

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

HELD _____ October 1, 2019 _____

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Council was **CALLED TO ORDER** in Regular Session by Council President Mike Harwood at 8:00 P.M. in Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, members of Council answered to **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
ROLL CALL as follows:

Members Present: L. Carouse, Jr., M. Harwood, D. Rose, K. Veras.
Members Absent: G. Broski, J. Petsche, L. Redinger were excused.
Others Present: Mayor Jerry N. Hruby, Law Director D. Matty,
Assistant Law Director DiGeronimo,
Engineer G. Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta,
Building Department Steve Synek,
Purchasing Director R. Riser,
Fire Chief N. Zamiska, Police Chief W. Goodrich,
Recreation Director T. Tupa, Service Director
R. Weidig, Council Clerk T. Tabor.

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING: Motion by Rose, seconded by Redinger to dispense with the reading of the September 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes and to accept same as presented.
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 9-17-2019 APPROVED

Purchasing Director Riser introduced the P.E.E.R. (Promoting Employee Excellence through Recognition) Meritorious Award Program. Employees are encouraged to nominate fellow workers. As the Mayor and Department Heads are not eligible to receive the award, they are tasked with reviewing and rating the nominations. Purchasing Director Riser introduced the nominees.

P.E.E.R AWARD NOMINEES AND WINNERS FOR 2019

Mike Dodig, John Muller and Brian Scabbo from the Police Department.
Padmini Patnaik of the Recreation Department, Gina Cronauer of the Human Services Department and Gerry Hamski of the Fire Department.
Purchasing Director Riser read the winning submissions.

Making a Difference Award

For contributing in an outstanding way, every day, through exemplary work qualities, solving challenging problems, demonstrating the willingness to always go the extra mile and fostering the collaboration of others.

On June 12, 2019, at about 11:30 p.m., Patrolman Mike Dodig responded to a call of a missing dog at a residence on Hilton Road. The owner was frantic as it was very dark, raining and coyotes could be heard baying in the near distance. Officer Dodig, without hesitation, began searching for the dog in the woods behind the house, and after a half hour of searching in the inclement weather, found the dog and returned it to the owner unharmed. Officer Dodig could have just referred the call to the Animal Warden, and cleared the scene, but instead he went the extra mile and saved the dog. This may not seem like a big deal to some, but Mike's actions that day meant the world to that resident. The resident's own words sum it up best: "People like Mike are why I am proud to be a resident of Brecksville."

Lifetime Achievement

For performing an outstanding service and accomplishment spanning a career at the City of Brecksville that reflected the values of the City, and enhanced services to the community and its residents.

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Gerry Hamski is the true "fireman's fireman" that takes a tremendous amount of pride in not only the department, but the City he calls home. As a senior member of the Fire Department, he is a respected mentor to all in his daily effort of simply doing the right thing. In addition to being the textbook senior man in a firehouse, Gerry was "The Motivator" in getting two major projects completed this year. He helped lead the new fire engine committee, and served as the voice of reason when designing the custom fire engine. During the Fire Department kitchen remodel, Gerry led the charge, often using his own carpentry tools, knowledge and experience to complete the project in a timely manner...much of which was performed voluntarily on his own time. This dedication not only led to cost savings for the City, but instilled a tremendous amount of pride and ownership throughout the department. He is a true example of "giving back".....both to the department he works for, and to this community.

Police Chief Goodrich said this years appreciation day included recognition of employees that have served in the US Military. There are 19 employees that are veterans with a combined 163 years of service and counting, 3 are active duty reservists. A flag was designed and all military veterans working in the City have signed it along with the branch they served in. Police Chief Goodrich said the flag will be flown on Veteran's Day to honor those employees that have served in the military.

Mayor Hruby thanked Purchasing Director Riser and Police Chief Goodrich for the program. It is the employees' opportunity to recognize each other. Mayor Hruby feels that is the highest way to recognize employees. Any of the employees could have been nominated.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Councilmember Rose reported the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday October 7th, at 7:30 P.M. to hear three variance applications. **BD. OF ZONING APPEALS**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Councilmember Harwood reported the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be October 3rd at 7:00 P.M. The Planning Commission has one item for Council consideration. **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the installation of a 20 sq. ft., circular, piece of artwork on the front wall of the building underneath the identification sign at Brecksville Center for the Arts, 8997 Highland Drive, Brecksville, Ohio. **CENTER FOR THE ARTS EXTERIOR ARTWORK DISPLAY 8997 HIGHLAND DR.**
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.
Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

RECREATION COMMISSION: No Report.

