

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Middletown held a special meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present on the teleconference were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman
Commissioner Ron Wolf
Commissioner Mark Stigers
Commissioner Paul Zimmerman
Commissioner Amy Oliver
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk Deborah Columbia
Director of Operations, Marty Stansbury
MPD Chief Rob Herman
Treasurer, Tracy Dohn

Call to Order

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and had a roll call.

Silent reading of minutes from regular meeting of 3/12/20 & Special Meeting of 3/30/20

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/12/20 and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 3/30/20 and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Silent reading of treasurer's report for March & April 2020

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the treasurers report for March and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the treasurers report for April and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commission Stigers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion o approve the April financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commission Wolf and unanimously approved.

Cemetery 4B

None.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Chief Herman gave an update for March and April. He is trying to keep the staff safe and prepared. Activity is starting to increase. \$100,000 in stolen property was recovered. The speed machine is up and running.

Municipal Order 05-14-20-A Applying for Recreational Trails Grant

Mayor Chapman advised that this is for a new trail and additional parking. We need this approval in order to apply for the grant.

Attorney Singler recapped the municipal order. Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 05-14-20-A and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 05-14-20-B Applying for Land & Water Grant

Mayor Chapman advised this is required to apply for the grant and it is a 50/50 grant.

Attorney Singler informed us that this is required paperwork for the grant application and it is ready for action.

Mayor Chapman asked for comments from those on the teleconference. No comments were given.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve Municipal Order 05-14-20-B and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 05-14-20-C Professional Services Contract for Audit

Attorney Singler read the ordinance stating this was a professional services contract that the city enters into each year.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 05-14-20-C and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-12-20-A Approving 2019 Codification Update, second reading

Attorney Singler advised this is the second reading and it is ready for action.

Commission Wolf made a motion to consider this the second reading of Ordinance 03-12-20-A and Commission Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

This is a call vote. All voted yes.

Ordinance 05-14-20-A Setting the Tax Rate, first reading

Attorney Singler recapped the ordinance and advised this is the same rate as last year.

Mayor Chapman asked for any public comments from anyone on the teleconference. There were none.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 05-14-20-A and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Attorneys Report

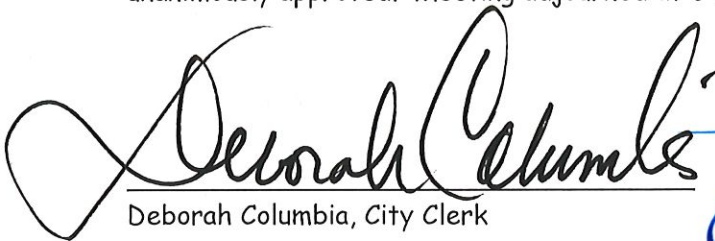
Attorney Singler gave an update on some property issues within the city:

- 1915-1917 Blankenbaker - MAPCO property - grass cutting issue. We have cut and charged \$350 per cut plus a \$1,000 fine and put a lien on the property. Subsequent cuttings will be \$300.
- 411 Bromwell - We have cleaned up some and have a lien. Foreclosure filed 3/8/19 with no sale scheduled. We will board up the areas as needed.
- Carol Smith on Farmbrook - Default case judgement approved on 5-6-20, 10-day appeal then goes to sale docket. We should get \$16,788.
- 1915 Myddleton - occupied. Been in foreclosure since 2014. Bank not doing much since it is occupied. Recommendation is to wait on the bank.

Outdoor restaurant seating - some cities are passing municipal orders to allow additional outdoor seating during COVID-19. The commission has decided to wait and see what happens in our city.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Oliver and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Deborah Columbia, City Clerk



J. Byron Chapman, Mayor