

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, April 16, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Law Director, Andrea Scassa and Economic Development Director, David Maley. On the wall to your left are agendas for anyone who wishes to follow tonight's meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 7 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, Madam President. In Mrs. Litman's absence, I'll be doing the Lord's prayer.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – We need to excuse them first.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Whoops. Pardon, what did you say?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – We need to excuse them first.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Oh, I'm sorry. I make a motion that we excuse Councilwoman Litman and Councilman Chovan from tonight's meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Roll call.

7 yes to excuse Councilman Chovan and Councilwoman Litman

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilwoman Litman and Councilman Chovan have been excused.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN PAUL MANSON (subbing for LITMAN)** - Gave the invocation for tonight.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. READING OF THE JOURNAL**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes, they are.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – No, there not.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

**5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

**RUSSELL KEAR** – I live in Ward 2. I've lived here in Massillon since 1980. Worked at the hospital, Affinity Medical Center, for 37 years and I'd like to thank all of you and the Mayor for all the work they've done. I know this is something that you didn't have planned on your plate for the year 2018, but we really appreciate all of the work you're doing in trying to get something restarted there and I hope that you continue to pursue that because the citizens of this City deserve a full-service hospital and I would hope that I could finish my career there and retire from there, if it's possible in the future. So, if there's anything that the Healthy Stark Commission can do to help with anything, please, we're here to help you, not be against anything. If you need any help with anything in doing surveys or gathering information that will support a company or some entity coming in and help taking over the hospital making it what it was and making it better than what it was, we're for that. Thank you for your time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Russell. Is there anyone else that would like to come forward and speak on a topic that does appear on tonight's agenda? Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, Madam President. I would like to move Ord. No. 40 – 2018 to the rear of the agenda tonight. We need to discuss the ordinance and we do need to discuss some timing of where we're trying to go and when we want to get this done. So, I just prefer to get everything else out of the way and then we'll just talk about it at the end. So, I make a motion to amend the agenda to take Ord. No. 40 – 2018 to the rear of the agenda.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call.

7 yes to amend the agenda to move Ord. No. 40 – 2018 to the end of the agenda

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 40 – 2018 has been moved to the end of the agenda.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 41 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1201 Street M & R Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This ordinance is just taking \$27,000 and placing it in the refunds income tax so that we will be able to refund accounts, different people; private or business that are needed to be refunded for their income tax. Any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 41 – 2018 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 41 – 2018 has passed. Councilman Manson, I'd just like a little clarity. Are we moving this to after Item No. 15 after the second reading of ordinances?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, I believe so.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay, thank you. Ord. No. 42 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 42 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1222 Waste Management Grant Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This ordinance is allocating \$12,000 to an account for supplies, materials and postage. This is all within the Grant Fund for the Waste Management system. Are there any questions of discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 42 – 2018 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 42 – 2018 has passed.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **PETITIONS & GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Request for a New Liquor License to Ashley Willis, dba West End Tavern located at 1407 Tremont Ave. S.W., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Classes are D1, D3 and D3A and is located in Ward 5.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Has Councilwoman Starrett received information on this?

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

Request for a New Liquor License to Massillon Museum, dba Massillon Museum, located at 121 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Class is D5H and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Irwin, have you received information on this?

**COUNCILMAN IRWIN** – Yes, I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

9. **BILLS, ACCOUNTS & CLAIMS**

10. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Treasurer's Report	-	March 2018
Mayor's Report	-	February 2018
Auditor's Report	-	February 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we receive the Auditor's Report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call.

7 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor's Report has been accepted.

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session, we off next Monday, April 23, 2018, so we will have our Committee Meeting Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Does anyone have anything?

12. **RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

13. **CALL OF CALENDAR**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23 – 2018**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tabled March 19, 2018 until April 16, 2018

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1401 Capital Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is the ordinance that the Chief of Police put forward for us wanting to make use of some dollars for some new equipment and vehicles at the Police Dept. We had tabled it because we wanted to allow more of the income tax to come in and be brought into the City. Looking at the current 1401 account from our most current statement, there does appear to be sufficient money now in that account where I feel comfortable going ahead and moving forward with its passage tonight unless anyone else has any other discussion or objection at this point? Seeing none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 23 -2018 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Roll call for suspension.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Point of order. This was at third reading before it was tabled, so, I don't think we need a suspension.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – It doesn't go back to first reading?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I don't believe so.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Roll call for passage.

7 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 23 – 2018 has passed.

14. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 34 – 2018**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to renew the one (1) year contract with the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio, for the purpose of providing prosecutorial services, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is just, essentially, a renewal of the contract that we have with Canal Fulton annually. We were awaiting the contract from Canal Fulton to come to us so that we could review it. Would the Law Director like to speak to this? Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Ms. Scassa.

**ANDREA SCASSA** – We did receive the contract that the Canal City Council passed and, again, this is the contract that we enter into every year with the City of Canal Fulton so that the Law Dept. handles their criminal prosecutions. Nothing has changed. The compensation amount is still the \$25,200. I don't know if anybody has any other questions; I can answer them, but, it's the same contract as the year before.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – That's all.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Alright. With that said, I'd like to make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 34 – 2018 forward for vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for passage.

7 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 34 – 2018 has passed.

15. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 35 – 2018**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE adopting the recommendations of the Massillon Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) with regard to the renewal and termination of Massillon Enterprise Zone (EZ) projects.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Thank you, Madam President. When we received the Request for Legislation, the Administration's recommendation was to renew all of these. They've reviewed them with the County Auditor and the school systems and everybody agrees. I didn't sit in this particular meeting, but I've said it other times and that things get scrutinized pretty well. So, I think I'm going to move this forward if there's not any reason that anybody wants to hold up on this. Alright, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 35 – 2018 forward for passage.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 35 – 2018 has passed. Under first reading of ordinances, Ord. No. 40 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 40 – 2018**

**BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept the final settlement agreement from DHSC, LLC dba Affinity Medical Center, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents of the final settlement agreement from DHSC, LLC dba Affinity Medical Center, with regard to Stark County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 2018 CV 00096, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Thank you, Madam President. After we have some discussion, I will be moving for first reading on this, but, I wanted to move this here so we could talk some timing of the meetings. First thing is, there are at least, I believe, two more Request for

Legislation that will be coming along as far as setting up an account and appropriating some money for that. So, we're not going to get that until the 30<sup>th</sup>, I believe. We had a date, somebody said about wanting to have this done by the 27<sup>th</sup>, but I don't know if that's really realistic. If you're really pushing for that, I'd like to hear from somebody. If not, I tell just what I was thinking is let that go to the 30<sup>th</sup>, get the other pieces of legislation on there and then we can act on it at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. There's some more questions, I believe, coming from some of the council people, that they'd like to get some information on. So, Joel, if you want to give us your opinion on the timing on this. Is that a problem what I just threw out there?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Smith.

**JOEL SMITH** – I'm not sure. The April 27<sup>th</sup> date is the date that Quorum wanted this settled by and that relates to their ongoing expenses. So, they're the one's that are pushing for the April 27<sup>th</sup> date. They're watching closely on the actions of Council and how this progresses. If it extends beyond that, our attorneys have been talking to their attorneys. I know they would like to get it done by the 27<sup>th</sup>, but certainly I would say we need to do our due diligence as well.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, I feel we need to. I know I've talked to Mrs. Creamer and she had some questions about some of the leases that she wants to get in a little deeper into on equipment and stuff like that. So, I think maybe some of this might take a little more time to answer. Plus, we asked for getting a rough idea on what it's going to cost us to, I think you looked at like the next six months.

**JOEL SMITH** – Yeah, we've been putting cost together. Calculating what it is. Some of it is guess work because like the utilities at the hospital. We don't know what that's going to be. We have general estimates of what they were paying as an open and running hospital. But it won't be open and running. So, it's going to be substantially less. I guesstimated about \$60,000 a month, probably just for utilities is what I've budgeted for. And as you said, they'll be two companion pieces that probably would need to be passed at the same that this ordinance goes. One would be to appropriate money to operate, to pay the expenses. And then the second one would be the creation of a hospital department. The Auditor has created budget lines for a 915 Dept. There are four (4) working maintenance people at the hospital still. We've come to the conclusion that we need to keep at least two (2) of them. So, we'll need to create those positions in our description and our Occupational List. So, those two pieces will be coming forth and then, potentially there's a third piece that I think would need to come forth. Are we reading to talk about that yet, or no? And that's related to the title insurance and the cost of title insurance. Because we're taking so many properties, the Law Director has recommended that we do take a title insurance policy to ensure that those properties are clear of any problems that may come up down the line. So, there would be three (3) companion pieces that we need to put before this Council and discuss as part of this one piece.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I guess I would go back to saying that I'm going to give this first reading and I believe that unless somebody comes to us that we have to move a lot faster, I think we'll just plan on the 30<sup>th</sup> getting the new legislative requests. We can have those on the agenda for the 7<sup>th</sup> and if we have all of the information and everything resolved, we could vote on...this would be second reading on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the other ones would be first reading on the 7<sup>th</sup>. All the other stuff would be first reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I would just say that off of a few statements that Mr. Smith just made, there's plenty of discussion that just come from that and they're all tied directly to this contract. So, it would be difficult for us to be able to make any kind of certain vote until we have all that additional information out on the table and discussed. So, if we can reach out to Affinity and tell them that we appreciate their timeline, we just need a couple of more weeks for our side. Hopefully they can appreciate that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Affinity or Quorum?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Quorum.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Quorum, okay. Anyone else? Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREG** – I just want confirm that until we actually do complete that agreement.

All those expenses are still being paid by Quorum. Is that correct?

**JOEL SMITH** – That's correct. The only expense we've had far is our attorney fees.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – And that will continue until we complete and pass the legislation to complete the agreement?

**JOEL SMITH** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – And the second question I have is if we do and it looks like we will, extend past that date, does that affect in any way an agreement with an interested party in taking over the operations?

**JOEL SMITH** – I wouldn't think so. We're still in discussions with multiple groups. None of them are to the point where anyone is ready to sign on the dotted line. So, we're still in those discussions. I don't think that would affect that.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Okay.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilwoman Cunningham.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – Thank you, Madam President. I just totally agree that there's too many unanswered questions that we really need to have further information on and I totally agree.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Mr. Smith, I still have concerns about the list of equipment. That's the excluded assets, Exhibit B and the list conveyed to the City in Section 5. When we were presented the original agreement back in February, it states that the furniture is going to stay, the fixtures are going to stay, all patient beds are going to stay, CT MRI and portable equipment will not be staying. But when I'm looking at both of these lists, there are IC beds on the list that will be given to us, but there's also IC beds on the excluded list. There's a CT Scanner on a list that's we're going to get, but another one on the excluded list. I'm a little concerned with what's being excluded. Are those the higher priced items that are worth more money and in working condition versus the list that they're going to give us. So, I just have an issue with this inconsistency.

**JOEL SMITH** – What I can say about the excluded list versus the list of what we got. That's why the list of assets is one of the reasons this has dragged out for nearly three (3) months, that there's been a lot of give and take. We did have several medical professionals that we were talking with. People that from the hospital and outside the hospital and we were advised to try and get as much as we could in the emergency room, in the lab and a couple other areas that would more likely be the first units that would re-open if another entity comes in. So, there was give and take in the negotiations between our attorneys and their attorneys with these lists.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I understand that and I understand the give and the take we're trying to negotiate this agreement. But also, we have to accept those leases of that equipment, I believe, in Section 6, or 7. My concern is if they're going to be giving us the properties and that list of equipment for us to keep, I don't want to take over leased equipment leases. Why weren't those pieces of equipment excluded? There's payments still on this and for that piece to be worked out, for them to keep and take over and make those arrangements with those vendors to either return the equipment or pay whatever is needed.

**JOEL SMITH** – There was other pieces of equipment that was returned to vendors. There was a longer list of equipment in the first agreement that had leases than what the final agreement has and that was these leases were basically the cost for us to get all the properties that they were giving us. So, it was a trade-off. This was the negotiated deal between our attorneys and theirs and what you have in front of you is what it is and I don't know that I would be capable of saying anything more on that. Andrea, I don't know if you would have anything further to say about that, but what could be returned, was returned. Some of the property leases we're taking on those too. I think there was like six (6) in the original list; some of those fell off. So, it was a give and take and it was a negotiation throughout this period from the first time we came to Council and this final agreement that

we're presenting now.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any other questions for Mr. Smith while he's up here?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I'd asked before when I talked to Dave, the title insurance, that's \$60,000; is that right? Is that figure right or close? So, we're looking at some things. Like I said, unless something happens and you come back to us and say "Hey, we really need to move" or something like that, I'm just going to give this first reading and we'll go with what I had talked about. The 30<sup>th</sup> of this month, we'll get the requests for the other three pieces of legislation and get those on the agenda and go from there. We may be able to pass it on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. I'd say, we can try. Depending if everything is answered to our satisfaction.