RECREATION COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: Council Representative Veras reported the next meeting of the Human Services Advisory Board will be October 9th at 3:00 P.M. **DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: No Report.

TELEC. COM.

SAFETY-SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Carouse reported the committee met earlier today and has two items for Council consideration. **SAFETY-SERVICE**

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Motion by Carouse, seconded by Rose to approve a Purchase Requisition to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the aggregate amount of \$3,861.00 for the purchase of Taser Cartridges for training and mandatory annual recertification for (26) officers that carry the Taser X2. **POLICE DEPT. TASER CARTRIDGE PURCHASE**
Account #110210 2501.

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Carouse, seconded by Rose to approve a Blanket Vendor Purchase Requisition for repairs to the Human Services Passenger Bus in the amount of \$5,467.18. **HUMAN SERV. PASSENGER BUS REPAIR**
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Harwood reported the committee met earlier and Service Director Weidig reported on the status of the 2019 Road program and the completion thereof. **STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Councilmember Rose reported the committee met earlier and Engineer Wise reported, as requested, the expected cost of the Chippewa Road and Calvin Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. Also, the grant money already awarded for this project as well as additional grant applications that have been submitted was presented. **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Veras reported the Buildings & Grounds Committee met earlier this evening and has three items for Council consideration. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Motion by Veras, seconded by Rose to approve an increase to a blanket vendor purchase requisition in the amount of \$11,557.19 for the purchase of (78) new and replacement Fall Trees. **FALL TREE PURCHASE**
Account #252530 2201 to be charged \$11,071.46 Account #110171 2205 to be charged \$485.73

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Rose to approve an increase to a blanket purchase Order #BL195700 in the amount of \$1,750.00 for CO2 for the City's Swimming Pools. **CO2 PURCHASE FOR SWIMMING POOLS**
Account #240720 2203

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Veras, seconded by Rose to approve an increase to a blanket purchase order #BL195100 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Ballfield Maintenance. **BALL FIELD MAINTENANCE**
Account #240748 2201 (Baseball.) Account #240748 2201 (Soccer).

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: No Report.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: On behalf of Councilmember Redinger, Councilmember Carouse reported the committee met earlier and has two items for Council consideration. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Motion by Carouse, seconded by Veras, to approve an increase to Blanket Purchase Order #BL199501 in the aggregate amount of \$1,500.00 for the AT&T Mobility, Verizon and FirstNet wireless and cellular lines for the following accounts: Police- Account #110210 2955- \$450.00, Human Services-Account #110330 2955 - \$800.00, IT Account #110135 2955-\$250.00.

**INCREASE PO
FOR
WIRELESS &
CELLULAR
ACCOUNTS**

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

Motion by Carouse, seconded by Rose, to approve the payment of bills for professional services, as follows: Matty, Henrikson and & Greve in the amount of \$6,230.83; Sergio I. DiGeronimo in the amount of \$6,737.50; Roger Wadsworth in the amount of \$700.00; Kulchytsky Architects, LLC in the amount of \$300.00; J Neusser, LLC in the amount of \$2,000.00; and Donald J. Bohning & Associates in the amount of \$26,160.50. Total of all invoices \$42,128.83.

**MONTHLY
BILLS FOR
PROFESS-
IONAL
SERVICES**

Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.

REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR: No Report.

LAW

REPORT OF ENGINEER: No Report.

ENGINEER

REPORT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR: No Report.

FINANCE

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT: No Report.

BUILDING

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR: No Report.

SERVICE

REPORT OF PURCHASING DIRECTOR: No Report.

PURCHASING

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Report.

POLICE

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT: No Report.

FIRE

REPORT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT: No Report

RECREATION

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Hruby reported the Shred Day was successful in collecting 29,325 lbs. of documents being shredded and also collecting food for the local food bank.

MAYOR

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health report is available for review on the website.

Booville will be held on October 27th at the Community Center.

The Brecksville Broadview Heights Board of Education has determined that the High School

Tennis Courts will be renovated instead of building new courts at City Hall.

Mayor Hruby thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to work with the City.

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission has finished their Master Plan proposal for the City of Brecksville. Mayor Hruby said the Planning Commission will review the document and submit recommendations to City Council for adoption.

