Nelsonville City Council met in regular session Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7PM. President Dunfee called the meeting to order. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sherman offered the opening prayer. Mr. Dunfee asked for a moment of silence for the young boy killed this past weekend. ROLL CALL: All Council members were present.
Mr. Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
Ms. Grant reported that the Finance Committee met February 26. The meeting is available on the City Facebook page.
Mr. Sherman announced a Utility Committee meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 7pm. Water bills and landlords names will be discussed.
Ms. Jones reported on a Planning and Development Committee meeting where trash, alley pick up, and exceptions were discussed. She announced another meeting to be held Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM where camping and campgrounds will be discussed.
Mr. Taylor reported on a Judiciary Committee meeting where a Council Code of Conduct was discussed. A final version will be brought forth for Council approval. There will be another Judiciary Committee meeting Thursday, March 11 at 6 PM to discuss the code of conduct.
Recreation Committee - Mr. Dunfee said a proposal has been received from Hocking Collage to possibly use Crabtree Field. They proposed upgrades they would like to make such as making a press box, fencing, new turf in the infield and cleaning up the dugouts. Hocking College is not taking over the field and planned events in the City will still take place. He thinks it is a really great thing, and he is waiting to receive a plan and the Recreation Committee will discuss it. Anyone with questions or concerns to contact the City.

Mr. Dunfee made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinances 11-21 and 15-21. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

FIRST READING
Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 11-21.
ORDINANCE 11-21. AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SANITATION FUND, #730 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Mr. Sherman made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Sherman made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 11-21 adopted on second reading.

Mr. Sherman introduced Ordinance 12-21.
ORDINANCE 12-21. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A LABOR CONTRACT WITH SERVICE WORKERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Ms. Jones 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. Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 12-32 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 13-21.
ORDINANCE 13-21. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE THE FOLLOWING: THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($35,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND #100 TO LINE ITEM #100-100-10065 (OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS); SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($7,000.00) FROM RECREATION FUND #300 TO LINE ITEM #300-800-33020 (POOL REPAIRS).
There was no discussion.
Mr. Booth introduced Ordinance 14-21.
ORDINANCE 14-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL REAL ESTATE, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NOT NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AT BID OR AUCTION.
There was no discussion.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 15-21.
ORDINANCE 15-21. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A LABOR CONTRACT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Ms. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Sherman made the motion to adopt. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 15-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Dunfee said the City Manager has been working without a contract and he made a motion to extend the City Manager’s contract to May 10 in order to be able to have a proper evaluation. Council discussed the process to be used. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council voted yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to appoint the Athens County Prosecutor or his designee to represent the City of Nelsonville in the Greg Smith matter pursuant to Nelsonville City Charter Section 11.08 (F). Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda in order to discuss a notice from the Board of Liquor Control in regard to a request from First Choice Cabin Rentals for a liquor license. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

The City has received a notice from the Board of Liquor Control regarding an application from First Choice Cabin Rentals DBA Adventure Pro for a liquor license. Mr. Taylor made a motion to respond that the City does not desire a hearing. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
Mr. Frank reported that a preconstruction meeting on the Woodlane Drive bridge project will be next week. Church Street construction should begin April 1.
Mr. Frank thanked the Utility Department for cleaning up the bank at Crabtree Field.
There was a major waterline break at Jefferson and Fayette Streets with significant undermining of the subbase below the concrete. That is why the street is still closed. The quote to inject foam to stabilize the street is $6500. The quote for red stamped

concrete in order to restore the area was is $18,000. Further up from the break a valve broke and the only quote he has received is $14,000, but he is still looking. Ms. Grant asked if there is a guarantee that the foam will work. Mr. Frank said he would ask. The timeline on the repair will depend on daytime temperatures. There was some discussion of obtaining a boring machine for the future to alleviate the need to dig up the streets.

Mr. Frank reported on some grants he is working on.

- AARP grant, which caters to seniors. Mr. Frank wants to repair some sidewalks between Nelsonville Homes and Nelsonville Commons on Fayette Street to make them ADA compliant with sidewalk signage for safety. This will provide a safety area for seniors.
- Small Cities grant for ODOT for 2024 with a 5% match. The streets that qualify are route 258, route 78, Canal Street, Burr Oak Blvd, and route 691.
- Water EPA grant similar to the one we got this year. It will provide a 10" line down Canal Street to Hocking College to improve pressure and water volume down 691 and behind Hocking College. It will also include from the old TB hospital down Woodlane Drive to support Buchtel. It also includes the waterline under the Hocking River. Mr. Frank is still looking for a better solution, but the project should begin next spring.
- USDA grant to be used to purchase a skid stear for the Utility Department and a track hoe for the department and a utility tractor and another trailer.

Mr. Frank thanked the Utility Department for their work on the waterline repairs, and stump grinding. They have been doing very well.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Booth is happy to see signs of spring. Baseball and softball signups will be held March 16, and he hopes to see a lot of children playing ball this spring. The City has put a lot of money into our parks, and he hopes everyone enjoys them.

Ms. Jones encouraged everyone to make an appointment and get the Covid vaccine. There is a lot more available now, and the age has dropped to 50.

Mr. Taylor thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and first responders for their assistance this past weekend in the death of an 11 year old boy. He appreciates all they did, and because this event was so traumatic, he hopes they all support each other.

Mr. Sherman echoed Mr. Taylor’s comments. He also reported on some upcoming events in the City. There will be a Chili Cookoff on the Public Square April 17. Anyone interested in participating can contact him or John Flowers. There will also be another Vintage Camper event on the Public Square on June 5. Volunteers for both events are appreciated. Money from these events will go to the City and they will be setting up a fund to help the youth of the community.

Mr. Dunfee also echoed Mr. Taylor’s Comments. As the father of young children, he can’t imagine what the family is going through. It makes you realize what is important. He also thanked the Utility Department for their work on the waterline break.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to go into Executive Session under O.R.C. 121.22 (g) for personnel and legal matters and pending litigation. Mr. Hunter, the City Manager and the Auditor were invited to attend. Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

Ms. Jones made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Grant seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Ms. Jones made a motion to appoint Mr. Taylor temporary Clerk for the remainder of the meeting Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Sherman made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All council members voted yea.

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