



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Caucus Meeting April 6, 2021

After the pledge and invocation by Amy Hurst, Mayor Stinson called the Caucus Meeting to order.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Craig Owen	Present	Sebastian Ernst	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Present

Also Present: Attorney Rachel Wilhite

Mayor Stinson recognized Steve Groh, a property owner at 306 Second Street, who wished to address an issue next door to his property. He submitted photos to Mayor Stinson of the trash piled in the yard, noting a tree had fallen on the roof to which no repairs had been made. He had seen people coming and going in the property. He was present to ask what the City could do in order to get it cleaned up. He was upset at how the trash devalued his property. A lengthy discussion was held on this issue. Luke Price explained to Mr. Groh there was currently a committee working on our nuisance ordinance to make it more effective in going after properties such as he was explaining. Chief Clem explained the process with citations and the some of the concerns with the County Attorney. Mr. Groh was invited to attend the next meeting of the Nuisance Committee and was told her would be notified of a date and time.

Mayor Stinson then began departmental reports:

Gary Lea: Working to trim trees, had installed the first set of LED lights from the bridge South on 27 as part of the approved "loop". He said the installation took about 30 minutes per light and did not have any issues. He was going to order 100 more lights along with electric meters and water meters to begin a replacement project.

Andy Richie: Reported both contractors had been on site at the water tower and at the sewer plant. Work seemed to be going smoothly and progress being made. Discussion about the rate to Pendleton Water District, Mayor to contact Wayne.


John Lucas: Submitted his fire report and reviewed the work that needed to be done on truck 2631 (the tanker). This work would probably deplete the repair and maintenance budget

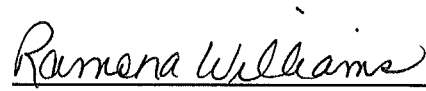
amount. It was asked by Joyce Carson if the fire department could hose out and clean the Griffin Center in preparation for the concert to be held June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon Clem: Submitted his report to Council and reviewed the log for nuisances response. He then let Mark Branham have the floor to explain a contest with the Southern Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There would be a writing contest and asked for Council to read and judge. They would select the top 5-10 and award prizes. He was asking to be able to do this at a Council Member with certificates. Mr. Branham then asked for donations from Council to help pay for prizes. Council all agreed they would donate as individuals. It was then briefly discussed the increase in number of fraudulent unemployment claims that were being submitted and reported to the Police Department. Chief Clem said everyone need to be diligent and report the fraud to the Division of Unemployment.

Ramona Williams: Reported that she is working with the website people to get all of the items that had been approve for surplus on the website. She will be gone the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> to the Clerk's Spring Conference in Bowling Green.

Other items discussed:

  
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Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
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Attest: City Clerk