

City of Olmsted Falls
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Conducted as a Virtual Meeting through Webex

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council President Paul Stibich called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Councilmen Lori Jones, (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Cornel Munteanu, Jay McFadden, Yvonne Buchholz, and Brian Chitester were present. Jennifer Jansen was excused

Also, in attendance: James Graven, Mayor, Andrew D. Bemer, Law Director, Nick Vitalone, Finance Director, Joe Borczuch, Service Director, Odis Rogers, Police Chief, and Matt Sheehan, Fire Chief. Audience: 6.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chitester moved to **approve** the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting of August 25, 2020; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Chitester moved to **approve** the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2020; Mr. Munteanu **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Consideration of Amendment to the Agenda - None

Mayor's Report and Appointments

Mayor Graven stated that there have been questions raised regarding some of the ditches on River Road. He would also like to thank Mr. Tomasch for attending tonight's meeting. He stated that he received an email from Ms. Croce yesterday asking questions about the ditches. This morning he and Service Director Borczuch went to River Road to speak with Ms. Croce but unfortunately, she was not home. He was however able to get ahold of her by phone later in the day and spoke with her briefly. Early this afternoon he sent out an email from City Engineer, Don Sheehy, to all of City Council and the River Road residents that were listed on the email chain, giving them the facts and trying to clarify some issues. He would briefly like to go over part of that email. The email states "Mayor I know there have been a number of questions in relation to the re-establishment of the road side ditches, particularly on River Road. As you may know most of River Road has no formal underground storm sewer system and prior to the sanitary sewer and water main project drainage was handled by a bit of a mix of some small driveway culverts. Some homes have no drive culverts, some shallow ditches, and some significant areas where water travelled along the edge of the pavement or across the street to a neighboring tree lawn. In order to properly manage the storm water, the re-establishment of the road side ditches were incorporated into the plans of the Phase V Sanitary Sewer Project as this construction would have impact and remove much of the old mixed systems on the road. A new enclosed storm sewer system was not part of this plan because it would have been cost prohibitive to charge the River Road residents for this work and also, obviously it could not be fairly be paid for by the rest of the assessment area in the whole Phase V Project." He stated that Mr. Sheehy wanted to bring these facts out and you can refer to email. He would like to add that he also spoke with Council President Stibich this afternoon about this situation and we both feel that in future we could try to get

some grants from the sewer district to maybe install some storm sewers there that way in the future they would be able to maybe bury the pipe and cover the ditches. The engineer is asking for everyone to please be patient as we are towards the end of this project and said once the project is completed then we can tweak it and maybe address some of the individual concerns and may be able to improve some things. Obviously, we all know that ditches are not the most beautiful thing in the world but the engineer said because there are no storm sewers there that is why we need the ditches. He looks forward to hearing Mr. Tomasch's comments. He wants to reiterate to everyone, anytime you have a question you can call him, the engineer, or Service Director Borczuch and we will come out to speak to you or speak on the phone.

He would like to invite all of City Council and the public to our 9-11 Memorial unveiling ceremony which will be held on October 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at our fire station. The Cleveland Fire Department Honor Guard, will be present, a fly by will be done by Lifeflight, there will be speakers, bagpipers, and the artist who designed the memorial. This will be a very special day and he hopes that everyone can attend. As many of you know, City Council was first informed about the memorial about 11 months ago. On October 22, 2019 Council Munteanu reported, and this is a direct quote from the Council minutes "Mike from Rust, Inc. has picked up the piece from the Twin Towers and he will begin creating the 9-11 monument Firefighter Melton is working on fundraising." He would like to thank the Councilman for first informing Council last fall that we were working on the memorial. When he first took office in 2018 the piece from Ground Zero was sitting in a wood box in the hallway of City Hall, the firefighters asked if the piece from Ground Zero could be moved to the fire house and he replied to them yes, of course, this is your relic it doesn't belong to him or City Hall it is for the firefighters. Later Jeff Melton, Council Munteanu, and myself started working on the monument and he wants to emphasis that this is the first responder's monument. We also allowed the firefighters, the first responders, to decide where the memorial should be placed and they stated that it should be placed at the main entrance of the fire station. Again, he hopes everyone can attend the ceremony on October 9th because this will be an awesome dedication to all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9-11-2001.

Next, we received an email from Jeremie at Unbroken Fitness informing us that he wanted to move out of the old service garage at the end of the month which we are allowing. He was on a 30-day notice and will be leaving a little early. They will be moving off of Lewis Road in Berea so they will still be close to Olmsted Falls. On behalf of the City he would like to wish Jeremie and everyone at Unbroken Fitness good luck in their future endeavors.

Regarding the sale of the old service garage, an appraisal will be done on Friday, paid for by the buyer and we should have more information in two weeks.

The COVID-19 CARES Act money sent to our city so far totals approximately \$198,000. These funds will be used by the city to help pay for the extraordinary measures and necessary expenditures incurred by the city in response to this public health emergency which was created by the COVID-19 crisis. As you know, this has been both a health and financial crisis the city has undertaken and implemented a large number of extraordinary measures from multiple departments to combat and deal with the crisis. The funds will be spent mainly on fire and police salaries as they have been on the front lines dealing with this crisis.

He stated that Ward II Councilman Munteanu received a question from one of the residents in Phase V asking if we could look into lowering the tie in permit fee for the Phase V residents. Councilman Munteanu, himself and Service Director Borczuch thought that was a good idea and at the next

meeting we will present legislation allowing the tie in permit fee for Phase V residents only, to be lowered from \$750 to \$350. We all believe that this would be a fair way to handle this for everyone. Mr. Stibich stated that these tie in fees are mostly designed to recover the cost of the city going out and inspecting to make sure that the work is done properly and with everyone in Phase V doing this at the same time there are some efficiencies that could be done so the city doesn't need to charge the full price that we would normally charge and he thinks it's a good idea as people will be tying in very shortly.

Communications from Residents

Seth Tomasch, 7519 River Road, stated that he would like to start his quick presentation this evening by reading the Preamble of the City Charter which reads "guided by principles of reason, justice, and humanity and in order that we may exercise our duties as citizens to the fullest extent and secure for ourselves all benefits and responsibilities of self-government available to us under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, we the people of the municipality of Olmsted Falls, the County of Cuyahoga and the State of Ohio do hereby adopt this Charter to the government of our municipality." He stated that he will come back to those guided by principles of reason, justice and humanity in a second. He originally had submitted his request earlier this afternoon to address Council prior to Mayor Graven forwarding Mr. Sheehy's email which defended the rationale for the re-engineering of the River Road ditches. He is just a dumb business guy, he manages a mid-sized chemical business, he doesn't have an engineering degree, he just knows how to do dollars and cents kind of stuff. Without background, he has no reason to refute engineer Sheehy's dissertation on ditch improvements and the necessity on River Road so he has to accept his reasoning as written this afternoon. However, what he took away from this email was the following: "Dear citizens of River Road while you may not like the change you need to suck it up and accept it. There have been no complaints reported over the years from River Road citizens regarding drainage, road conditions, or emergency vehicle access, we your elected officials are fixing a problem that we believe is more important than what you want for the street that you live on." He stated that this is not good governance and does not reflect the spirit of the City Charter. If indeed these changes are so critical then good governance would have realized the magnitude of the change and proactively communicated this to the residents. Engineer Sheehy assumes that we do not want to bear the cost of a storm sewer assessment and he thinks we would have liked to understand that option and been given that choice. You are fundamentally altering the character of the street and did not think it worth advance communication. He stated that Mayor Graven and select members of Council have meet the residents several times over the past three months and this issue has been highlighted each time, yet, there has not been an attempt to find a middle ground; he thinks that this reflects an absence of the aforementioned reason, justice and humanity that our City Charter asks for. The indifference of the city and its unwillingness to accommodate our legitimate concerns and requests, which are the foundation of any honorable elected body, reflect the level of arrogance and disregard that should not be accepted by any citizen or voter. He stated that Engineer Sheehy made a comment and a reference to some of the complaints on our street, specifically around the sanitary sewer, personally he cannot wait to connect to the sanitary sewer as he is impatient. He has landscapers and project folks lined up and is desperate to get this thing done and hopes to be the first person to tie into this project as he cannot wait to be rid of his septic tank; he is a cheerleader for this project. But he is very disappointed to have these deep ditches crammed down his throat without discussion or consent. He would ask that this administration reconsider their opinion. He stated that Mayor Graven asked at the beginning of this meeting if we could meet afterwards, he would say great. This is a fundamental failure of

governance to jam this down without acknowledging it. To be honest he found Engineer Sheehy's comments this afternoon offensive, it clearly says "hey you guys your dumb, your not an engineer take these things and just get over with it, its just a ditch, move on" and that is the way he took it and after brief conversations with his neighbor's that's how they took it; that's not what we are looking for out of our elected officials. Thank you for your time this evening and he appreciates your willingness to listen.

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Chitester moved to **approve** Pay Ordinance 2020-13; Munteanu **seconded**. Mr. Stibich indicated that there is a check going to the JEDD in the amount of \$1,000. He stated that from time to time the city has to expend some funds to help fund the JEDD's expenses. We have not expended funds in several years as the JEDD's expenses are low, the Township is also expending \$1,000, so there is an equal contribution from both sides. He stated that it is the estimate of the JEDD treasurer that these funds should last a few years. Ms. Jones stated that there is a payment to Trident in the amount of \$7,868.70 and asked if this means it's not going to be \$25,000. She thought we had a \$25,000 deductible. Mr. Stibich stated that he does not see this payment on the Pay Ordinance. Ms. Jones replied in the bills of July 14th and July 28th; she believes on July 14th. Mr. Stibich replied that we are approving the bills for September and the July ones were approved months ago. Ms. Jones indicated that this is what she received in the mail today. Clerk Mancini indicated that Ms. Jones should have an envelope that states "for the Council meeting of 09/22/2020." Ms. Jones replied that she guesses it was an old one; and again, asked if this mean that is all we have to pay in the deductible; we are not going to have to pay \$25,000. She thought our insurance has a \$25,000 deductible. Mr. Stibich suggested that the finance director find out what the payment was for and get back to her. Ms. Jones stated that she thought the deductible \$25,000 and is not complaining and is happy if that is all it is. Mr. Stibich replied he is unsure what the payment is for. Mr. Vitalone indicated that he would look into it. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Officials Reports:

Odin Rogers, Police Chief – No Report

Matt Sheehan, Fire Chief

Chief Sheehan asked if there were any questions regarding the placement of the memorial or the wording. If everyone has his memo in front of them the 4th paragraph states "in further discussion with our department it was decided that the following language would be contained on the plaque" he made a typo, and this goes to New York Port Authority, it should have added "or something similar." Our plaque will be almost word for word the way it is in the memo with the addition of "or something similar." He wanted to be upfront before anyone sees the plaque. The plaque is still in the working stage so on the day of the unveiling there will be a banner present that has the proper wording on it.

He stated to Jeff Melton and Cornel Munteanu that they did a really nice job getting this going. He stated that Mr. Borczuch and his crew did an outstanding job; it is a really honorable monument to represent Olmsted Falls and memorialize 9/11. Thank you very much.

With that being said, and not to bring up things from the past, but a lot went on last week and what happened, happened, but something happened on the 18th which was nearly a week after some of the emails that floated around. This particular incident probably angered me more than anything and he

would like to read something; if he is out of order Mr. Stibich, please tell him. Something that came from the Olmsted Falls/Olmsted Township Facebook Community Page, he is not on Facebook but things that are said get sent to me. This was sent by a gentleman and he does not know if he is a resident of the Falls or Township. It states: "I'm a little late I know but I wanted to reach out and thank Olmsted Township Fire Department for the 9/11 remembrance, well done Township Trustees, Chief Kelly, Chief Vanyos, Firefighters, police department and local unions, I will add I would have hoped Olmsted Falls would have planned something on their own with the Township. The fire house on Columbia Road was open and dedicated on the 9/11 anniversary, multiple members volunteered their time at Ground Zero two days after that tragic day just typing out loud, thank you again." Now there were 61 likes, loves or other comments that were put on there. What irritated him was that it was an opportunity for someone to straighten out the whole situation of what went on that day, you know as well as he does what went on with the emails, what went on that day, but why an opportunity was not taken is beyond him. When there is an attack on Chief Rogers or himself, because they singled out the Chief's of the other departments, that we did nothing is absolutely wrong. We discussed what we were going to do on 9/11 earlier that week, and believes it was as early as Monday, regarding what we were going to do on 9/11. You know that Officer James Skernivitz was killed in the line of duty with the Cleveland Police Department and his son is a Cleveland Police Officer. We had decided that Mayor Graven and Chief Rogers were going to be going downtown and he was parked in the procession with an Olmsted Falls Fire Department vehicle for that slain police officer, but nothing was mentioned about what was really done, so all people saw on Facebook was what was perceived. We did not even know until Tuesday of that week of when we would be dedicating our memorial. He is just asking Council, if there is an opportunity to right a wrong whether you have another agenda or something that you want to do that's fine, but right the wrong when you have the opportunity. It comes down to doing the right thing, like or dislike anybody that is involved. In turn, with what was written it has affected the morale of his fire department and that really angers him. With that being said, people do not know too much about his past, but he will mention two names, Tom Casoria, Kenny Watson, two New York firefighters that were killed in 9/11. He played ball against these two gentlemen for years in national tournaments in Detroit and Baltimore, yes, they could be considered co-workers or a brotherhood, you do not know what his feelings are. He is an open book, ask him and he will tell you anything you want to know but he will not spout out about it. Along these lines, there are a lot of things that go on that he has seen in the city with little rumor monsters that go on and he is going to ask point blank right now, does anyone from Council have an issue with him or the way he gives officials reports. Council replied no. Chief Sheehan replied okay, is there anyone on Council, right now, that wants to replace him with the former Chief. Council replied no. Chief Sheehan stated that these are the rumors that are going around that he just let's slide; but now that people are going to start talking about one another and everything he is bring it to the forefront. Yes, he is a nice guy, but you know what, he has been poked a little too much lately. If you have an issue with him please bring it up to him, if you want to come to the fire house and you want to visit the firefighters you are more than welcome to but be courteous enough to let him know, he is not going to tell anyone no. If you have questions about contract hours, discuss it with him, he will tell you, because you don't have to go behind his back or around about way, he is an open book. He apologized if he came off to rude, but this stuff has to stop and if you are going to include his department in it he wants to know about it.

Mr. Stibich thanked the Chief and stated that he thinks he can speak on behalf of Council that we have the highest respect for him and the way he runs the department. He knows that he is very pleased with the way the department runs and he is sure that the Mayor is too. These rumors that go around, it seems to him that Facebook and other places are just a place for people to vent and spread

rumors, things that aren't true and create ill will. He believes there is a chain of command and the Mayor mentions this all the time. If somebody wanted to do something special for our safety services, police, fire, EMS, on any day he thinks that out of respect they should run it through the Chief and it should be approved by the administration. If somebody wants to bad mouth us for having our safety officials attend the funeral of a slain police officer rather than having a big ceremony at the fire station on 9/11 he guesses there is nothing we can do to stop that. He is looking forward to the October 9th ceremony as it looks like it is going to be very exciting. He thanked the Chief for everything he does.

Mayor Graven stated that first of all, he wants to let everyone on Council know that he thinks Fire Chief Sheehan is doing an excellent job. As you know, he has a little background in firefighting, 30 years on the job, Chief Sheehan had 33 years on the job, he was on rescue squad his whole career and was busier than he was; he has more expertise than he has; but in his humble opinion as a 30 year firefighter, 3rd generation, he would give Chief Sheehan a A+, as he gives 110% every day. He stated that he sees what the Chief does, Council gets to hear him every two weeks, which is great, but he gets to see him on a daily basis so he can tell you that he is doing an excellent job. He hopes the citizens and all the Council members realize what a gem of a Chief they have and hopes they really appreciate what we have. We have in firefighting what is the equivalent to the NFL, we should be very appreciative that he is working for us and he continues to give 110% every day. He would like to briefly talk about what happened on September 11th and everyone saw the email. He did not appreciate Councilwoman Jansen insinuating that he didn't care about 9/11; she stated that the city didn't put anything on Facebook; well he does not live on Facebook 8 hours a day, 7 days a week, and does not always think about what we should put on Facebook, so he was deeply offended when she said that he didn't put anything on Facebook. He was deeply offended when she said it was poor planning on his part not to have our unveiling ceremony on 9/11/20. As the chief said there was a lot going on, he and Chief Rogers were attending a slain Cleveland Policeman's funeral. If she wants to ask a question, ask, don't insinuate or try to bad mouth him behind his back, call him. Again, he wants everyone to know that no one cares more about 9/11/2001 more than he does. He was there a few days later with another Toledo firefighter and some Cleveland firefighters, it is a day he will never forget. As he said in the email, he will never forget the smell, it was such a distinct smell you can't even describe, he will never forget the carnage. Again, he is deeply offended that a Council person would insinuate that he does not care about 9/11/2001, he thinks about it every day.

Mr. Stibich stated that he would add that we are all grateful. He believes the city is grateful that we have such qualified people running both our safety forces fire, EMS and Chief Rogers in the police force, thank you both.

Joe Borczuch, Service Director

Mr. Borczuch stated that obviously it was upon the service department to erect the monument and put in the concrete and landscape. We had it tarped off for a reason, to make it a special event. He thought it was quite rude for individuals to unwrap it, take pictures and post them and was something that should not have been done with all the work and effort put into it. It should have been unveiled at a point in time when it was ready to be dedicated. With that being said, the monument and area are ready and it will be an excellent event that the Mayor, Fire Chief and Police Chief are putting on to do this dedication.

He stated that as part of Phase V, tomorrow we will do pump station tests, at both locations, to make sure that they are up and running properly. It will probably be a few weeks before letters go out to

residents. We will be sending letters from the building department including a list of registered contractors so residents can start doing their due diligence of finding contractors to do the work and will go out in the next week. The paving process has started, Cranage has been completely pulverized and injected which will sit for a couple weeks, they have a lane on Clark and then they will move over to River Road, and they will grind the whole length of that road to the hill to Nobottom. That will also sit for a couple weeks to allow it to harden up before they do the grading and final paving. They are looking at 60 days for the paving projects to be done.

The storm sewer project on Metropolitan and Holton is probably 80+% done. They have started to put in all the aprons this week and next week and will begin the restoration for the area. He believes by mid-October or end of October that project will be finalized.

Things are status quo in his department, unfortunately we have to get ready for leaves soon so we are trying to finalize some ditching and crack sealing multiple developments. We are doing as much as we can with the staffing that we have. If anyone has anything else please let him know via email or phone and he will get back to you as soon as he can with information.

Nick Vitalone, Finance Director

Mr. Vitalone stated that our finances through the month of August are looking good. The last couple of months things have remained the same with revenues down about \$230,000 but in turn expenditures are down about \$245,000 so we are maintaining a nice balance. Income tax, our number one revenue source, has now fully recovered and we are up about 3 ½% and the numbers look good going into September. Property tax also looks like it will come in right on target, the settlement should come in around September 30th. We received another \$66,000 in CARES Act funds and for Phase V around the end of the month we will receive around \$2 million dollars in funding. In October we will start the process of the 2021 budget and expect to clean up what we have in 2020. As a note, as far as income taxes go, we are looking good this year but there is still room for issues next year as the funds that come in in 2021 will be based on 2020 revenues and we all know there was a lot of unemployment this year and definitely less and lower wages in 2020 than in 2019, so we may see a down tick in our revenue sources next year.

Mr. Stibich indicated that Ms. Jones was unable to attend the finance meeting and asked if she had any questions for Mr. Vitalone. Ms. Jones stated that the only thing highlighted was the COVID-19 funding and she does not believe that much else changed. Mr. Vitalone replied yes, the supplemental appropriation for the Coronavirus fund is the only thing highlighted. The other numbers were already approved by Council back in March. The only item changing is the addition of Fund 145 Coronavirus Fund for \$198,000. Ms. Jones replied that if we lucky the state will vote and we will get more funding. She believes that they are voting this week, from what she understands. Mr. Vitalone replied that he believes that was estimated around \$318,000 which we discussed earlier.

Councilwoman Yvonne Buchholz, Ward III

Ms. Buchholz indicated that she is working with the administration to gather information for the insurance which renews on November 14th. She is hoping to schedule a meeting after October 15th to allow quotes to come into the finance department. She indicated to Mr. McFadden and Ms. Jones that she will inform them when she sets up a meeting.

Councilman Jay McFadden, Ward I – No Report

Councilman Brian Chitester, Ward IV

Mr. Chitester stated that it is sad that it has come to this but he will go on the record and state that he does not want them either Chief leave and wants them to stay for a long time.

He stated that Mr. Borczuch did a nice job on Sprague Road and the residents were dry after the last big heavy rainstorm. They would have been wet if it wasn't for Mr. Borczuch's work and thanked him and his crew.

He stated that Pulte Homes is working steadily and its looking pretty good. He is excited to see how it comes out. They would like to get a model home ready by the end of this year.

Council Pro-Tempore, Lori Jones

Ms. Jones stated that she knows that the residents on River Road were waiting for Mr. Borczuch to give them a cost for putting a pipe in to go down to the drain and asked if he received those costs. Mr. Borczuch replied no, he has not as he has been working on the road with the crew trying to finish up work and has to shoot grade yet to make sure that it can be enclosed and that will come shortly. We are in that area doing some ditching and has already told his crew that we would shoot grade to see which houses could possibly have an enclosure. Ms. Jones stated that when she was there the ditches, in some parts, are really high like the sidewalk high and hanging out over but there are a lot of areas where the sidewalk is right on the edge of the ditch and other parts where the street is one inch off and then you would be in the ditch. She asked if there was any way he could put something like with gutters some sort of grate over them so you don't fall in but the water still goes down. Mr. Borczuch stated that the area where the hillside is much higher, and he is assuming that she is talking about the first 500 feet of River Road from Water Street, that has always been very high and close to the sidewalk at any point in time anyone could have slipped off. Ms. Jones stated that even further down the street in some places the sidewalk is right on the ditch and in other places the street literally is like straight down. Could you put something like maybe criss-cross things to cover them so people or cars can't fall in it but the water can go through. Mr. Borczuch replied not across the whole ditch and he would have to do that for every ditch in the city as there are open ditches throughout the whole city. Ms. Jones replied that she drove around the city and no bodies ditches are this deep and wide. Mr. Borczuch replied that these are not that deep and that we have deeper ditches elsewhere. Ms. Jones stated that she drove almost every street and didn't see a ditch that deep, especially when the sidewalks, houses and the street are in close proximity. Mr. Borczuch stated that this is a necessary evil for the water runoff unfortunately and is located in the city's right-of-way, which is where the city and any utility can do their work to get water to flow off the street. He stated that the street is not meant to hold water for vehicular traffic. Mr. Stibich stated that Ms. Jones suggesting is an interesting idea and suggested that she speak with the engineer to see if this is something that is done anywhere and what kind of products are. Mr. Borczuch replied that he has not seen anything out there since he's been involved. Ms. Jones replied that she is trying to think outside the box to make it cheaper but safer. Mr. Borczuch stated that the only thing you could have gotten away with is a carbon gutter but that would have been a huge cost because there are no storm sewers there. Mr. Stibich stated that there could be a reason people don't cover ditches like that Ms. Jones and maybe she should talk to the engineer. Ms. Jones stated that she knows if she lived on this street and they did that in front of her house she would be upset too. She asked Mr. Borczuch if he could come up with any solution as it seems unsafe. Mr. Borczuch replied that ditches are a part of life on a lot of roads, not just city roads, there are other areas where everybody drives all the time with ditches. Ms. Jones

