Chairman Ursu called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Roll Call:
Present: Hurst, Lentine, Lewis, Ursu

Council also present: Alexander, Kumin, Henry
Motion to approve last month’s meeting on July 23, 2019 by Hurst, seconded by Lentine; passed 4-0.

Reports:

Mayor David H. Roche:
- Received quotes on PC’s. Hoping to purchase 15-20 computers and convert PC’s for fire and police.

Brian Gleisser, Economic Development Director:
- Belle Oaks- discuss tonight with Hunt.
- City did not get the tree grant/tree canopy grant. Will follow up with county on this. There were many applicants for this grant.
- Waiting on ODNR playground grant
- Dec 6—Community Develop Block grant due
- Lentine asked about the women who are walking around selling candy for the school playground. Gleisser said that is a separate playground, different from the city park playground.
- NSP house—waiting on Todd Hunt to review documents on this.
- Bids on ramp enclosure for Lodge—ads will go in paper on Thurs, bid openings on Oct 4th. ARB signed off on it. Material is concrete board and roof is metal or shingle to match Lodge. Alexander said he would choose metal over shingle. Hope to have the bid ready to bring to Council on Tues, Oct 8th.

Tax Administrator, Anthony Miceli:
- Consider that we request returns are filed with RITA at point of sale before a house closes from Title Company. This would catch people who have not filed before they leave the city. Todd Hunt said the city would need an ordinance on this. Miceli said he can check with other cities on this as far as their process.

Informational Meeting with Todd Hunt—Community Reinvestment Areas and Tax Increment Financing
- 2 types of tax incentives—Dealpoint has asked for both of these for their projects.
- Phase 1 plan approved and Phase 2 (rest of mall renovation) has not been vetted or approved yet.
- CRAs’—works as 100% tax abatement of improved value of land. Asking for TIF also, but would not kick in for 15 years.
- Pre-CRA—don’t need school board approval, but must negotiate for 6 mos. Entitled to income tax sharing.
- Amendment to keep the “grandfather status” of the CRA for the city.
- Residential properties are entitled to tax abatements
- Amended old CRA resolution last year to accommodate Selman and said would not apply to multi family. There may be issues challenging that.
- Under the CRA it has to be 15 yrs., unless we re-negotiate.
- CRA agreement survives the ownership—goes with the property.
- TIF—special fund needs to be set up to collect and have pay outs. 2 types of TIF—5709.40 (code)—used for public infrastructure of project or 41 TIF 5709.41 (code)—requires Council ordinance. Requires negotiations and approval by school and agreement of developer, but those pilot payments to City used for private development and not public institute. Pilot payments used to help finance the bonds now. Get money back. Needs to be a finding of council that this is for a public purpose and need a blank study if residential (and there is) and determine whether you want to give tax abatement for multi fam and city needs to take title and then flip it back. Council needs to decide whether to agree to this.
- Hunt suggested having an Executive Session next week regarding the CRAs’ prior to the Council meeting.
Finance Dept. Director, Jim Teknipp:
- Got some quotes in for the PC’s.
- Reconciliation this month—all funds balanced of $11,251,956.86

Adjourn 7:28pm---will reconvene after the Safety Committee meeting
Chairman Ursu reconvened the meeting at 8:45pm (after the Safety Committee meeting)

Finance Dept. Director, Jim Teknipp (continued):
- Real estate taxes up 19%, due to delinquencies.
- Revenue taken in for income and property taxes per year—a little over 12 million (Kumin asked)
- Lentine commented on the Lyndhurst Court and Mayors Court. Does our city need to think about having one? Ursu said they did research on this in past and the infrastructure and what you need outweighed the benefit, not economical. Mayor Roche agreed on not having a Mayor’s Court. He added that Judge Colletta often waives the court costs. They are trying to not put people in jail and decrease fines. We are seeing a lot less people in jail, so we are saving some costs on that. Will institute a credit card and easier automated payment for people to pay.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:
- Richmond Road—final walk through is 11am on Thursday. State should have the punch list for the walk through. Center lane turn only arrows on Chardon need to be done.
- Alexander commented on an area near Curtiss Wright that needs to be fixed. There is a 3 ft. of gravel before you get to the grass, worried about cement coming apart there. End of existing pavement is not contoured.
- Concrete work started on Donna Drive and Hillary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Items pending or in process:
Service Garage roof
ODOT Richmond Road resurfacing
2019 Road Program
Completion of 2018 program

Police Canine Fund: The City raised about $12,000 so far.

Economic Development update of Belle Oaks: On hold

Grants update: Gleisser said the city did not get the tree canopy grant. He will follow up with the county on this. There were a lot of cities that applied for this grant.

NSP House: We are waiting on Todd Hunt to review documents on this

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Dept. FEMA Grant: Teknipp said Hunt will write up a resolution on this for next week. 
MOTION to recommend acceptance of the FEMA grant application—Motion by Lentine, seconded by Hurst; passed 4-0.

County Budget Commission- acceptance of rates by ordinance. No change from last year, 2.8 mills inside the 10 mill limit and 15.5 mills outside 10 mill limit. This will be on the agenda next Tuesday for Council.

Update on new SSI VIP Accounting and Payroll Software: Teknipp said they have been working on this. Working out the bugs in the system. Looking to go live with this in October. Dept. training started with Chief Neumann. Want a virtual private network and server. Getting a quote on this soon.
**Windows 10 Update:** Waiting on quotes from Dell and Micro Center, per Teknipp. Micro Center is local and we’ve used them before with success.

**Finance Reports:** Monitor Revenue and Expense Accounts moving into 4th quarter and year end closing. Real Estate taxes higher than predicted. Teknipp says funds are balanced.

**Rushmore development off Highland Road:** Sign got taken out, per Alexander. Residents took it upon themselves to replace this sign. He suggested waiving all the fees for the permits. If they are paying for the sign (about $7,000), they should not have to pay the city for a permit. Original sign was cracked and hit. He asked if the city takes care of the island. Ursu said it is in the right of way, so we should.

**Audience:** -none-

Chairman Ursu adjourned this meeting at 9:25 pm

*Meeting Minutes taken by Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council*