Nelsonville City Council met in regular session Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7PM. President Dunfee called the meeting to order. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Taylor offered the opening prayer. ROLL CALL: All Council members were present. City Manager, Mr. Scott Frank and City Attorney, Mr. Bob Toy were also present.

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
Mr. Booth said there would be a Street Committee meeting called later this week, Mr. Dunfee said he would also call a Recreation Committee at the same time.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES
Police Department
Chief Fitch updated everyone on the arrangements for the funeral of Officer Dawley. He also discussed retiring Officer Dawley's unit number 308. His family liked the idea. Mr. Dunfee made a motion to decommission Officer Dawley's unit number #308. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed. He thanked the City for their support. Everyone has been great. Mr. Frank and department heads for their assistance.
Chief Fitch said Officer Tracey was doing well and cleared for light duty. As of now no surgery is required to remove bone fragments. One officer has been hired provisionally. Chief has reworked the schedule in order to keep overtime to a minimum.

Fire Department
Chief Barber reported the department received the Rocky Community Improvement Fund grant which will be used for medical supplies for the Fire Department. Still waiting for information about the FEMA grant for equipment for the fire trucks.
Since his last report there has been a decrease in structure fires, but there has been a rash of intentionally set fires in the City. They are still investigating them. There has also been an increase in overdose and EMS calls
Recently there was a meeting with Hocking College in an effort to map their trails on the property. This will make it easier to locate people on the trails.
The Hocking River continues to attract visitors and the department is involved in open water dive classes, which is the first step to recovery and rescue diving.
They are advertising for Firefighter testing as there are some part-time positions open.

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 54-21. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTIONG DONATIONS FROM THE NELSONVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND, THE ROCKY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND, THE BAIRD BROTHERS COMPANY FOUNDATION, AND CHILI COOKOFF ATTENDEES AND ORGANIZERS FOR DONATIONS TO POOL ACTIVITIES AND POOL REPAIRS.
Mr. Sherman made the motion to adopt. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 54-21 adopted on second reading.

ORDINANCE 55-21. AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE INCOME TAX SPLIT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sherman made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 55-21 adopted on second reading.

FIRST READING
Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 57-21.
ORDINANCE 57-21. AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT STAFFING ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO HIRE A SECOND OPERATOR OF RECORD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Mr. Smith made a motion to add emergency language to the header. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Taylor made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Smith made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 57-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Grant introduced Ordinance 58-21.
ORDINANCE 58-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATEIN THE OHIO WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Mr. Booth made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion.
Ms. Jones made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 58-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 59-21.
ORDINANCE 59-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.
Mr. Taylor made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion.
Mr. Taylor made the motion to adopt. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 59-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 60-21.
ORDINANCE 60-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO ACCEPT MULTIPLE POLICE CRUISERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Ms. Jones made a motion to amend Ordinance 60-21 to include emergency language in the header and to add "without bid" to paragraph #1. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
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. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

Mr. Dunfee thanked Brooklyn Heights for their donation of a cruiser to the City. Mr. Frank said we will also receive a vehicle from the State Highway Patrol and another from a City near Dayton.
Ordinance 60-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Grant introduced Ordinance 61-21.
ORDINANCE 61-21.
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3)
POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH TWO
ARE TO BE PAID OUT OF ARPA MONEY AND ONE IS TO BE PAID OUT
OF 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNDS.
Discussion: Mr. Frank explained the cost of the cruisers is $40,000 each and it will cost $15,000 each to equip them. Computers are $3500 each and we can cover that amount.
Ms. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ms. Jones made the motion to adopt. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Frank has spoken with the Governor’s office and there may be another distribution of funds that could potentially be a refund of the funds spent.
Ordinance 61-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Grant introduced Ordinance 62-21.
ORDINANCE 62-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING PROMOTION OF
ONE OFFICER TO SERGEANT AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF
A CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL OFFICER.
Discussion: Mr. Frank wanted to make sure everyone understood there were two actions in this ordinance.
Mr. Smith made a motion to add the word "provisional" to paragraph #1. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. Mr. Smith also suggested that we have a staffing ordinance at the next meeting. There was also a short discussion of a promotional exam, and it was said that the Chief will do all testing before hiring anyone.
Mr. Taylor 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. Booth seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 62-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 63-21.
ORDINANCE 63-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO
SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND CONSISTENT WITH
THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT
AND TO SIGN THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION FORM;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 63-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 64-21.
ORDINANCE 64-21. AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT STAFFING ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO HIRE A SECOND OPERATOR OF RECORD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.
Discussion; After a discussion of how much to pay the new Officer of Record Mr. Smith made a motion to pay him the same pay as the retiring Officer of Record is making. Ms. Jones made that motion. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Booth made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Mr. Taylor made the motion to adopt. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 64-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Booth introduced Ordinance 65-21.
ORDINANCE 65-21. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND #925 THE FOLLOWING: THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($297,000.00) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE TO AMERICAN RECUE PLAN FUND #925 (OPERATING COSTS).
Discussion: Mr. Sappington said this is the first distribution from the American Rescue Plan Act.
Mr. Taylor 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 further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ordinance 65-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

