

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MTG. MINUTES 4.16.2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, April 16, 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; John Moats, Second Ward; Zack Brooks, Third Ward; Tom Duvall, Fourth Ward, and Clerk Linda Chancey. Invited guests Mayor Michelle Blanton, and Law Director Kendra Kinney.

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 City Council 4.2.24 minutes. Brooks seconded. Motion carried.

Theis motioned to approve the Special City Council 4.10.24 minutes. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hallinin reported at the last Safety Cmte Meeting the Mayor was asked to move forward with the 911 plans.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS.

The Law Director reported that the Police and Fire/EMS initiative on mental health crisis for protocol and processes are still on going.

The Mayor's updates included a meeting with VP Pumpkin Show for ordinance processes, met with P3 Director and developers, and other interested organizations coming to City.

Stat reports for Safety forces - Fire Dept. - Sunday eighteen runs and then Monday twenty runs, Police Dept 6,000 calls in the last three months, 882 reports filed, thirty-four arrests and seventeen overdoses. This week is National Emergency Telecommunication Week.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION.

Brooks asked about the separation and release agreements for Shawn Baer and Doug Davis, the Law Director stated that they are signed and in a waiting period.

Keller asked about an update on Safety Levy. The Mayor stated the Safety Director position is advertised. We are actively meeting with the acting Police Chief for perspective and reviewing the deadline to place on the November ballot.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

West Hart, 147 Pleasant St. read a statement regarding the Police Dept situation that is happening, and why no information was given to the public.

Dane Smythe, Great Dane Construction, 8880 Ringgold Fairfield Rd. voiced concerns regarding the railroad overpass options and offered solutions for the City RR grade separation overpass.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Pickaway County Historical Society dated April 11, 2024, from President Jane Wiggins Shaw. The Society trustees voted unanimously against the cell tower in the proposed location.
- Klitzka read an email statement from Helen Maddox, 416 South Court St. asking Klitzka to vote no on the proposed cell tower.

Duvall motioned to place the correspondence on file. Brooks seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Approving The First Amendment To The Agreement To Create The City Of Circleville-Pickaway Township Joint Economic Development District To Authorize The Redistribution Of The Jedd Income Tax Revenue And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Finance Meeting and recommended for passage. This is to JEDD agreement for the redistribution tax revenue for Sofidel plant.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended. Motion carried. Hallinin motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned # 04.24.2024.

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ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Amending Section 133.03 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Circleville To Include A City Planner Position Within The Department Of The City Public Service And Declaring An Emergency. This was reviewed in the Judicial Meeting. This is to create a Planner position for the City.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended. Motion carried. Hallinin motioned for passage. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned # 04.25.2024

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. This was reviewed in the Strategic Planning Meeting. This is a for the development project on South Court St to install electric lines.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended. Motion carried. Brooks motioned for passage. Moats seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned # 04.26.2024.

Resolution Authorizing The Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. To Operate The Annual “Circleville Pumpkin Show” On Various Streets And Sidewalks Of The City Of Circleville, Ohio. This was reviewed in the Service Meeting. This is an annual ordinance to close streets and sidewalks.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall motioned to suspend the rules. Moats seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended. Motion carried. Hedges motioned for adoption. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nay). Motion carried. Resolution is adopted and assigned # 04.27.2024.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Service To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of Two Trucks For The Department Of Public Service. This was reviewed in the Service Meeting. This is to purchase two trucks to be used in the Service Dept.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended. Motion carried. Brooks motioned for passage. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas – 0 Nay). Motion carried. Ordinance passes and assigned # 04.28.2024.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Proposed Cell Tower, on property located on 158 East Franklin St. contract negotiations. Brad Laucher AT&T Representative, 1801 Watermark Drive, Columbus, OH. stated, if there are other locations in the City for a cell tower, then the City will need to present them to AT&T, we are willing to listen.

MOTION -ROLL CALL -VOTE.

Duvall motioned to authorize the Law Director to engage in a legal firm to negotiate an agreement for a cell tower located at 158 East Franklin St. Klitzka seconded (0 Yeas – 7 Nays).

Motioned failed, the City will not enter into an agreement for a cell tower at that location.

Duvall motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:52 p.m. Brooks seconded. All Yeas.

Courteously submitted by Linda Chancey, Clerk