

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MTG MINUTES 7-05-2023

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, July 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, Council members present: Council President Barry Keller; Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Tom Duvall, At Large; Michelle Blanton, At Large; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward and Linda Chancey and Melissa Burns, Clerks. Absent: Jeff Hallinin, First Ward and Caryn Koch-Esterline, Second Ward. Invited Guests: Mayor Don McIlroy, Law Director Gary Kenworthy and City Auditor Mark Bidwell.

Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Hedges motioned to approve the Public Hearing 06-20-2023 minutes. Brady seconded. All Yeas. Brady motioned to approve the 06-20-2023 Council minutes as written. Theis seconded.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Keller reported that prior to tonight's Council meeting there was a Committee Of Whole Meeting. The discussion was about the use of ARPA funds for various project updates.

NO REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Lisa Bayless, 343 East Ohio St. voiced concerns regarding problems with being inundated with raccoons in their area of the city. The neighborhood has called several agencies to help. The mayor asked her to call him in the morning.
- William Haddox 531 Union St. voiced concerns about citizens wanting to attend a Council meeting. Mr. Haddox provided Council members with a Q&A Word document that explains words that are used in Council explaining ordinances.

NO COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Creating A Police Cadet Corps Within The Department Of Public Safety, Division Of Police. This was reviewed in the Safety meeting. This is for the hiring process for the Police Dept.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Hedges motioned to hold for a third reading on July 18th. Blanton seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance will be held until July 18th for a third and final reading.

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In The General Fund 101 Of The City Of Circleville. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting. This is a standard housekeeping ordinance for various City's funds.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Blanton motioned to be held for a third reading. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance will be held until July 18th for a third and final reading.

Adopting The Budget Of The City Of Circleville, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1,2024 And Submitting The Same To The County Auditor. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting. This is the beginning of the 2024 City budget process for the City.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Blanton motioned to hold for a third reading. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance will be held until July 18th for a third and final reading.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Replacing The One-Half Per Cent (.50%) Income Tax Rate Increase Allocated For The Purpose Of Operating And Maintaining The Safety Forces In The City Of Circleville, To Be A Supplement To The Current Allocation Of Funds To The General Fund And Not A Substitution Of

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These Funds With A 0.40% Percent Annum Income Tax for a Five-Year Period Effective January 1, 2025, and Expiring December 31,2029 Directing The Pickaway County Board Of Elections To Submit This Ordinance To The Electors Of The City Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code, Section 718.04 And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance Committee. This is a Safety Forces levy replacement ordinance. It is a tax on income for operating and maintaining the Safety Forces.
MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Hedges motioned to hold for a second reading. Blanton seconded. Roll call. (4 Yeas - 1 Nay -Brady). Ordinance will be held until July 18th for a second reading.

A Resolution To Submit To The Electors At A General Election To Be Held On November 7, 2023, An Ordinance To Replace The One-Half Per Cent (.50%) Income Tax Rate Increase Allocated For The Purposed Of Operating And Maintaining The Safety Forces In The City of Circleville, To Be A Supplement To The Current Allocation Of Funds To The General Fund And Not A Substitution Of These Funds, With A 0.40% Per Annum Income Tax four a five Year Period To Commence January 1,2025, and expiring December 31,2029, Directing The Pickaway County Board Of Elections To Submit The Tax Ordinance To The Electors Of The City Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code, Section 718.04 And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance Committee. This is also a Safety Forces supplement/replacement 5-year resolution for levy a tax on income.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Blanton motioned to hold for a second reading. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (4 Yeas - 1 Nay - Brady). Resolution will be held until July 18th for a second reading.

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In The General Fund 101 Legal Research & Computer Maintenance Fund 209 Park Improvement Debt Issuance Fund 252 And Addiction Treatment Grant Fund 267 Of The City Of Circleville. This was reviewed in the Finance Committee. This is an appropriate housekeeping ordinance.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE:

Blanton motioned to hold for a second reading. Brady seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance will be held until July 18th for a second reading.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Furniss, Executive Director for the Visitor Center along with Jenny Rhoads, Administrator. Furniss gave a brief bio of herself and explained the focus is on economic development, marketing and branding for the City and County. Also, Furniss stated the Visitor Center needs an extended lease for the Visitor Center building and the building needs renovations. Keller asked Furniss to work with the Mayor on the lease and repairs.

Theis announced the city would like to have an ice cream social to recognize the volunteer boards and commissions with a certificate of appreciation for their time.

Blanton motioned to excuse Jeff Hallinin from tonight's Council meeting. Hedges seconded. All Yeas. Blanton motioned to excuse Caryn Koch-Esterline from tonight's Council's meeting. Duvall seconded. All Yeas.

Brady motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:00 pm, Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Chancey, Clerk