

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 2.20.2024

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, February 20, 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; Vacant, Second Ward; Zack Brooks, Third Ward; Tom Duvall, Fourth Ward. Clerk Linda Chancey.
Invited guests Mayor Michelle Blanton, and Assistant Law Director Jwayyed Jwayyed.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Hallinin motioned to approve the 2.6.24 City Council Minutes as recorded. Brooks seconded. All Yeas.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hedges updated the City Council as a PAC member for Circleville regarding the safety levy. The levy will be on the ballot in March 2024. The door-to-door campaign is scheduled for 2/24 and 2/25.

Klitzka announced a Judicial Cmte Mtg. March 5th at 6:30 p.m. The agenda item is the Cell Tower and application for BZA.

Keller announced a Special Council meeting to fill the 2nd Ward vacancy Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

The Mayor reported that she attended meetings and met with P 3 on initiative for upcoming developments and Highland Gp developers for the Rt 22 East Housing Developers and ongoing discussions on cyber security training for the City. There is a meeting for preparing grade separation located at Heritage Hall March 5th for alternatives. There was a Homeless initiative meeting at the Community United Methodist Church.

City Auditor Mark Bidwell reported his office 2023 annual report was submitted to Council.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

William Haddox, 531 East Union St. voiced concerns with the RR tracks near his home on the side of the banks, the trash needs to be cleaned. Also, The Trapper ordinance is it going to move forward, is the city still progressing with trapping and pricing animals? Keller stated that the trapper ordinance has not moved forward yet and to check with administration.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Auditor Mark Bidwell submitted his office 2023 Preliminary Annual Report.

A letter dated February 7, 2024, from Josh Ford apologizing to Council members.

Hedges motioned to accept the correspondence and place them on file. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance To Authorize And Implement The Labor Agreement Between The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association And The City Of Circleville. This was reviewed in the Finance Cmte and in the executive session. This is the labor agreement that was discussed in cmte mtg. JJ explained Council needs to decide to accept the contract or go into a fact-finding recommendation to accept or reject.

MOTION – ROLL CALL - VOTE. Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Hedges withdrew motioned to vote no on the contract.

Hallinin motioned for passage. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (1 Yeas – Hallinin – 5 Nays - Duvall, Hedges, Klitzka, Theis, Brooks).

Hedges motioned to advise the Law Director's office to go to fact finding for contract negotiations.

Hallinin seconded. Voice vote (6 Yeas – 0 Nays). Labor contract failed to pass.

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An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In The Municipal Court Special Docket Grant Fund 266 Of The City Of Circleville. This was reviewed in the Finance Cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is a financial housekeeping ordinance for unspent grant funds.

MOTION – ROLL CALL VOTE. – Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Hallinin motioned for passage. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #02.14.2024.

An Ordinance Amending The City Of Circleville Zoning Code To Make Certain Changes And Additions To The Code And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Judicial cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is amending zoning codes. Hannah Wynne explained the changes in the codes, and this was heard at a Public Hearing.

MOTION – ROLL CALL - VOTE. – Klitzka motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Klitzka motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #02.15.2024

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Safety To Purchase Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) To Be Used By The Department Of Public Safety, Division Of Fire/EMS. This was reviewed in the Safety Cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is to purchase a utility vehicle for the Fire/EMS for special events in the City.

MOTION – ROLL CALL - VOTE. – Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Brooks motioned for passage. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #02.16.2024.

A Resolution Authorizing UpTown Circleville Main Street Program To Use City Streets For Their Annual 3-On-3 Tournament For 2024. This was reviewed in the Service cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is to close the downtown streets for UpTown Circleville 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.

MOTION – ROLL CALL - VOTE. – Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended. Theis motioned for passage. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned #02.17.2024.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

MOTION – ROLL CAL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to appoint David Crawford to the Lease Oversight Board. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas – 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Casey Liddy, President OhioHealth Berger updated Council with a pamphlet showing lease commitments are satisfied with charts and graphs.

Hallinin motioned to adjourn from Council Meeting at 7:52 p.m. Brooks seconded. All yeas.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Clerk