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Regular Council Meeting
February 27, 2020

Presiding Officer, Council President Jan Tulley, Mayor Pro Tempore called the February 27 regular meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Present: Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J. Ventura; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

Absent: Mayor Nick Molnar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION by City Chaplin Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American Legion #801

MINUTES Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Garvas seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of January 23 & February 13, 2020 and special meetings of February 12 & 15, 2020.

RECOGNITIONS

Nordonia Knights 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team

~On behalf of Mayor Molnar, Council President Tulley congratulated the Nordonia Knight's 7th Grade Boys Basketball team on the championship title they won this year. To the 8th Grade team, Ms. Tulley congratulated them for finishing the regular season on a winning note.

The 7th grade team comprised of Max Braschwitz, Jordan Byrd, Carlton Jr. Caffey, Caden Cook, Aidan Fernandez, Zachary Fernandez, Brody Gopalakrishna, Jerry Gordon, Daniel Ours, Pierre Parks, Cody Powers, Tyler Reville, Justin Smigel, Erick Sopata Jr. Jacob Springer and Trevor Turnbaull is coached by Ryan Frank and assistant coach Chris Richard with the assistance of team manager Zach Smigel.

The 8th grade team comprised of Gianni Covelli, Michael Ebert, Kyan Freyhauf, Vince Hack, Joshua Henderson, Blake Johnson, Jacob Mandich, Connell Rafferty, Armann Singh, Braedin Ucker, Justin Jones, Logan Purcell, Tyler Richard and Joshua Ware is coached by Kyle Deininger and assistant coach Chris Richard with the assistance of team manager Caleb Rayle.

School leadership was recognized for creating BAM, the acronym for Becoming a Man, a program to help and encourage young men in becoming strong, caring and respectful adult men. BAM through their HOOPIN 4 TOTS program raised over \$1000 for three needy families this last holiday season.

Macedonia Firefighter Association & of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 108

Councilmember Vini J. Ventura, a member of the Executive Board of the North Summit Lions Club presented Chief Ripley on behalf of the Macedonia Firefighter Association and Chief Golden on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 108 a certificate of appreciation for helping provide holiday meals for needy families during this last holiday season. Councilor Ventura explained the Lions Club, whose motto is, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion", held an impromptu fund raiser after learning seventy plus families would not be enjoying a holiday meal. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 108 led by Officer Chris Neal and the Macedonia Firefighters Association at the bequest of Chief Brian Ripley stepped up to the call. The monetary contribution from each organization paid for the cost of two-thirds of the food for the meals for these families. Joyce Hunt from The Emergency Assistance Center donated canned goods to complete the mission of the Lions. Councilor Ventura added Lions Club members during distributing

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the holiday meals felt pure heartfelt joy from the many expressions of gratitude and thanks they received from the families who received meals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

~~~ **Mary Kidd, Executive Director of Community Focus** explained that Community Focus, formerly Cable 9 is a community resource who has had a long history of broad social media presence in the seven communities it covers; Aurora, Macedonia, Northfield Center, Reminderville, Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Sagamore Hills. Coverage by Community Focus includes the municipalities, the schools and other community related events. All coverage by Community Focus can be viewed on Spectrum cable channel 1021. More information about streaming options can be found on mycommunityfocus.org or by visiting the Community Focus app at mycommunityfocus.app Ms. Kidd stated.

Councilor Ventura asked Ms. Kidd the schedule relative to the airing of council meetings to which Ms. Kidd answered those airings are not under the purview of Community Focus. Each community Ms. Kidd explained has its own cable station on Spectrum now and it is the responsibility of each community to advertise the time of the airings of its meetings. [Subsequent this meeting Ms. Kidd informed Council by email that Macedonia's info channel is Spectrum 1023. Currently the schedule of airing of council meetings is not publicized on the city's website. Daily airings of Macedonia City Council meetings are at 10AM and 6PM. School board meetings are at 1PM and 9PM.]

~~~**Margaret Scott, Chief Magistrate Summit County Domestic Relation Court** asked Macedonia voters to at the primary on March 17, 2020 for the position of judge. The domestic relation court Magistrate Scott explained not only handles divorces and dissolutions but domestic violence civil protection orders, custody issues, establishing paternity, disestablishing paternity and more recently because of the opioid epidemic a huge influx legal custody cases.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

RES. NO. 18-2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE "RIGHT-IN RIGHT-OUT" ACCESS DRIVE INTO AND OUT OF THE CROSSING AT THE GOLDEN LINK SHOPPING CENTER was **offered** by Mr. Finley for its **first reading by title only**. A second not required.

