

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.**

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Michael Nenadovich

**ROLL CALL:**           **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

**EXCUSED:** LaMalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** At this time, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clmn LaMalfa. He did call me to let me know he was not going to be able to make it to the meeting this evening. On the motion, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Clmn LaMalfa will be excused from tonight's meeting.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for August 12, 2019.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council of Monday, August 12, 2019 as submitted.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I second.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On the motion made by Clmn Suster and seconded by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, August 12, 2019, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Nenadovich, Glenn

NAY: Dudley

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova is not here tonight so his report will be given by our Finance Director, Barb Biro. Barb, did you want to go ahead and take the report?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Absent.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** Thank you, Mr. President. There were three letters that the Mayor wanted me to read from Fire Chief Ken Strope.

One was to our Fire Captain Jim Toth. It is a commendation for an incident that occurred on September 4<sup>th</sup> of this year. A woman was in labor and on the way to the hospital. It became apparent that they weren't going to make it to the hospital on time so the baby was born in the back of our Fire Squad. Chief Strope would like to send his appreciation to Firefighter Nayle, Firefighter Jennifer McConneville, Firefighter Marks and Firefighter Wright for their dedication to demonstrate to the patients truly makes you a perfect example of what a paramedic should be.

The second letter from Fire Chief Strope was again to Captain Jim Toth. An incident occurred on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> where the crew responded to a business here in the city of Garfield Heights for an individual that was in cardiac arrest. Due to the quick response of our firefighters and their tireless training, the individual was saved. It's another example of our Fire Department's commitment to ensure the ultimate well-being of not only our residents, but all the visitors that come to the city. The family also wished to express their appreciation in the excellent treatment that was received by the firefighters. The Chief sent out an appreciation letter to Firefighter Cortes, Firefighter Marks and Firefighter Hanchek. Each one of the letters will be put in their personnel file.

The third one was to Police Chief Robert Byrne from Fire Chief Strope regarding an incident on Dressler Road. Both squads were dispatched to people that were unresponsive on Dressler Road. Our Police Officers arrived first. As first responders, they began CPR and the individuals were saved. He sends a commendation and a personal thanks and appreciation to Ptlm. Michael Malak, Ptlm. Robert Pitts and Ptlm. Kenneth Falzini for their quick action, which saved two lives that night. Those were the commendation letters that the Mayor wanted read into the Minutes this evening.

Going on to the ordinances and resolutions. This evening we have an ordinance 46-2019. It's a resolution to go into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County and several other cities throughout Northeast Ohio to apply jointly for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant. This grant is approximately \$10,000.00 and it will be used to purchase additional 911 licensing and also additional equipment for the interrogation room.

Resolution 16-2019 is a resolution to certify the amounts and the tax rates for 2020 to the County Auditor's Office. This is something that we do every year at this time. It is to authorize and set the tax rates for the real estate bills in 2020. Resolution 17-2019 is also a resolution that is done every year at this time where we request advances and the tax settlements for the year 2020.

With that, Mr. President, you have the Mayor's report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** OK. Thank you. Are there any questions on the Mayor's report this evening? There are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report this evening?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** No report this evening.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Tim. We will move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Chief, do you have a report this evening?

**FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE:** No report this evening.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Chief. Police Chief Byrne, do you have a report?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yes, I do. Very quickly. For many of you that signed up for Ready Notify (that's an emergency alert system from Cuyahoga County) they recently changed vendors so if you receive those alerts you will need to go on the County's Website and sign up again because they have a different vendor. You can find that link either on our Garfield Heights Police Department Facebook page or if you type in Cuyahogacountyreadynotify you will find it. You just need to sign up again.

We'll have another Coffee with a Cop on September 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Rockside Road.

I would just like to ask for Council's support for Ordinance 46.

With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Chief Byrne. Does anybody have any questions for the Chief on his report this evening? There are none, we will move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Since the last meeting we've been trying to work on the last tickets and try to finish up some of our summer projects. Vacations are ending so I'll have a few more guys back. We're trying to catch everything up before the fall season really kicks in.

Speaking of the fall, the fall recycling program, the Household Hazardous Waste collection started today. It will be this week 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be next week Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Service Garage at 13600 McCracken Blvd. It will be from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Then on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon. You will still be able to bring your hazardous household waste and the document shredding will be also run at that time. The shredding is for residents only. It's not for commercial businesses. It's for the residents, the houses in the city. I say that because through the years we've had a truck show up with 100 some boxes on it. It's not what we're set up for. That will be this week. There's a lot of interest in that. We get a lot of phone calls on that.

With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Tim on his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Finance Director. Barb, I know you gave a report for the Mayor, but do you have a report also?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Absent.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** No, I do not. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Barb. Next is our City Engineer, Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. No report tonight.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Dave.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Noreen, you are up. Our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I do. CDBG Grants will be coming up. Applications are due in December so we're going to have a meeting. We have not scheduled the date and time, but we will notify everyone when we have that scheduled.

There's a Rain Barrel Workshop here on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Harvest Fest this year will be on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will also have some advertising out for that as well.

That concludes my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report? If there are none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report for us?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO:** No report this evening.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**CLERK:** Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Is there anyone wishing to make any comments on tonight's agenda? There are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 46-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 46-2019**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF CLEVELAND, EAST CLEVELAND, EUCLID, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS AND PARMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY APPLYING FOR THE 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ABSENT: Lamalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 46-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-2019**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

ABSENT: Lamalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Resolution 16-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-2019**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE IN TAX SETTLEMENT.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: Lamalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Resolution 17-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will move on now to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

**CLERK:** Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Is there anybody wishing to make any comments tonight? Have you spoken to your Councilperson or anybody in the city?

Resident: No.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Unless you have spoken to somebody in the city, you can come with us afterwards. The rule has been in effect for a long time.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Can I make a motion to allow her to speak?

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On the motion made by Clmn Dudley to allow the citizen to speak. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any Nays?

AYES: Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ma'am, you can come up and speak.

Mrs. Gladys Smith: 11206 Briardcliff. When I first moved over here in Garfield when I came to the meetings you were allowed to speak. You didn't have to go through the Councilman. OK? So what I want to know. I got a letter. I don't know whether it was from City Hall or just who it was from. They gave you your do's and your don'ts. It seems like when time keep moving on, all that dissipate. I want to know why because you get new people moving in the neighborhood. I pay taxes. The person move in the neighborhood, but they should want to know and tell them where you put your trash, how you do it, etc. When you have gatherings at your house, you don't run on the sidewalk with a motorcycle. I don't understand. I moved in the neighborhood and I can tell you I know things go down and things change. I want to know what happened to that letter? Is it still being sent out?

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** As far as I know, we still send out a welcome package. No?

**MRS. SMITH:** No, it ain't coming out because people are moving in the neighborhood doing what they want to do. I got to pay taxes and abide by the rules and I feel at least everybody should. That's what keep the neighborhood up.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Well, that's something we should try to get out to people, Noreen, don't you think?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, may I respond? I will follow up on that and see what we're doing right now. We can change that. I know our Chamber of Commerce previously sent out a lot of welcome packages, but we joined the Southeast Chamber of Commerce.

**MRS. SMITH:** Will they be sent out to new neighbors? Because I want to start trying to get in and work with the neighbors instead of the neighborhood going down and all you hear is when those Black folks move in it went down. I don't like to hear that.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Well nobody likes to hear that, Ma'am.

**MRS. SMITH:** I don't know because when it stopped it was a help because it told me and I abide by it. When my neighbors have a gathering you going to drive motorcycles up my driveway and I called the police. I guess they was out on their duty then and did not have time.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will definitely make sure we follow up on it and make sure those things get sent out. A welcome packet tells people, but that doesn't guarantee that people are going to follow what we tell them. Laws are broken every day of the week.

**MRS. SMITH:** That's a old saying. If we work together it will work. If nobody says nothing it will go like 110<sup>th</sup> where I lived for 36 years and I sit and watched it go down because nobody cared. We had a Councilman that wasn't getting enough money at that time so I would like for somebody to look into it. We're human.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We are definitely going to look into it. Mr. Suster, did you want to address her?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Yes, those books were actually given out when the homeowner either came for a permit or to move into the house for an occupancy permit. They used to give them a package, right, Noreen? I have not known that they did away with those.

**MRS. SMITH:** I never got a package because I been here about 20 years now. I hate to see the neighborhood go down because if I live there and I don't care about you, using you for an example, what we working for? Absolutely nothing. We got to learn to work together. If I see something going on in my neighborhood I want to hear from the Police. Because when I came over here kids was fighting on the street. They knew my number. I would call and they would come to it right away. Do we still have the curfew for children not being on the street at night?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Yes, Ma'am.

**MRS. SMITH:** OK. Because I want to know these things. Do you have a meeting with the people any time, Mr. Councilman?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Depending on which committee it's in they usually notify the people here at the meeting or there's times if they have enough time they'll get it into the Neighborhood News.

**MRS. SMITH:** OK. We would like to know. We would like to hear from you at least once a year. You can meet at my house. I would go from door to door like I did before and see if the people want to come.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mrs. Smith?

**MRS. SMITH:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We've been doing a Community Awareness Meeting once/month for five years. These meetings I put on they're open to anybody in the city of Garfield Heights.

**MRS. SMITH:** Unfortunately, I never heard about it.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Vaughn has a Block Watch and he has meetings.



**MRS. SMITH:** I don't know where the Block Watch is in Garfield. I don't know what's in Garfield, but I have some very nice neighbors and I would love to work with them and get them to work with me.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Do you follow e-mail? Do you use e-mail?

**MRS. SMITH:** Of course, I use e-mail.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Before you leave give me your e-mail address and I'll see to it that you are informed.

**MRS. SMITH:** I do e-mail, but I like it in writing black and white. I understand that a little bit better. Please send me a letter.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Ma'am, because I understand your point. You want to hear from your representative in your Ward?

**MRS. SMITH:** Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** But you do have a gentleman that's sitting right there that holds monthly meetings and more importantly I will probably reach out to him because he doing meetings within your Ward. It's good to visit other meetings in other Wards. At the end of the day you live in a particular Ward so that gentleman will have more information than what Jason might right there on what's going on in Ward 5 or me or the next person sitting up there. As for the book, it's called "The Quality of Life". I do have copies of it but I can never get the money through a budget to be able to send them out to everybody so when I have a problem home I take it to that home where I'm having issues with. I do give it to that person and I also mail him a copy. That usually does the trick when I have a troubled home in my community. I am the Ward 1, not 5. But you got a gentleman here, Jason Blake, who holds meetings within your Ward, Ma'am. Thank you. Mr. Chairman.

**MRS. SMITH:** Thank you so much.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Nenadovich, did you want to say something?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** It's also posted in the Neighborhood News. Ward 7 is in there. Matt's meetings here, Mr. Dudley's meetings. They post them in the Neighborhood News—the times and dates and they're usually once/month. I myself if I see somebody new moving in the neighborhood, the Building Department they got a slot for these Quality of Life booklets. I grab a couple and I hand them out when I see them moving in.

**MRS. SMITH:** I pick them up at the store. My neighbor used to give them to me, but reading it I only saw the ugly stuff. I'm the neighbor that don't want to see that ugly stuff. I want to know how we can work together and save our neighborhood because our children are there. My children are grown and gone but still a little child on the street, they are mine too. OK? That's what I want to know. Have those things changed? Please don't let them change.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** They're not going to change.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Mr. Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Could I ask Mr. Blake a question, please? Do you still have your Block Watch meetings?

Mr. Blake: Yes.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Maybe you can get together with this lady afterwards and give her the dates so she'll have them?

**MRS. SMITH:** Please, I'm Mrs. Smith because you're Mr. Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I know you're Mrs. Smith because I've talked to you.

**MRS. SMITH:** I don't like "that lady" because I was named just like you were. I'm not "that lady".

**CLMN SUSTER:** Who said "that lady"?

**MRS. SMITH:** You said it.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I apologize.

**MRS. SMITH:** I'm not "that lady". I might even be your neighbor. You never know. You might need me one day.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

**MRS. SMITH:** OK. Thank you. I hope to hear from somebody about it.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

George Wilson, 4530 MLK Jr. Blvd. I want to compliment the Service Department. They resolved the issue on my street of correcting the correct name. The only problem was the other sign is bigger than this. The sign I got was like this. So what I'll do I'll buy the sign that they put up there. I got the money and they put the right sign up there. I have the pictures of it. On the other side—Thornhurst—there's a normal size where it's this big. The other one is this big. We have some pictures.

I want to thank the Police Department too for stopping by. They come by. I have problem with people coming in the circle there whatever they be doing when I called I said there's something going on that is non-hazardous. They will respond. There's people that's parking on the street, etc. I been there since 1984. My children have grown up there. It's really a nice neighborhood. I appreciate just being here and know the Mayor very well. I know a lot of other gentlemen that are here, but my compliment really goes out to the Police Department. All is well but the where

the Service Director he comes by. I don't know. That's the man right there. He comes by and I explained to him about the sign and he said he'd take care but he did respond to it and put the sign up. Who do I see to buy the sign?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No, Mr. Wilson.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will buy the sign.

**MR. WILSON:** Don't throw away the sign they made.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** I'll take care of it and I will give you the old sign.

**MR. WILSON:** Thank you.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** I don't understand how it happened because our machine only makes one size sign so I don't know what's going on, but I will check.

**MR. WILSON:** Thank you very much. Have a nice night.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Wilson. Is there anybody else wishing to speak tonight?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. If the Clerk would please read the rules?

**CLERK:** This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Since our invocation was given by Clmn Nenadovich, we will start with Clmn Nenadovich tonight.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad people are finally speaking up. We need people at the meetings. It's about time. For years, this room was empty and I like seeing this. I really appreciate it.

I was talking with the Police Chief about a week ago and I complained about parking because I'm getting a lot of parking complaints. It seems that's almost his number one call—parking. I mean how many cars do we have in this city that they park wrong? Again, the booklet. It says when you can park and when you can't. Where you can park. I thank you for bringing that up. I really appreciate it.

Mr. Chairman, that's all I got.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything you'd like to share?

**CLMN GLENN:** Not tonight, Sir.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Mr. Suster?

**CLMN SUSTER:** I have nothing this evening.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** OK. My turn. I just want to remind everybody that on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> I, along with Mr. Blake over there are putting together a Community Awareness Meeting. We are starting them back up. These meetings I put out there for all the residents to attend. They don't have to be a part of Ward 6 or Ward 5. I think we recognize that if every one of us up here had a meeting it would be a meeting every day of the week or at least seven meetings/month. It's a lot to ask our Directors, our Mayor, our Police Chief to be at every one of these meetings. They try to be as much as they can. So that's why Mr. Blake and I kind of combined our meetings and we are putting those things together to help people. Mr. Suster, would you please curb your comments? We respected you so we ask for your respect as well.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Sure.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** The other thing I wanted to point out and that will be Monday at 6:30 p.m. right here at the Civic Center.

The other thing is I wanted to say something about this Coffee with a Cop Program that the Police have along with Garfield United and John and Nancy House from McDonald's. I've had an opportunity to attend one of these. I work a full time job so I can't get to all of them, but I will tell you this was a great thing. The first one I attended. If you get a chance to get out there and actually thank our First Responders, you know, like Clmn Nenadovich said in his invocation, 911 is Wednesday. I don't know about you all, but I remember what it was like that day that those Twin Towers came down. It was like it was yesterday. I can't believe my children are already grown. It was one of the scariest moments I think in our history, but I remember how well every American came together. There was no bickering. There was no talk of Liberals and Conservatives. Everybody came together because of that. I wish we could still be together. I wish that we can remember what it was like and work together the way that we have. Just like Mrs. Smith said, we need to work together. I agree with that 100%.

That's all I have. Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I have no report this evening.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you. Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. The most important thing I want to mention is we know at that time of season when it come time to vote. Voting is real important I tell people. It's not a privilege. It's a right. A lot of people have made sacrifices even sacrificed their life in order that we have this right to vote. I strongly suggest that you exercise that vote. Ensure every young person in your house that would turn age 18 before November 5<sup>th</sup> as well as the primary race is important. You want to get out there and vote. You can argue I tell people all you want, but when you level the playing field you have an opportunity on Election Day to really tell people how you feel. That's

why it's important to get out there. I want just when we talked about the Black people have been through a lot, but there was a time when women couldn't vote. Think about that. They had to sit at home and just take care of the household and they would be mistreated and hurt for just trying to get out and cast a ballot like a man. So we all have suffered one way or another. Take advantage of that. Fulfill your right. Get out there and vote.

We know with 911 coming up I don't think I have to even comment. It's something we won't forget. I tell people be careful when you harbor hate. Hate can kill you. A lot of people commit them crimes against us they don't have a second thought about but we carry it on to the grave with us. I'm never going to forget. I served in the military. I tell people to remember that. You got soldiers and military personnels out there. They are protecting our right. Our democracy. We got to keep them in prayer. We got to keep safety forces in prayer. You got to keep the neighbors in prayer. Once again, let that hatred die. Get yourself an opportunity to live. You can't live alone. You can't have pain because whoever puts that pain on you is not losing a night of sleep.

We will be holding a meeting, but not for the month of September. We will have our next regular Town Hall Meeting in October within the Ward. Everybody's more than welcome. We serve good refreshments. Most of all keep your family, your friends, your neighbors in your prayers.

That's all I have tonight, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. At that time I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn tonight's Council Meeting.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I second it.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On the motion made by myself and seconded by Clmn Nenadovich to adjourn, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: LaMalfa

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matthew Burke  
President of Council

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