

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 01-02-2024

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, Council members present: President Barry Keller; Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Sheri Theis, At Large; Tom Klitzka, At Large; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Zack Brooks, Third Ward; Tom Duvall, Fourth Ward. Clerks Linda Chancey and Melissa Burns were present. Absent: Don McIlroy, Second Ward.

Invited guests Mayor Michelle Blanton, and Law Director Kendra Kinney.

Prior to tonight's Council meeting all elected officials were sworn in by Judge Elisa M. Peters.

President 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 12-19-2023 City Council Minutes. Theis seconded. All Yeas.

President Keller announced all six committees' responsibilities along with chairs and cmte members.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Duvall announced a Service Cmte meeting January 9th at 7:00 p.m. for legislation.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

Kinney stated she has scheduled an informal discussion with Safety Forces and Administration.

Blanton reported that she has met with the City's Department Directors and other departments.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Dominic Ali, 517 South Court St stated that he wanted to make himself available to help around safety, water, or parks.
- Caryn Koch-Esterline, 11452 Stoutsville Pike wanted to congratulate new and current Council members on their Council seats.
- Ericka Morgan, 521 N. Court St voiced concerns regarding the issue being harassed by the city and the No Parking sign that were illegally placed behind her home. Morgan showed pictures of cars being illegally parked in and around the city and on curbs. Keller asked Morgan to give her pictures to the Administration and continue talking with them.

NO COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Use Of Opioid Funds To Pickaway Area Recovery Services (PARS) And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance Cmte. This was amended in Section III which states specified requirements to continue to receive those funds.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE. Hedges motioned for passage. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigned #01-02-2024. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Service To Enter Into A Land Lease Agreement With New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Granting The Right To Install, Maintain And Operate Communication Equipment, Including A New Tower On The Premises Of The City Located At 151 East Franklin Street. This was reviewed in the Judicial Cmte. Theis stated there are still questions concerning the lease for the new cell tower.

MOTION – ROLL CALL – VOTE

Theis motioned to refer this back to the Judicial Cmte for further discussion on the lease. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas – 1 Nay -Hedges). Motion carried. This will go back for a second reading.

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ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Appointing A Clerk Of City Council For The City Of Circleville, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Cmte Of Whole Meeting with a recommendation for passage. This is to appoint a Council Clerk for the City Council meetings.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE. – Hallin motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Theis motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #01-03-2024.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Duvall motioned to excuse Don McIlroy from tonight's Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. All Yeas.

Keller received a letter of resignation from Jean Droste, who served on the Circleville-Pickaway Lease Oversight Board. This position's application was posted on the City's website. If there is more than one application to review a Committee Of Whole meeting will be scheduled in February to review those applications and appoint a new person to serve on this board.

Keller received a letter of resignation from Michell Blanton, Blanton served on the PICCA Board to representation for Council. If any Council members would like to serve on that board, please let Keller know.

Duvall motioned to nominate Sheri Theis to 2024-2025 President Pro Tempore for the Council meeting when Council President Keller is absent. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:24 p.m. Hedges seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Clerk