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COMMENTS:

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Bill Day, 7390 Amber Lane. I've been a CPA for 45 years and a lawyer for 40, and I got to tell you I'm extremely disappointed with the lack of internal accounting and financial controls. Corporations and businesses collect billions of dollars and have millions of accounts and we can't keep track of a couple thousand permanent parcels. We make sure we get the proper assessments allocate did to the proper parcels. I think there's a simple fix, any CPA knows you can't solely rely on the state auditors. Every 3 to 5 years I would suggest you hire an independent CPA to review our city internal accounting financial controls. In terms of the Law Director as a lawyer I can tell you; you don't ask a witness a question you don't know the answers to. You prepare your witness. You did not in a public meeting that I attended, prepare the finance director who I'm sure is a very bright lady to answer questions. Further in the same discussion he threw kerosene on the fire that night by invoking Frank Russo's name. We all know Frank Russo and Jimmy Dimora, in jail for a long time they're going to stay in jail God willing a long time longer. If we thought there was some kind of criminal activity going on he knows, or should know as a lawyer, what to do about it. It's not to throw kerosene on the fire that night, which was loaded on both sides, which I hate, divisiveness. I got so frustrated I just left the meeting. Recently I just had to pay \$2500 extra dollars on top of almost \$30,000 to fix a basement wall and outside drainage. Twenty-five hundred extra dollars to tap into the storm sewer outside my property. It rattles me that persons here obtain breaks on their personal assessments and taxes and little me had to pay an extra \$2500 to tap into something that wasn't even there a couple years ago. I think they have a moral obligation if they live in Four Seasons if not the legal obligation. Which we tried very hard to sit with.

Maggie Ambrose, 8661 Hollis Ln. as far as the master plan I just really want to recommend that citizens get involved with that. The county offered to help us out with that we got a grant, a lot of work and effort went into it. So please do read it. There's a lot of recommendations that are really helpful for the community things that the voters have asked for. a lot of vision in there a lot of things people have wanted and maybe don't think are being looked into and talked about. So the master plan is a great place for that to happen and talk to your counsel people about that and one more thing and then I'm done. I did just want to point out when you read the Brecksville Magazine just be careful somethings are ads some are up as pages. So just understand when you're reading the magazine things are meant to look official maybe ads that reflect individual's opinions in the community.

Julie Russell, 6631 Hawthorne. I talked to David Joyce a congress person and as of nine months ago President Obama mandated that the VA Hospital have low income are you going to abide by that direction.

Mayor Hruby: I'm not familiar with what President Obama has mandated for VA hospitals
Julie Russell: 20% of low income.

Council President Harwood: Housing you mean?

Julie Russell: Housing, and I know David Joyce said he's working on it but we're ready to get some master plans we need to know where we're going

Council President Harwood: There's a citizens group that has been formed. I have not seen you at those meetings but there are public meetings for the VA Property or Valor Acres as well as the potential re-development of Central School to they have had three public meetings so far so that would be if you want to come and weigh in on that that would be a perfect time for that

Julie Russell: Sir I'm not interested in public meeting I want to know is that still standing what Obama said so we need to look into it because it's been all over and David Joyce knows about it. I don't want to wake up one morning and find out that you've got 20% low income. And I have one question do you have a Redinger that is on Council. A year and eight months ago I called her and had questions for her and she said I'll get back with you. A month later I called her again and she said oh Miss Russell I am busy I'll get back with you. The third call you know what her answer is she can't talk to me she has to talk to the Mayor. Same

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thing with Miss Price in the Finance Department oh I can't talk to you I have to get permission to talk to the Mayor.

Council President Harwood: Miss Russell that is all hearsay for you representing and miss Price isn't with the city anymore

Julie Russell: That's right she retired but what my complaint is that when I call a person that is supposed to be representing me that's being paid by my taxes, I would appreciate a call back that's all I'm asking

Harwood thank you any more comments

BRECKSVILLE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS STUDENTS: The following **BBHHS** Brecksville Broadview Heights students were in attendance: Lindsey Maier, Julia Soltis, **STUDENTS** Hailey Stadalsky, H. Lewicki, Robert Smith, Brooke Toman, Leo Stumpfl, Charlie Dickhaut, Maksym Shyrobokov.

Motion by Harwood, seconded by Carouse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 **ADJOURN**
P.M.

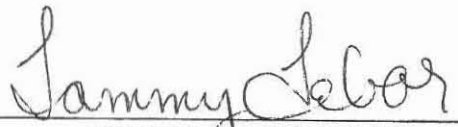
Ayes: Carouse, Harwood, Rose, Veras.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-AYES, 0-NAYS.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL