

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12-5-2023

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, Council members present: 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 City Auditor Mark Bidwell, and Law Director Gary Kenworthy.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Theis motioned to approve 11-21-2023 Public Hearing Minutes, Duvall seconded. Motion carried. Koch-Esterline motioned to approve 11-21-2023 Council minutes. seconded by Theis. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Keller announced a Cmte Of Whole meeting Tuesday December 21st at 6:45 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

The City Auditor reported the city was honored Auditor Of State award. The city was in the top 10% of all audits for a perfect city audit.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

NO COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING.

An Ordinance To Provide For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Circleville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting with a recommendation to hold for a third reading. This is the 2024 City Budget from all departments.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Blanton motioned to hold for a third reading. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Ordinance will be held until December 19th for a third and final reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST RADING

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Service To Apply For, Accept And Enter Into An Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) And Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Design Grant Agreement For The Engineering And Design Of Improvements To The Circleville Water Treatment Plant And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the finance meeting with a recommendation for passage. This allows the Public Service Director to enter a water supply revolving OEPA loan, this indicates the source of the repayment is out of the Water Plant Fund 838.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Blanton seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Hedges motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #12-79-2023.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Use Of Opioid Funds To Pickaway County Community Action (PICCA) And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting with a recommendation for passage. This allows the City to distribute opioid settlement funds to PICCA for homeless, wellness and mobile outreach unit projects.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Brady motioned for passage. Hallinin seconded. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #12-80-2023.

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An Ordinance Authorizing The Use Of Opioid Funds To Pickaway Area Recovery Services (PARS) And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting with a recommendation for passage. This allows the City to distribute opioid settlement funds. It was amended in committee meeting to say, "as long as the funds are available." Theis asked if there should be a contract in place first to reapply for funds or a yearly report from PARS. Hedges stated the thought was we were going to revisit every five years. Theis stated it needs to be revisited and then the agency can reapply.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

This motioned to hold for a second reading for more information on the reporting used of funds. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Ordinance will be held until December 19th for a second reading.

An Ordinance Replacing The One-Half Percent (.50%) Income Tax Rate Increase Allocated For The Purpose Of Operating And Maintaining The Safety Forces In The City Of Circleville, To Be Expended For The Safety Forces Prior To The Use Of The Funds Allocated To The General Fund, With A 0.40% Per Annum Income Tax For A Five Year Period, Effective From January 1, 2025 And Expiring December 31,2029, Directing The Pickaway County Board Of Election To Submit This Ordinance To The Elector Of The City Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code, Section 718.04 And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting with a recommendation for passage. This ordinance includes the language for the Safety Levy for the March primary election in 2024 for five years.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 1 Nay- Koch-Esterline). Rules are suspended. Hedges motioned for passage. Blanton seconded. Roll call (5 Yeas- 1 Nay -Koch-Esterline. 1 Abstain – Duvall). Motioned carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #12-81-2023.

Resolution To Submit To The Electors At A Primary Election To Be Held On March 19,2024, An Ordinance To Replace The One-Half Percent (.50%) Income Tax Rate Increase Allocated For The Purpose Of Operating And Maintaining The Safety Forces In The City Of Circleville, To Be Expended For The Safety Forces Prior To The Funds Allocated To The General Fund, With A 0.40% Per Annum Income Tax For 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 meeting with a recommendation for adoptions this is for Safety Levy in March 2024. This is the companion ordinance.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Blanton seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 1 Nay -Koch -Esterline). Rules are suspended. Hedges motioned for adoption. Blanton seconded. Roll call (5 Yeas- 1 Nay - Koch-Esterline. 1 Abstain -Duvall). Motion carried. Resolution is adopted and assigned #12-82-2023.

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In The General Fund 101, City Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax Fund 205, Capital Improvement .4% Income Tax Fund 206, Circleville Cable TV Fund 211, Safety Forces .5% Tax Fund 212, Safety Forces .1% Tax Fund 216 And The Safety Forces .5% Tax Fund 227, Of The City Of Circleville. This was reviewed in the Finance meeting with a recommendation for passage. This is a general financial housekeeping ordinance.

MOTION – ROLL - CALL VOTE.

Koch-Esterline motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Blanton motioned for passage. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #12-83-2023.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:32 p.m. Brady seconded. All Yeas.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Chancey, Clerk