

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL 10-03-2023 MINUTES

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, Council members present: Council President Pro Tem Sheri Theis; 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. Clerks Linda Chancey and Melissa Burns. Invited guests were Mayor Don McIlroy and Law Director Gary Kenworthy.

Present Pro Tem Theis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Theis asked if there were any corrections, if not, the 9-19-2023 Council minutes are approved. All Yeas.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brady announced a Service Cmte Mtg October 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Blanton announced a Finance Cmte Mtg October 10th at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the Service Cmte mtg.

Theis reported that a Strategic Planning meeting was held on September 26. Updates to the parks were discussed and the committee voted to have a citizen survey done before any changes are made to the Master Plan for Ted Lewis. A report was given on the Vacant Building Enforcement Program. The Tree Commission and the City have received a grant from the U.S. Forest Service of \$1,000,000 for Community Forestry.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

The Mayor announced the RT 23, and 22 west corridor projects will be completed on October 13th. Also, the belvedere/cupola support column has arrived and will be installed. Updates in the Fire and Police Departments regarding staffing.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Julie Strawser, 535 Meadow Dr. The Pickleball Board updated Council on the two newly completed Pickleball Courts in Barthelmas Park. The Council was invited to the court's dedication on October 10th at 3:00 pm. Pictures were distributed, and a new banner will be placed on the new courts, too. The group's new focus is phase three building new courts 2024.

Website www.pickawaycountypickleball.org for more information

COMMUNICATIONS

Michael Taylor accepted the re-appointment to the Pickaway Metropolitan Housing Authority Board and the new term will expire December 21, 2027. Duvall motioned to accept the correspondence and place on file. (6 Yeas - 0 Nays -1 Abstain Hedges.) Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Safety Director To Enter Into A Contract With Ohio First Responders Grant To Prepare And Submit A Grant Application To The Fiscal Year 2023 Assistant To A Grant For The Firefighters Grant Program The Acquisition Of A Self -Contained Breathing Apparatus For The Department Of Public Safety Division Of Fire And Emergency Medical Service And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Safety Cmte mtg and was recommended for passage. This allows the Safety Director to enter into a contract to submit a grant application for equipment for the Fire Department.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE – Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Hallinin motioned for passage. Brady seconded. Roll call (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Ordinance passed and assigned #10-63-2023.

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An Ordinance Enacting Section 135.13 To The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Circleville Establishing Certain Part Time Positions Within The Police Department And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Safety Cmte Mtg. with a recommendation for passage. This allows part-time officers to be hired for staffing in the Police Department.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE – Brady motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Hedges motioned for passage. Brady seconded. Roll call (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned #10-64-2023.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

At the September 5th Cmte of Whole meeting Council updated the Rules of Council to make the rules more current and pertinent.

The changes to the rules need to be announced at three public meetings before they can be voted on. This is the second of three readings for changes to Council Rules.

Hallinin stated that Tonya Winfield attended the Judicial Cmte to meet Committee and Council members. Duvall motioned for Tonya Winfield to be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:27 p.m. Koch-Esterline seconded. All Yeas.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Clerk