

RESOLUTION NO. 02-21

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF FORMER CITY MAYOR EDWARD J. GRISWOLD, SR.

WHEREAS, Edward J. Griswold, Sr. was a lifelong resident of the City of Conneaut and truly a “man of the people”, successfully raising a family of four children, working for years in the family upholstery and furniture business, serving first as a Conneaut City Council member and then as Mayor, serving as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention, serving as Administrator for the Village of Genoa, serving as an active member for every club in Conneaut, and then retiring as the “Chief Cook and Bottle Washer” at Pizzi’s.

WHEREAS, Ed Griswold began his service to the City as a member of City Council in 1964 and was first elected Mayor in 1966 where he served until March of 1971. Ed then served two more terms as Mayor from 1980-1987.

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor of the City, Ed was instrumental in constructing the Broad Street underpass, passing a levy and building the City Hall annex in 1987, rehabilitating the old City Hall to better blend in with the new, creating Malek Park and, perhaps most importantly, lobbying successfully to relocate the I-90 truck scales from Kingsville to Conneaut in 1985.

WHEREAS, Ed’s efforts to bring the truck scales and visitors center to Conneaut brought sanitary sewers down Dorman Road to the interstate, creating the necessary foundation for the construction of two schools, the rehabilitation of Days Inn, the construction of Love’s Truckstop and Truckworld and the basis for any future development at the I-90/Rt 7 intersection.

WHEREAS, Ed served his family, his community, and his State with a rare blend of competency, humility and an unmitigated willingness to work with others to benefit Conneaut.

WHEREAS, Ed died on December 21, 2020 after a productive life that has benefitted and will continue to benefit Conneaut for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Conneaut City Council herein recognizes the extraordinary public service of Edward J. Griswold Sr. and his many accomplishments on behalf of the people of Conneaut, and further expresses its deepest appreciation, gratitude, and condolences to the family of Edward J. Griswold, Sr. and their willingness to share Ed with our community.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed this 11th day of January, 2021.