

**ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020,  
7:00 P.M.**

Athens City Council met in Special Session at the above hour. Due to concerns with COVID-19 the following members met via videoconference: Clodfelter, Crawl, Fahl, Kotses, Grace, Risner and Smedley.

Also present via videoconference: President Knisely and Mayor Patterson.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

**0-88-20**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$283,300 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS MUNICIPALITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**0-91-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND OHIO UNIVERSITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**0-92-20**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF ATHENS COVID-19 RENT / MORTGAGE EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HOCKING ATHENS PERRY COMMUNITY ACTION (HAPCAP) TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Crawl moved for Suspension of the Rules in order to meet CARES Act expenditure deadlines; Clodfelter seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Crawl moved for Adoption; Clodfelter seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

**0-93-20**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED SENIORS OF ATHENS COUNTY FOR SPACE UTILIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**ONE-READING RESOLUTION:**

**R-11-20**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TENTATIVE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DEWATERING (PROJECT #320). Discussion: Grace explained that bids were received last Friday. The Department of Engineering and Public Works (EPW) is recommending that the City accept the bid from Mechanical Construction Company. The base bid is \$2,932,000, with bid option 1 including \$44,170 for solar power, for a total of \$2,976,000. Again, this is a tentative award contingent upon funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA).

Grace moved for Adoption; Smedley seconded. Discussion: Clodfelter asked if this will affect current water rates.

Grace responded that this project is being financed through a 0% loan from OEPA-DEFA, and will not increase water rates.

Mayor Patterson noted that this dewatering project will reduce the City's sludge hauling costs.

Grace relayed that the Director of EPW told her that this is a project that will actually pay for itself. It will not only reduce sludge hauling costs, but having this dewatering equipment on site will lessen the need to find land to distribute and spread the sludge and will be better for the environment.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council