

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:38 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Megyes presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Greer, Griffin, Heitic, and Jaber. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mrs. Coburn gave the Invocation.

President Megyes stated Council Rule 103 states the Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings shall be at 7:30 P.M. Since they are starting earlier than this, they will need to Invoke Council Rule 702. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic to Invoke Council 702 to Suspend Council Rule 103. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec to approve the Finance Department Report for the month of September, 2020 as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

None.

### **MATTERS REFERRED**

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees.

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

None.

**The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council’s office.**

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 118-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 118-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION - UTILITIES DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$24,416.12 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE SEWER FUND TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE SEWER FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 118-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 119-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 119-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION - STORMWATER DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE STORMWATER FUND TO THE STORMWATER CAPITAL BUDGET, AND**

**DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 119-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 120-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 120-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. COBURN. TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT - AMERISEAL & RESTORATION LLC. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERISEAL & RESTORATION LLC FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PH 6, TRICKLING FILTER STRUCTURAL CONCRETE REPAIRS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that **ORDINANCE NO. 120-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 121-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 121-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT - VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,672.96 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW RADIO SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. 121-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 122-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 122-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$178,793.60 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE FEMA FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE FEMA FUND, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW RADIO SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 122-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 123-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 123-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.”

Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 123-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 124-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 124-2020. PRESENTED BY: MR. HEITIC. TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION – PARKS - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT TO FUND STAFF WATERCRAFT TRAINING AND ADVERTISING IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. Mr. Heitic stated with the deadline being in November, he feels the suspension is warranted. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that **ORDINANCE NO. 124-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 125-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 125-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION - FINANCE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$742,378.76 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY COVID-19 PSGP FUND TO THE PERSONNEL SERVICE OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY COVID-19 PSGP FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 125-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Judge stated the following Saturday he will continue with his open office hours at the Active Adult Center from 9am – 11am. He said he will adhere to social distancing and social mandates will be enforced.

Mayor Judge announced the Cancer Cures the Runner 5K will be held on the October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Wolf Creek Trailhead off of Snyder Avenue. He said it has been going on for a number of years and it is a great fundraiser for Relay for Life. He stated the organizers have been working with Summit County Health Department and all mandates will be enforced.

Mayor Judge said they have an important property levy on the ballot this year and any questions by the public can be sent to [Yesissue9@gmail.com](mailto:Yesissue9@gmail.com). He said this will generate about \$1 million if passed from the voters annually to the general fund. He stated there are a lot of communities that are on the ballot this November, as revenues are down and ours is for 3 mil, 3 years only. He said talking to residents, business owners, property owners and the press, they think it is important to note we are all committed to the 3-year time frame. He said once it expires, it expires and 3 mils, 3-years in comparison to other communities is a very short amount of time and also a small millage. He said it is important also to know how to read the property tax bill - look at the taxable value of your property, He stated they can run a calculation on this to determine what a 3mil increase would mean for the property. He said more information is getting out.

Mayor Judge said they had a resident send out an outline for housing and rental units that he had put together. He stated they have been working with him for a while on this going back to late last year and early this year and then when COVID hit, it put a lot of things to the side for a just little bit. He said he is working with the city's new BCO internally who has experience putting rental registrations programs together. He stated the city already has a program established and one of his first tasks is to review that and make recommendations. He said he will have recommendations prior to the end of the year. He said if you have any questions about the proposal or the current program, to reach out to him

Mayor Judge announced the COVID numbers continue to rise here in Summit County and throughout the State of Ohio. He said Summit County is at Level 2, which is orange and there are over 170,000 cases in the State of Ohio with the death count over 5,000. He said Summit County has about 5,900 reported cases and over 260 deaths. He asked to please continue to follow all mandates and regulations. He said there is a lot of information floating out there and we are many months into this and it is difficult to get use to the new norm and live strictly by the mandates. He said they are doing a good job here in Barberton and the County and the numbers are up mostly across the country. He said they keep stats on everything and keep in contact with Summit County, Summit County Health Department, Summit County EMA, State of Ohio, briefings from the Whitehouse and everyone in between. He said if you have any questions, something you hear or something you see on social media, before you pass it along make sure it is accurate information.

Mrs. Frey asked the Mayor to confirm the email address for the tax levy.

Mrs. Debevec asked the Mayor if he had any idea of what may have prompted the initiation of a new testing site at the CVS in Barberton – if they should warn residents. He said he isn't sure exactly why but CVS across the board has been used as a testing site throughout the county and they may have just been on the list. He stated test kits and testing capacity has always been questioned and been in need. He said Access Point in Barberton and Rite Aid on South Main

Street have also been doing testing. He stated the addition of CVS only helps. She said she totally agrees.

Mr. Heitic stated he wanted to piggyback the Mayor and add that there are multitude of levies in the county, actually 22 of them on the ballot and of that 22 there are 2, 3-year ones and they are anywhere from 3, 5, 7 and permanent. He stated out of the 22 levies, only the City of Barberton and another jurisdiction is asking for a 3-year levy.

President Megyes asked Mayor Judge the date and time of the Relay for Life Race. Mayor Judge stated it is on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to enter into Executive Session for Security Matters – Pending Litigation. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

Returned to Legislative Session at 7:17 P.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 7:18 P.M.

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Craig Megyes  
President of Council

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Renee Fox  
Clerk of Council