**JOEL SMITH** – I guess I would ask that if you have specific questions, please reach out to us because I can't stand here and answer probably everything that you have. If you have a specific question and I don't know the answer, let me try and find it, if I can. So, give us a call or whatever and I'll have it ready for next week's meeting to answer it publicly on this floor. But, I may not be able to answer everything.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** - There won't be one next week.

**JOEL SMITH** – Oh, I'm sorry; in two weeks.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I don't have any problem with that. Is it okay that I speak?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – If you have any questions about that lease, just keep bugging Mr. Smith about it.

**JOEL SMITH** – All I can say is that this was the deal that was negotiated. At the end of the day, this is what it is and I don't believe that, I think this is the deal that's put before you. I don't see us making any changes to this. I mean, going back, I don't see that occurring.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay. Can you please ask for an answer why they would take come ICU beds and leave us with other ICU beds? Are they the new ICU beds; they're leaving us the old ones that the next possible person that's going into this building that's a health care system, they're going to be, more or less, decontaminating all this equipment because it's old and it's no longer in use and they're going to have to pay to discard this equipment. That's what I'm trying to figure out. Why are there so many inconsistencies regarding this equipment? Why are they picking and choosing to take four ICU beds and leave us with four? Why not give us all eight ICU beds if that's the number listed on there? Why, if they're going to give us CT Scanner, why aren't they giving us both CT Scanners? Why are they taking one? Copiers, why do we need copiers? Total cost \$168,000, copiers. People use copiers everyday in businesses. That should be a piece of equipment, copiers to get rid of and take back to the vendors. Some of this equipment is usable equipment elsewhere. I just have hard time with how these lists are and just trying to figure out the thought process in picking and choosing.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mr. Smith, I have a question for you. I think you made the statement that you and Mr. Maley had done two (2) walk-throughs at the hospital.

**JOEL SMITH** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are you planning on any more?

**JOEL SMITH** – I don't know if I can answer that at the moment. I mean, I would assume so, but, what's the purpose?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – The purpose is if any Council people wanted to do a walk-through with you, would that be permissible?

**JOEL SMITH** – We can ask for that, sure.



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Jill, is that something you would like? To do a walk-through? I mean, I don't know hospitals like you do.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – No, that's not necessary. They took medical experts in there. I'm just trying to look at these lists and try to figure out how they came up with these lists.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Because to my knowledge, trying to give us "X" numbers of ICU beds, which are expensive and they're not the normal patient bed and why they are taking 4. Why not give us the total of ICU beds? I'm just trying to figure out why the list look like they do, is what I'm trying to figure out.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any other questions for Mr. Smith? Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yeah, I just have one more comment. I agree and I'm not making an accusation that any of this is going on, but from the very beginning, I was concerned about the equipment and the leases and I think it's only natural for us to be concerned that we get stuck with maybe the bad leases and all the other ones are cleaned up. And you did bring up about the one building. I guess they wanted to keep it because it was just about sold or something like that and that I think we've got that now.

**JOEL SMITH** – Yeah. They threw that in.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – They're going to try to do and I'm not questioning their integrity, but they're going to do whatever businesses are going to do. If they can save some money, they're going to. I think we've talked about it enough now. I'll just give it first reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Smith. Ord. No. 40 – 2018 has received first reading.

16. **NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

17. **REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**THOMAS WEST** – My address is 625 – 12<sup>th</sup> St. N. W., Canton, OH 44703. Madam President and City Council, I just wanted to say a few words with respect to, everybody knows what's going on at the State. Our illustrious leader, Cliff Rosenberg, stepped down, but I wanted to insure this Council as well as the citizens of Massillon that business will continue even though our Speaker stepped down and now Kirk Schuring has resumed his post, you can still bring issues my way and we'll still continue to fight on behalf of the citizens and no matter what you hear in the paper or at the State, just know that Stark County and the delegation at Stark County will continue to push forward and do good work for the citizens of this district. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. West. Is there anyone else that would like to address Council?

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I move to adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded Councilwoman Starrett.

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DIANE ROLLAND, CLERK

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CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT