

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Members Present: Heath, Lutz, Oda, Phillips, Schweser, Severt, Terwilliger and Twiss.  
Upon motion of Mr. Heath, seconded by Mrs. Oda, Mr. Kendall was excused from this meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

Presiding Officer: Martha A. Baker President of Council

Others Present: Michael L. Beamish Mayor  
Patrick E. J. Titterington Director of Public Service and Safety  
Grant D. Kerber Director of Law

INVOCATION: An invocation was given by Mayor Beamish, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the January 2, 2018, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Twiss, to approve these minutes. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Baker reported regarding the January 8, 2018 Workshop, that was attended by all members of Council. She noted that items covered included the Sunshine Law, Ethics, Invocations, Chain of Command, Rules of Council, types of committees, business cards, council priorities, and community branding. From the January 8 Council Workshop, Council will have approval of the Rules of Council on the agenda for January 16, including a clarification to Page 5, Rule VII, Legislation, A. 1. Report signed by Heath, Lutz, Oda, Phillips, Schweser, Severt, Terwilliger and Twiss

RULES OF COUNCIL: A motion was made by Mr. Terwilliger, seconded by Mr. Schweser, to approve the Rules of Council, which has been changed on page five to add the following wording Rule VII, Legislation, A. 1. after the single first sentence: "If a motion is defeated by majority recommendation in a meeting of a committee of Council, that action will be reported to the next meeting of Council, and the issue will not be brought into the agenda of the Council for consideration, unless brought into the Council agenda by a two-thirds majority vote." Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM – WILLIAM HARRISON HOBART, JR., 1924-2018. Mr. Hobart served as President and CEO of Hobart Brothers Company for many years, and served on many community organizations. Mr. Hobart passed away January 1, 2018. The Resolution was read in entirety. Following a motion to approve the Resolution by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Twiss, it was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mrs. Baker reminded Council of two items:  
-Jan. 18, 6 pm, informational session, to be held in Council Chambers, regarding the McKaig Road Phase IV Improvement Project, and the McKaig/Dorset intersection.  
-Jan. 29, 6 pm, Council Workshop, to be held at the Bravo Room, Hobart Arena, regarding the West Main Street Improvement Project.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL:  
-Mr. Terwilliger commented that the first two rows in the parking lot east of the Police Department are available for public parking, and signs should be placed soon.  
-Mrs. Oda suggested that to avoid snow being piled against the curb, making it difficult to pull into parking spaces and get to the sidewalks, that snow be totally removed. Mr. Titterington advised that when there is a significant amount of snow (which would be more than has fallen recently), once the priority streets have been handled, the City has trucked snow out of the downtown.  
-Mr. Schweser thanked JoAnn Anderson and Shane Carter, of the Lincoln Community Center, for the excellent job of each that made the January 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event a success.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- David Newnam, 2385 Cara Drive (on a cul-de-sac), complained that his street was no longer plowed, that he understands primary and secondary streets are a priority, but local streets should then be plowed to give all tax payers similar service.

Mr. Titterington commented: crews are now plowing local streets and that by the next day all should have been plowed; that the City's priorities are the primary and secondary streets, areas around fire and police stations, and around schools; for the weather events over the past weekend, City crews salted all day on Friday, and were then out four times plowing and salting and re-treating roads where the snow had drifted back across roadways; motorists gain benefit from plowing and salting the main and secondary roads so they can get around; while the local streets are plowed less frequently, each winter weather event is separately evaluated to see what treatment is best; over the weekend he inspected the roads and found that they were as good as Township Roads; 11 staff members can handle the main and secondary roads in about six hours, but it requires 21 employees 11-12 hours to include the local streets.

-Mr. Lutz asked about the area around Kyle School as the streets did not look like they had been plowed. Mr. Titterington advised that he can confirm that Plum Street was salted and treated several times, but that sometimes contractors and citizens will blow snow back out into a street that the City has already treated, and that could be what happened.

-Mrs. Oda asked if alternate parking on alternate days (to allow better plowing) has been considered. Mr. Titterington commented that process has been discussed, and he will again talk with the Police Chief about it; however, it is recognized that enforcement can be difficult and it would take a lot of "trial and error" to attempt such a process.

-In response to Mr. Severt about what determines if the City uses 21 people to handle winter weather and why not expand the policy to plow all roadways for two or three events, Mr. Titterington replied that it depends on the weather event, and an example could be a severe ice storm that creates more safety hazards. In response to Mr. Severt, Mr. Titterington stated that the City does have the equipment needed.

-Lester Conard, 1210 S. Clay Street, commented that the City talks about the quality of services provide citizens, but he believes that the cost is more and the service less, noting that areas in Westbrook were missed for refuse collection two weeks ago and missed for recycling collection today. Mr. Conard commented that the City does not have the number of employees it used to, to be able to provide good service. Mr. Conard also commented that today is the day after the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and he does not see any persons of color or and democrats on Council, and he would like to see more of a cross section on Council.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council