

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7-18-2023

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, July 18, 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; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Caryn Koch-Esterline, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward. Clerks Linda Chancey and Melissa Burns. Invited Guests: Mayor Don McIlroy, Law Director Gary Kenworthy and City Auditor Mark Bidwell.

Keller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Brady motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes of 7-05-2023. Duvall seconded. All Yeas.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brady announced a Service Committee meeting Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

City Auditor Mark Bidwell reported the Auditor's Annual Report for 2022 is in the City Hall Building and electronic format for review.

The Mayor reported that the City received a 50-year Ohio Dept of Health award for the Water Dept in 2022. Also, the Mayor distributed information regarding trappers' info, Visitor Center Lease agreement, and the Top Ten Reasons To Invest In Chamber Membership. Duvall asked that the City funds the trappers cost within the city, and this needs to be an agenda item in a committee meeting.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Blaine Keckley, 693 Fairlawn Dr. voiced concerns regarding the electric aggregation discussion in the Service Committee. He has concerns about rates increasing and who is running the program.
- William Haddox 531 East Union St. voiced concerns regarding EPA monitor for air quality system in the City, the City needs a public air alert system. The Mayor asked Haddox to contact the Pickaway County Emergency Management Director for air quality monitor alert systems.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dodie Radcliff, City Treasurer, submitted the 2023 Second Quarter Treasurer's Report. Blanton motioned to accept the correspondence and place it on file. Brady seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING (final 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 to address the hiring process for the Police Dept.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE: Brady motioned for passage. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned # 07-39-2023.

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 funds in 101.

Koch-Esterline motioned to remove the \$5,000.00 in Section one. Brady seconded. All Yeas.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE: Blanton motioned for passage. Brady seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned # 07-40-2023.

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 City's 2024 budget.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE: Blanton motioned for passage. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas - 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned # 07-41-2023.

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ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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 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 amend the language in the 4th line in the title "...To Be Supplement To The General Fund And Not A Substitution Of These Funds." Brady seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 1 Nay – Blanton.)

Hedges motioned to amend the language in Section VI to say" This Additional Tax Allocation To Be Use For The Safety Forces Prior To The Use In General Fund..." Brady seconded. Roll call. (7 yeas – 0 Nays.) Motion carried.

Hedges motioned to amend the first motion to amend the title as the exact language in Section VI. Brady. Seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays.) Motion carried.

Hallinin motioned to hold for a third reading as amended in the title and in Section VI. Theis seconded.

Roll call. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay- Blanton.). Ordinance will be held until August 1st for a third and final reading.

Keller asked the Clerk to get with the Law Director on the amendments to this ordinance.

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: Hedges motioned to amend the title reflecting the same changes as in the ordinance. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays.) Motion carried.

Hedges motioned to amend Section I, and to add new verbiage per the Law Director. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Blanton motioned to hold for a third reading. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas - 0 Nay). Motion carried. Resolution will be held until August 1st for a third and final 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 a housekeeping ordinance in various funds.

MOTION - ROLL CALL - VOTE: Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas - 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Blanton motioned for passage. Brady seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned #07-42-2023.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Hedges motioned to go into Executive Session per O.R.C. 121.22 g (3) to meet with a consultant with legal counsel for contract negotiation. Including Council Members, Law Director, Mayor, Safety Director, City Auditor, Police Chief, Deputy Chief Doug Davis. Blanton seconded.

Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Hedges motioned to adjourn back into regular session, with no business conducted. Duvall seconded.

Theis motioned to adjourn City Council meeting. Hallinin seconded. All Yeas.