Ms. Jones introduced Ordinance 66-21.
ORDINANCE 66-21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER SCOTT FRANK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH REAL WORLD CLEANING SERVICES TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN, AND SANITIZE CITY HALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Discussion: Ms. Grant asked who cleaned City Hall prior to this. Mr. Frank said really no one. If there was an intern or someone doing community service, they would do some of it, and sometimes City Workers cleaned. Real World Cleaning Services offered a price of $650 for cleaning once a week and $800 to clean twice a week. Council felt at this time twice a week would be the way to go.
Mr. Booth made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.
Ms. Jones made the motion to adopt. Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea except Ms. Grant, who voted no.
Ordinance 66-21 adopted on first reading under suspension of the rules.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
With the death of Officer Scott Dawley last week and the shooting of Officer Tracey, Mr. Frank said the climate in the City and City Hall is dreary. The team is coping and are resilient and he believes everything will be okay. He appreciates all the support from the community and within our City government. City Hall will be closed Wednesday so that all can attend Officer Dawley’s funeral service.
Mr. Frank updated Council on the Doanville sewer project. He said there has been a misunderstanding and the County Commissioners had not given Nelsonville the

sewer rights and there as yet has been no decision on the part of the Commissioners. Mr. Frank attended the Commissioners meeting last Tuesday and asked for a vote but there was none. We need an answer as the cost of the project including Doanville is $4.5 million and if Doanville is not included the cost will go down to $1.1 million. Mr. Smith made a motion to follow Mr. Frank's course of action. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea. Motion passed. Ms. Grant said residents of Doanville have a lot of questions and are trying to get the answers. Mr. Frank said this in no way involves the annexation of Doanville into Nelsonville, which has been a concern.

The Utility Department has been cleaning up areas for the upcoming Parade of the Hills. They will also be doing asphalt tomorrow on the parade route.

The Utility Department had to delay to street sealing project on Columbus and Fayette Streets. One the equipment is fixed it will resume. After Parade of the Hills those streets will be sealed with a very thick sealer with aggregate in it that will add 5-7 years to the life of the asphalt. They will also do portions of the aprons on Canal St. and the Public Square.

The paving on Mill Street has been delayed. There will now be a new waterline down Kontner and Short Street and then the paving will be completed. There will also be a new waterline installed on St John St. and Mr. Frank hopes to be able to pave that street. There will be construction in the Myers and Monroe Street areas. They will be torn up this year for water and then sewer next year.

An entry lever operator, Zach Fuller, has been hired at the sewer plant.

Mr. Smith asked who was inspecting Mill Street because he has had complaints that open holes have been left overnight. Mr. Frank said DLZ was responsible, and he will follow up.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ms. Grant said with Parade of the Hills coming up she encouraged people to volunteer their time if possible. The organization is in need of help.

Mr. Booth thanked the Nelsonville Elks Lodge 547 for their school supply drive to benefit Nelsonville-York and Trimble schools. With everything that has been going on he's happy we have people willing to put themselves on the line, and everyone should be aware of that.

Ms. Jones offered condolences to the Dawley family. She also recognized Mr. Frank as a strong leader. He stepped up and dealt with everything effectively. She also talked about Clair Abraham who has stepped up and organized an event at The Hive on August 27. She has been collecting hygiene products and free haircuts for those in need before going back to school.

Mr. Smith wished Phil Smith, the retiring supervisor at the sewer plant, a happy retirement. Mr. Smith is a longtime City employee and he wished him luck in his future endeavors. He also offered a prayer that no City employee gets hurt again.

Mr. Taylor said he has seen people putting their grass clippings in the street and he asked them not to continue to do so. Not only does this facilitate grass growing on our brick streets, it is also dangerous for bike riders who can slip on them and get hurt. He thanked City employees and Mr. Frank for their assistance in this very sad time. With Parade of the Hills coming up asked everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Sherman echoed Mr. Taylor's comments about Parade of the Hills. Its good to see people getting out again. He also thanked the City workers.

Mr. Dunfee offered the Dawley family his condolences. He said the loss in the community brings out what is really important. Its nice to see the City come together.

Ms. Grant made a motion to go into Executive Session under O.R.C. 121.22 (g) for personnel and legal matters. Mr. Toy and Mr. Frank were invited to attend, and Mr. Sappington will be invited in at the appropriate time. Mr. Booth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

Ms. Jones made a motion to return to regular session Mr. Dunfee seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All Council members voted yea.

Mr. Dunfee made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Grant seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All council members voted yea.

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