RES. NO. 19- 2020

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF RICHARD IOFREDDA TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BOARD AND ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was **offered** by Mr. Ventura and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Brandt carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt RES. NO. 19-2020** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 19-2020 declared adopted**

ADDITION TO AGENDA

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Council President Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **waive the 48-Rule and add to the agenda RES. NO. 20-2020: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING AMANDA TRZASKA TO THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL AND FIXING HER COMPENSTATION FOR THAT POSITION.**

Ms. Tulley **offered RES. NO. 20-2020** and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings.** Second by Mr. Ventura carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt RES. NO. 20-2020 and post according to law. RES. NO. 20-2020 declared adopted.**

Relative to RES. NO. 20-2020, Council President Tulley welcomed Ms. Trzaska who upon Ms. Arceci's retirement on March 31 will become the clerk of council.

Ms. Trzaska who was present thanked Council for the appointment, adding, she is looking forward to the opportunity.

OTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION None

CORRESPONDENCE None

MAYOR'S REPORT None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Commission Ms. Brandt reported the P&RC continues to discuss implementing its own rules and regulation particularly in regards to setting guidelines pertaining to meeting attendance and once completed the new rules and regs will be presented to Council for approval. Ms. Brandt mentioned the P&RC has proposed using a portion of its budget for planting new trees at Longwood Park near the Home Days field, for refurbishing the basketball courts at Sugarbush Park as well as adding a permanent lavatory structure at Sugarbush. Discussion also included additional upgrades to the baseball fields like netting. The next meeting of the P&RC is March 18th at 6PM.

Finance Committee of the Whole Ms. Tulley announced there is a finance meeting Tuesday, March 10 at 6PM. Discussion will include but not limited to the 2020 budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange commended service department crews regarding their response to last evening's snow event.

Building Commissioner Commissioner Monoco was not present.

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti reported that Specialized Construction was awarded the Quality Paving Award by Flexible Pavements of Ohio specifically for Macedonia's Valley View Road project that encompassed improving the length of Valley View between Highland and Twinsburg Roads.

Recreation Department Ms. Manley announced the all-day Open House held at the Rec Center on Sunday, February 23 in recognition of the 20th Year Anniversary of the Macedonia Recreation Center was

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well received and very successful. Over \$3,000 in membership sales was realized that day as well as the addition of a countless number of monthly passes and free five-day trials. A positive outcome of the Open House Ms. Manley added is many past members, hearing about the renovations and upgrades have rejoined the Rec Center. More of this type exposure will be on the calendar going forward Ms. Manley said because of the positivity it generates and the marketing potential.

Councilors Brandt, Tulley and Ventura commended Director Manley on the success of the Open House.

Finance Department Director Veres reminded residents that the 2019 City Income Tax Refund Request Form is on the City's website and requesting a refund is due no later than July 15, 2020, unless the taxpayer has filed an extension relative to their RITA taxes.

Councilor Brandt asked Mr. Veres the turnaround time relative to expecting the refund to which Mr. Veres explained that once RITA verifies that the taxpayer has in fact paid their city tax than the release time is about a week.

Fire Department Chief Ripley reminded residents that Daylight Savings Time is March 8th so when changing their clocks they should also be changing the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Ripley welcomed Ms. Trzaska as council clerk.

Police Department Chief Golden had not report.

Law Department Mr. Guidetti reported the appraisal of the Our Lady of Guadalupe property is nearly complete. Upon completion the appraisal will be forwarded to the Cleveland Diocese for their approval. Thereafter legislation will be prepared approving the purchase of the property for the retention basin.

Unfinished business None.

New business Council President Tulley congratulated the Nordonia Knights 7th & 8th Boys Basketball team again and wished the Nordonia Knights Girls Varsity Basketball team well in their completion this week-end.

Regarding another topic, Ms. Tulley asked Law Director Guidetti to explain federal laws regarding placing unmetered or unstamped literature in mailboxes to which Mr. Guidetti answered federal law prohibits placing any literature not having a stamp or having been metered. Reporting of this type of offense must be made to the local post office as the municipality has no jurisdiction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned unanimously on voice vote at 8:10PM