Nelsonville City Council met in regular session Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7PM. President Dunfee called the meeting to order. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Booth offered the opening prayer. ROLL CALL: All Council members were present.
Mr. Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMENTS
Chef Alfonso spoke to Council about his new business venture. It is an authentic Italian bakery and kitchen, located where the Sunflower Bakers was. He hopes to be open in about two and a half weeks featuring artisan baked good and breads, soup, sandwiches, salads and sweets. He has also met with Bernie Roell at Adventure Pro about a new deli in that space and is working to get the set up. Chef Alfonso is also partnering with the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway doing fine dining. The first train will be for Valentine's Day and three trains have already sold out. been sole out already. The cost will be $75 - $79 per person. Patrons can BYOB or purchase wine on the train. He also hopes to incorporate a show with the dinner in the future. He is happy and honored to be part of this community.
Ms. Jones asked about the train's capacity. Chef said it should increase to 112 per car and extra seating with additional cars. Eventually he plans to do catering and provide box lunches, beer trains, Mexican food, etc. for a cost of $30-$35 per person.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
Ms. Jones announced a Planning and Development Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23 at 7 PM.
Mr. Dunfee announced a Recreation Committee meeting for the same evening at 8 PM to discuss the pool and field usage.
Mr. Taylor announced at Judiciary Committee meeting for Thursday, February 25 at 5 PM to discuss a code of conduct.
Mr. Smith reported on the Utility Committee meeting to discuss the trash contract. He said Council need to act quickly to pass legislation to go into effect by April 1. Legislation for franchises cannot be adopted on emergency; it must have two readings. He hopes Council will make a decision tonight.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE
Mr. Frank gave the code enforcement update in the absence of the code officer. Of the 106 letters sent out only 14 people have responded to the vacant property permits. Last year 1,041 rental permits were sent out, and so far this year 770 have responded; we are about 770 short. If landlords are having problems, please contact Ms. Barber. She will be happy to work with them to resolve any problems before the deadline, which he believes is February 1.
There have been seven citations into Mayor's Court; three appeared. There have been 13 warnings issued and four contempt of Court.

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 02-21. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE THE FOLLOWING: THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($3,000.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND #100 TO LINE ITEM #100-100-10010 (SALARIES AND WAGES; FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND #100 TO LINE ITEM #100-100-10032 (RETIREMENT MATCH); TWO HUNDRD TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($225.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE BAIRD FOUNDATION TO LINE ITEM # 850-850-41000 (CITY BEAUFIFICATION PROJECTS); TWELVE THOUSAND

DOLLARS ($12,000.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE MAYOR'S COURT COMPUTER FUND #910 TO LINE ITEM # 910-900-60010 (EQUIPMENT RENTS AND LEASES) AND THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS ($3,700.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND #100 TO LINE ITEM #100-100-10065 (OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS).

Ms. Jones made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 02-21 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE 03-21. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTIONG A DONATION OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FROM THE BAIRD FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT REPAIRS AND REIMBURSING ROCKY BOOTS TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($225.00) FOR MAKING REPAIRS TO THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.
Mr. Dunfee made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Taylor made the motion to adopt. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 03-32 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE 04-21. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER REGULATIONS.
Ms. Jones made the motion to adopt. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 04-21 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE 06-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NELSONVILLE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NELSONVILLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.
Mr. Booth made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 06-21 adopted on second reading.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
Mr. Frank and the Fire Chief recommended the move of volunteer firefighter Garrett Patton from the volunteer roll to part time firefighter. Chief Barber said he is sill with the staffing level for the department as two volunteer firefighters have moved own to volunteer status. Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the move based on the recommendation of Chief Barber and the City Manager. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Motion passed.
Firefighters Michael Reddecker and Christopher Jacoby have asked to be moved from part time firefighters to volunteer firefighter status. Mr. Frank thanked both men for their outstanding support all they have done.
Mr. Frank discussed fire hydrants as part of his 2021 plan. Fourteen hydrants are not working, although as Chief Barber explained that does not mean they ae inoperable. Six of the 14 hydrants will re replaced but that is the end of the hydrants in the City's inventory. The remainder will either be repaired or replaced during the water project this summer. Part of the grant funds that will be applied for is to purchase additional hydrants for the City's inventory. Mr. Frank said the summer

water project will be huge and it will affect everyone in town. He wants everyone to be prepared for what is coming. Water meters will be replaced, and streets will be torn up.
Mr. Frank met with Michael Betts today and discussed ideas for the possible Covid money from the state. This is for municipalities from 1,000 to 75,000 residents. There is $2.5 million at stake but must be tired to adult learning. They also discussed putting another line down Woodlane Drive to alleviate some of the supply issues to Buchtel. Half of the main down the City side of Mason City Hill to Hocking College will be replaced.
Sewer bids are going out very soon. He got the prints today and anyone interested can stop in and see them.
The work on the Church Street slip will begin April 1 and replacement of the Woodlane bridge should start around the same time frame.
Mr. Frank thanked the Utility crew for their work in plowing the streets, and crews have removed a dozen tree stumps so far.
Mr. Dunfee said he traveled a lot last week and our roads looked better than any of the towns he was in. Mr. Taylor asked when we will take possession of the asphalt box. Mr. Frank said next Monday. They are also looking at an asphalt spreader for the Bobcat and some other equipment to help with spreading asphalt and patching.
Mr. Frank also talked about ideas to fix the City's alleys. There is no plan at this time.

TRASH CONTRACT DISCUSSION
Mr. Smith pointed that all three haulers are offering up to 7 cans for the base price. All the prices were discussed in detail. He said he does not think we can do anything but take the lowest bid, which was Athens Hocking Recycling. Their price was the lowest and they are offering recycling for free. In addition, their totter price was the lowest. He wished Mr. Hunter was in attendance so he could answer that question.
Ms. Jones asked if business/commercial customers must use the hauler we choose, and the answer is yes. She said she has gotten a lot of feedback from customers that do not want to switch. Rumke's service is good, they are responsive, and their customer service is good. In the past the City has gone with the lowest bidder and it turned into a huge headache. Mr. Smith said everyone is required to use the hauler that gets but contract, but the City is obligated to keep the prices as low as possible. He feels the price difference is significant. Mr. Sherman shared that Athens has not had a problem with Athens Hocking Recycling. It was also pointed out that Rumpke had some problems when their got the contract. Mr. Frank went over the survey to which only 122 people responded. Rumpke had about 95% when all categories were totaled. Mr. Taylor pointed out that in the past Mr. Hunter said the lowest bid did not have to be accepted but there had to be justification as to why not. Mr. Sherman said the recycling dumpsters at City Hall would be removed. Mr. Smith said Athens Hocking Recycling is offering free recycling for people to be able to try it. If we are not willing to accept the lowest bid, why go through the process. The representative from Athens Hocking Recycling answered questions about their truck and procedures to resolve problems.
Mr. Smith made a motion to accept Athens Hocking Recycling as the City's choice for the trash hauling franchise. Ms. Grant seconded the motion. There was discussion of the benefits of the City billing the customer vs. the hauler billing the customer. ROLL CALL: Mr. Smith, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Grant voted yes. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dunfee, Mr. Booth and Ms. Jones voted no. Motion failed. Mr. Dunfee asked Mr. Frank contact Mr. Hunter tomorrow for clarification about accepting a bid other than the lowest bidder.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Jones gave a special shout out to the Athens City/County Health Department. Last Friday they held a Covid vaccine clinic and vaccinated 1200 teachers and support staff. It went very smoothly.
Mr. Smith reminded everyone that at the last meeting he made a request for public records. These requests are to be prompt and he has received nothing in the past two weeks. He is not going to wait much longer for the information. If he files a suit the cost will be great and paid for by the City.
Mr. Taylor appreciated City workers and he appreciates everything Mr. Frank has done to get us where we are today. The City as a whole is firing on all cylinders, and he hopes we can keep that momentum going. He looks to spring and getting these projects going.
Mr. Sherman served Mr. Smith with a summons to attend an administrative heaing with City Council on February 19. He also thanked the City works for the great job they do.
Mr. Dunfee reminded people when they see flashing light on City vehicles to slow down and move over. There are people working and we need to keep them safe.
Ms. Grant congratulated the new businesses in town and asked that everyone support them whenever they can. She also asked to keep the bickering at our Council meeting to a minimum.
Mr. Booth said it was gratifying to see new business and old businesses expanding in the City. We are coming out of the darkness.

MS. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All council members voted yea.

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