

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Present: Mayor David Velegol, City Manager Jack McIntosh and  
City Clerk Dave Kurcina  
Council: Tammy Johnson, Charles McCoy, Nick Cekinovich,  
Alexis Russell, Wendy DeAngelis and John Casinelli

Also: Public Works Director Steve Meca and Police Chief Larry Rea

Absent: City Attorney Mike Gaudio

Place: Council Chamber

Time: 6:00 p.m.

### **Moment of Silence**

The Mayor and Council observed a Moment of Silence for former Councilman At Large, Mr. Dom Micucci, who recently passed away.

### **Christmas in The Park**

The Mayor stated that the event was a success and he would like to Thank the Committee for their hard work and especially Thank the Nelson Family and Steubenville Mayor Jerry Barilla for bringing the Nutcrackers to the Event.

### **Public Request**

**Ashley Williams** – She is the Brooke-Hancock Victim Outreach Advocate for the Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Center. She stated that her area covers 5 Hospitals, 4 College Campuses and the Local Communities. They offer 24-hour Advocacy Services 7 days a week with a staff of 7 Full Time Advocates and, 15 volunteers and 1 contractual Therapist. They serve 5 counties in West Virginia and also serve Pennsylvania and Ohio. They offer services for individuals older in life who are coping with childhood victimizations and provide prevention services in the schools and offer self defense classes. Their Services are free of charge because of Grants and local donations. Recently one of their Grants (Victim of Crimes Act Grant) has been reduced and over the next few years, additional decreases can be expected. Currently there are not enough monies to cover 3 months of Services. She is asking if the City can allocate \$20,000.00 to help with the deficiently. The Mayor will ask the City Attorney if the City is permitted to allocated \$20,000.00 toward the Center.

### **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by Charles McCoy/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Casinelli to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Committee As A Whole Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous**

### **Police Department Report**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to approve the Police Department Report. Motion Carried Unanimous**

There was a Police Report that was handed out by Deputy Chief Danny Casto in the past that was in a different format. Alexis would like to see this report distributed to Council once again. Larry stated that the Report will be published on a quarterly basis moving forward.

### **Fire Department Report**

**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alexis Russell to approve the Fire Department Report. Motion Carried Unanimous**

### **Financial Data**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to approve the Financial Data. Motion Carried Unanimous**

### **Bills of Account**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to approve the Bills of Account. Motion Carried Unanimous**

### **UDAG Bills**

**There were no UDAG Bills.**

### **New Business**

- a. **Fire Incident Reports** – Larry stated that the Fire Reports have been submitted and the Fire Department will be receiving their money for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. The State wants the Reports filed on a monthly basis. There was a lengthy discussion about the amount of money that the Department has not received due to the failure to file the proper State reports and the procedures on the Filing process.
- b. **Streaming and Recording of Council Meetings** – Nick is recommending to just record the meetings and to not live stream them. The meetings would then be posted on the website for public viewing. John stated that until a proper framework is in place, he doesn't feel Council should approve the concept. Nick will check with other municipalities on their procedures and report back to Council.

- c. Building Enforcement Update** – John reported that the City recently tore down a house on Banfield Avenue. The house at 908 Virginia Avenue is next to be torn down. In addition, he said that more money may have to be added to the Budget in the Spring of 2022.
- d. Handicap Parking -**  
**Motion by Alexis Russell/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to approve a Handicap Parking Spot at 641 Allegheny Street contingent on the review of the Police Department verifying the need of the Applicant. Motion Carried Unanimous**
- e. Building Permit** – Scott Ewusiak wants to build storage unit on Brother’s Drive off of Archer Hill Road.  
**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy DeAngelis to approve a Building Permit for Scott Ewusiak. Motion Carried Unanimous**
- f. Purchase of Denny Property –**  
**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Casinelli to go into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. on a Contractual Issue. Motion Carried Unanimous**  
**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Casinelli to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimous**
- Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate up to \$55,000.00 for the purchase of the Denny property on Allegheny Street. Motion Carried Unanimous**

## Ordinance

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to dispense of the Reading of an Ordinance regulating vehicle traffic on Mark Avenue at it’s intersection with Orchard Street. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy DeAngelis to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance regulating vehicle traffic on Mark Avenue at it’s intersection with Orchard Street. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to dispense of the Reading of an Ordinance regulating parking on Gilbert Avenue at it’s intersection with Chapman Street. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by John Casinelli/2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy DeAngelis to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance regulating parking on Gilbert Avenue at it’s intersection with Chapman Street. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by John Casinelli/2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cekinovich to dispense of the Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Traffic Code of the City of Follansbee, West Virginia pertaining to vehicles prohibited to Stop, Stand, And / Or Park on City Streets and Alleys. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**Motion by Nick Cekinovich/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy DeAngelis to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Traffic Code of the City of Follansbee, West Virginia pertaining to vehicles prohibited to Stop, Stand, And / Or Park on City Streets and Alleys. Motion Carried Unanimous**

**City Manager Comments**

Sophia Rosso's Senior Project will take place on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at the City Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles McCoy to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Carried**

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**David P. Kurcina, City Clerk**