

CITY OF CLAIRTON
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Richard Ford – Present
Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons – Present
Deputy Mayor 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 Councilman Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2020 Legislative meeting and October 31st Special Legislative Meeting of City Council. **All in favor – 5-0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Judy Anderson – sale of the sewage lines for the \$400,000. Was council allocated a certain amount of that to spend in their wards?

Jim Cerqua – the \$50 flat fee. Where did it come from? There are a lot of Level 5 sewer repairs needed and the City paid for salaries out of money allocated for sewers.

Kathy Tachoir – question how the \$50 flat fee would be reduced and requested information on the meetings that the City Solicitor was not invited to attend.

Gary Matta – the City Solicitor, Deron was not precluded from being at any meetings.

Jackie Wade – questions about the flat fee situation and how we got to that point.

Emmanuel Lewis – can't the \$400,000 that the City gets each year from the CMA be cut back?

Joe Delfanso – there could be a \$13 per month reduction in the flat fee if the City would give the \$407,000 back to the Authority.

Sue Vigliotti – questioned the City website and wants to know if the City thinks the CMA is lying to them about the operations of the plant.

Jeff Potts – the format for the meeting was deplorable.

Douglas OzVath – there could have been a reduction in the interest rate from 8.9% to 2.0% in refinancing bonds except for the lawsuit against the CMA, where the City was one of the plaintiffs.

Unknown – unable to understand – being charged one cent (1¢) per minute to listen to the Council meeting

Perry Ohm – reduction in the \$50 flat fee

Diane Trick – possibility of moving future meetings to the school.

Bill Snizik – conference call audio is not that good. Would like someone to call him.

NEW BUSINESS:


1. Motion by Councilman Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich approving Ordinance No. 1957, requiring the Clairton Municipal Authority to convey the sewer system and all property and assets of the Authority to the City under provisions of Section 5619 and Section 5622 of the Municipal Authorities Act; establishing a conveyance date by which the Authority shall convey by the appropriate instrument the sewer system and all property and assets; authorizing and directing the assumption of all of the Authority's financial obligations and non-financial obligations; notifying the Authority and all other parties to immediately cease and desist from all actions or activities that could decrease the value of the sewer system or otherwise interfere with or delay conveyance of the sewer system to the City; authorizing incidental action to be taken as specified officers of the City; and repealing inconsistent ordinances and resolutions.
All in favor – 5-0

2. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to appoint RBC Capital Markets, LLC as Sell-Side Advisor in relation to evaluating the City of Clairton’s options with regard to the Clairton Municipal Authority. **All in favor – 5-0**
3. Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kurta appointing Matthew Lasich to fill the open unexpired term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Term to run through December 31st, 2022. **All in favor – 5-0**
4. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilman Ford to nominate Russell Behary to the Planning Commission. **All in favor - 5-0**
5. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilman Ford to nominate Sherry Dadey to the Zoning Hearing Board. **All in favor – 5-0**
6. Motion by Deputy Mayor Kurta, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to nominate Melissa Davis to the vacant unexpired term on the Personnel Board. **All in favor – 5-0**
7. Motion by Mayor Lattanzi, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich to approve and ratify expenditures for General Fund Warrant Nos. 10022020 for \$37,942.12, 10092020 for \$26,083.76, 10162020 for \$430,971.87, 10232020 for \$8,097.51 and 10302020 for \$11,949.10. **All in favor – 5-0**
(Deputy Mayor abstained from voting on any Comcast bills)

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilman Ford to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor – 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Howard J. Bednar
City Manager / Finance Director



Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor

