

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 4/9/2024

Circleville City Strategic Planning Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:15 pm. Members present: Chair Sheri Theis, Committee Members Zach Brooks and John Moats, Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited guests present: Jim Stanley. Other guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Council Members Tom Duvall, Tom Klitzka, and Council President Barry Keller.

Theis called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Moats motioned to approve the Strategic Planning minutes from March 12, 2024. Seconded by Brooks. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY GRANTING IT THE RIGHT TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES ACROSS LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND USED AS PART OF THE VALVOLINE OIL CHANGE.

Discussion: Stanley stated this Ordinance will allow AEP to supply power to the proposed new business Valvoline Oil Change. The location is where the old South Court Street School used to be. Typically, this would be part of the Right-of-Way and wouldn't require an easement but due to the way the property is titled it does.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE

Moats motioned to forward to Council on April 16, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Brooks Seconded. (3-Yeas 0-Nays) Motion carried.

Other Business: Theis spoke about the Cupola restoration project, and the major repairs the City completed. The wood and pillars were rotting away, and pieces of the trim were falling off. About 20 years ago, the City had to remove the Bell because of the deteriorating condition. The structural columns were hollow in the center and had to be structurally engineered and replaced. The City recreated the Copula like it would have originally been in 1864. The City has plans to add color changing lights to the Copula in the future. This project was financed through ARPA funds that were earmarked for capital improvements and not City tax dollars. The Bell does ring every Tuesday at 6:59 pm for one minute.

Brooks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.