stated that the residents just told her that one child has already gone off into the ditch riding their bicycle and two cars have already gone into ditches and think about when snow comes. Mr. Borczuch replied that he understands but can't help that people can't control their vehicle or monitor their kids. Ms. Jones replied that she thinks its kind of unsafe.

The other thing she wanted to mention is that Chief Rogers told her about what the police department does if there are people in the community that need things and the police notice. They have their "Shop with a Cop" and they also do projects for it and others and she thought it was a great program so she will doing a payroll deduction to donate to their programs monthly and believes that Chief Rogers should bring these programs up more often so maybe more people would donate and they would have more money to help those in need of help in Olmsted Falls. The department handles everything from groceries to Christmas presents, they do a lot.

She stated that the cemetery is not meeting personally but are doing pretty well this year and have had a lot of sales recently. She stated that December is always their biggest month for burials, at least a 1/3 come in December.

Councilman Cornel Munteanu, Ward II

Mr. Munteanu would like to thank Chief Sheehan and the Olmsted Falls firefighters, especially Jeff Melton, for all the time and effort they have put in to get this memorial completed. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 the memorial was delayed three weeks. We were supposed to receive it the middle of August but the artist could not get the materials he needed so it was delayed numerous times, but it is finally up. He has to commend the service department for all the work with the landscaping and concrete it really sets the memorial up nice. He wants to give thanks to everyone that participated in this project.

Council President Paul Stibich

Mr. Stibich stated that going back to the memorial and some of the negativity that has been out there; our safety forces are here to protect us and take care of us and he thinks they do an outstanding job and is grateful for them.

Andrew Bemer, Law Director – No Report

Old Business - None

New Business

Ordinance 42-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE FIRST SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Mr. Chitester moved to **suspend**; Mr. Munteanu **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **adopt**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Miscellaneous New Business - None

Such other business that may come before Council

Ms. Jones stated that she reviewed the Bailey Communications contract. Mr. Stibich replied that this was discussed during the finance meeting. Ms. Jones asked if what she had was the whole contract. Mr. Vitalone stated that it was and was copied and sent out by the Clerk. Clerk Mancini replied that was all there was. Ms. Jones stated that before we complete another one, as she was an EDP auditor, and this is not everything that should be in it so she will send a list of everything that needs to be included. She asked if we had looked at any other companies and compared them or is the city set on Bailey. Mr. Vitalone replied that as of today we have not looked at any companies. He can get a list together and make calls to see who is available. Mr. Stibich stated that we asked the finance department to look into alternatives. We have to give a 30-day notice which means before the end of November we have to decide. We also discussed getting references from Bailey for their current renewals, Councilman McFadden told us that his wife, who works for the school board, renewed with Bailey last year which was before they lost their one key employee and they weren't sure about renewing this year so we thought we should ask for a list of people that have renewed this year so we can get some references. We instructed the finance department to also review it with Chief Rogers who seems to be kind of the critical factor in our search for a service company. Mayor Graven stated that he and Chief Rogers met concerning Bailey's contract today and the Chief is spearheading this and is looking at other companies. He believes that Chief Rogers should have something to report in early October.

Mr. Chitester moved to **adjourn**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Paul Stibich, Council President

Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council