

CIRCLEVILLE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES 3/19/2024

Circleville Committee of The Whole convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Present at Roll Call: President Barry Keller and Council Members Tom Duvall, Sheri Theis, Tom Klitzka, Katie Logan Hedges, Zack Brooks, John Moats and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused Council Members: Jeff Hallinin. Invited Guest present: Tim Colburn and Glenn Reeser.

Keller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Duvall motioned to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes. Seconded by Klitzka. Motion carried.

New Business:

a. JEDD Updates & Education (Guest speakers: Tim Colburn, P3 Executive Director and Glenn Reeser, City Appointee)

Discussion: Glenn Reeser spoke to say the JEDD was created about 6 years ago to boost economic development. There are three partners in this JEDD: the City, Pickaway Township and the Logan Elm School Board.

Tim Colburn explained the current JEDD was created for Sofidel and to put in a 12-mile-long gas line. The gas line cost 19 million to construct and was jointly funded by: Sofidel, Columbia Gas, and P3. P3 used a Jobs Ohio Loan to cover their portion of the gas line in the amount of 6.5 million dollars. That loan was originally a 15-year loan but is anticipated to be paid off by January 2025, due to; forgiveness of the loan, conservative spending, and Sofidel exceeding expectations. The JEDD is funded from the City of Circleville's 2.5% income tax on employees that work in the JEDD. The pot is currently split 5 ways; 80% to pay of the Sofidel Gas Line Loan, 7% to the City of Circleville, 8% to Pickaway Township, 4% to Logan Elm School District, and 1% to the JEDD Board for administrative expenses. The numbers are expected to increase significantly after the loan forgiveness of the P3 Jobs Ohio Loan and increase the pot to pay; 40% to Pickaway Township, 35% to the City, 24% to Logan Elm School District, and continued 1% to the JEDD Board.

Mr. Colburn stated on April 15, 2024, strategic planning has a tour scheduled and Council is invited to attend. They will tour Sofidel, Dupont and other places in Northern Pickaway County. Mr. Reeser spoke to say the JEDD has paid a lot of dividends to the City and will continue to do so for many years to come. The State has chosen to forgive the Jobs Ohio Loan and because of the forgiveness a few amendments are needed to the JEDD Ordinance. Another reason the Ordinance will need amended is to correct a snafu with Rita. LESD and the City were supposed to receive the same amount, but the numbers are off and need adjusted. Mr. Reeser also stated Auditor Mark Bidwell is one of the hardest working members in the JEDD and he does a great job.

Old or and Other Business:

Keller stated the NCA Board will have a meeting on April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be an education session and to swear in the new Council members.

Klitzka motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27p.m., Seconded by Brooks. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk