisted or abbreviated so we are hesitant to answer. I reiterate; we councilmen do support Mayor Wheeler. We are her to run the City with him, not against him. We ask the people of Port Clinton to unite with us, that is, the Mayor and City Council members, in elevating Port Clinton to its greatest potential. We can pull together or we can pull apart.”

September 13, 2016

Mrs. Hickman – Thanked Mr. Heller and the Burning Snowman Committee for coming tonight to speak.

Mr. Freedman had nothing to report.

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With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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April Pipoly  
Clerk of Council

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De Anna Kuzma  
President of Council