OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the March 20, 2020, special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Gregory Fraser, Paul Giannini, Philip Gilbert, John Wortman, and Christian Zavinski. James A. Zavinski, Sr. was absent. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Brandon Deppen, Chief of Police Michael Holtz, DPW Director; Rodney Wren, Fire Chief; Terry Williams, Director of Codes, Permits, and Recreation Services; and Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton, Times Observer Reporter, was present.

TEMPORARY POLICE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

(See 3/16/2020 Council minutes)

Chief Deppen stated that the City is working closely with Warren County and the Emergency Management Agency as information regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic becomes available. To facilitate cooperation among agencies, it was requested that the City enter into a Temporary Municipal Police Agreement which will allow for the provision of Mutual Police Aid across jurisdictional lines.

The agreement was discussed at the March 16, 2020, regular Council meeting; however, action was tabled. Solicitor Stapleford discussed Council's concerns with Rob Greene, County District Attorney, and was advised that no changes to the agreement would be considered.

Mr. Fraser made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to sign the Temporary Municipal Police Cooperative Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wortman and carried with six votes in the affirmative and one member absent.

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Chief Deppen stated that Warren County requested that each municipality declare a State of Emergency in regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was noted that the Declaration is for administrative purposes only with no associated action to be required of the Mayor and/or Council. The Declaration will expire when the Warren County Commissioners declare that an emergency no longer exists in Warren County.

Mr. Wortman made a motion to approve the State of Emergency Declaration (with corrections). The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Zavinski and carried with six votes in the affirmative and one member absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – corrected 4/20/20

Mayor Cashman announced that Council would meet in executive session immediately following this meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.