

CITY OF CLAIRTON
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard L. Lattanzi and he asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Richard Ford – Present
Councilwoman Denise Johnson-Clemmons – Present via phone
Councilman Tony Kurta - Present
Councilwoman Lee Lasich – Present
Mayor Richard L. Lattanzi – Present

Also present – Deron Gabriel, Solicitor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a legal matter.
2. Motion by Deputy Mayor Ford, seconded by Mayor Lattanzi to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2017, December 22nd, 2017 and January 2nd, 2018 meetings of City Council. **All in favor – 5-0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Leonard Robinson – spoke about the Robin Gaydos-Behanna situation. City deserves the best and she should treat people with respect.

Tina Frankert – spoke about the Robin Gaydos-Behanna situation. Robin lacks people skills and she should enforce laws as written and she has had many violations from State inspections. Presented several copies of State inspections.

Toni Vojtash – spoke about the Robin Gaydos-Behanna situation. Talked about the situation she had personally about a dog they had gotten and how the dog had passed while at the kennel and Robin's way of telling the family was not right.

Angela Brownfield – Has volunteered at the kennel and thinks Robin is a good person, who just has a hard time sharing her feelings.

James Sheehan – spoke about the Robin Gaydos-Behanna situation and as follow-up on the comments made by Toni Vojtash.

Kyra Frankert – Had tried several time to get in touch with Robin Gaydos-Behanna about some abandoned cats and never heard back. Has volunteered at the kennel and the areas was dirty, stunk and had nats flying around. She also was bullied by a fellow student about her mother's dealings with Robin Gaydos-Behanna.

Tracy Stone – has a service dog which she took to the kennel for some grooming and was told cash only and Robin would not give her a receipt.

Kristen Liberato – thinks Robin does a good job. She had called 911 once about a dog on Route 837 and Robin was dispatched and came immediately. Also, every time she has been to the kennel, the animals have been well taken care of.

Michelle Niedermeyer – spoke about how she volunteers at the Gaydos-Behanna kennel and brings her dog and her dog has never gotten sick from being there. Also spoke about the Parvo virus and how there is a ten incubation period and it is transferred through feces and urine.

Pam Amicarella - President of the 501-C3 non-profit “Who-Rescued-Who” Humane Society, which operates out of the Gaydos-Behanna kennel. Robin has done a good job, which is tough when you are a “no-kill” kennel. You may a large number of animals at any one time and it is tough keeping up with feeding, caring and cleaning up after so many animals.

Sue Vigliotti – Said Robin Gaydos-Behanna is not a nice person and she has seen her coax a dog out of a yard and then take it to her kennel.

Kaitlyn Michael – Kennel is not as bad a people make it out to be. Robin does not have the greatest people skills, but her job is tough. Because she is a “no-kill” center it can get very overwhelming at times with the number of animals that may be there. Other kennels will put an animal down after 48 hours. Robin has saved and found homes for a great number of animals.


NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford to approve Pay Application # 2 in the amount of \$130,515.40 payable to A. Liberoni, Inc. for work completed on the 2017 Milling and Resurfacing Contract No. 2017-02, with payment from the Capital Project Fund. **All in favor – 5-0**
2. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford to approve the purchase of one (1) new 2018 Ford F-150 Supercrew XL Pick-up truck for the Police Department from Day Ford, Inc. through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance at a total cost of \$ 38,339.00. **All in favor – 5-0**
3. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Councilman Kurta to appoint Richard Beam to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Term to run through December 31st, 2021. **All in favor – 5-0**
4. Motion by Deputy Mayor Ford, seconded by Councilman Kurta to appoint Desiree Williams to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Term to run through December 31st, 2021. **All in favor – 5-0**
5. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded by Mayor Lattanzi to appoint Maria Campano to a four year term on the Planning Commission. Term to run through December 31st, 2021. **All in favor – 5-0**
6. Motion by Deputy Mayor Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to appoint Nicholas Nickolich to a five year term on the Clairton Municipal Authority Board. Term to run through January 2nd, 2023. **All in favor – 5-0**
7. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Councilman Kurta to appoint Dorcas E. Smith to a three year term on the Personnel Board. Term to run through December 31st, 2020. **All in favor – 5-0**
8. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford to approve and ratify expenditures for General Fund Warrant Nos. 12012017, 12082017, 12152017, 1222017 and 12292017. **All in favor – 5-0**


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Deputy Mayor Ford, seconded by Mayor Lattanzi to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor – 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Howard J. Bednar
City Manager / Finance Director



Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor

