

CIRCLEVILLE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 6/4/2024

Circleville Judicial Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:45 pm. Roll call: Members present: Chair Tom Klitzka, Committee members Sheri Theis, John Moats, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Other Council members present: Barry Keller, Tom Duvall, Katie Logan Hedges, Jeff Hallinin, and Zach Brooks. Invited guests: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, Auditor Mark Bidwell and Planner Hannah Wynne.

Klitzka called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Theis motioned to approve the minutes from May 21, 2024. Seconded by Moats. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ROSS-PICKAWAY-HIGHLAND-FAYETTE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: This Waste Management Plan involves the four counties: Ross, Pickaway, Fayette and Highland. The counties will be working together to accomplish 10 goals. Jim Stanley is our county's representative. They will focus on Goal #2 first "Reduce and recycle at least 25% of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector. Klitzka said the Plan has been working and they will discuss recycling more in the near future with the residents.

Theis said the recycle bins on Morse Road had to be removed for trash dumping. Klitzka said there are six different bins still located around the City. Klitzka said options are limited and that's why talks need to continue to happen. Moats wants to make sure there is a good plan in place to meet the recycling goal. Klitzka said the bins are consistently full to the brim and that issue needs to be addressed.

MOTION - ROLL CALL – VOTE: Moats motioned to forward this Resolution to the Council meeting June 18, 2024, with a recommendation for passage. Seconded by Theis. Roll call (3 Yeas-0 Nays). Motion carried.

b) Cannabis Dispensaries overview/discussion with the City Planner Hannah Wynne.

Discussion: Planner Hannah Wynne said with cannabis becoming legal for recreational use in Ohio, she would like to start conversations about what the City wants. Wynne stated the Zoning Code is vague to business retail and legislation is needed. A few examples of what other cities are doing; Lancaster prohibits all medical dispensaries, but nothing has been created on recreational dispensaries; Athens has guidelines prohibiting dispensaries in public spaces where tobacco is not allowed, not allowed 500 feet together and has to be 500 feet away from schools, playgrounds, parks and libraries; Columbus requires dispensaries to notify property owners within 250 feet. Marion County charges an annual fee of \$2500 for medical dispensaries.

Klitzka said Chillicothe has been prosperous in cannabis sales and the parking lot is always full. He would like to keep the conversation open.

Hedges said she was in a meeting with PAC, who are strongly against dispensaries and believe it will have a negative impact on all the good work they have done.

Moats echoed the same concerns as PAC and doesn't know how this helps the community.

Mayor Blanton stated while the City waits for the guidelines to come out from the State, the City could put a moratorium in place.

Theis asked if someone wanted to open a dispensary now could they just go through Zoning and Planning. Kinney confirmed the way the code is written someone could apply under a retail license. Kinney recommends legislation to address both medical and recreational dispensaries.

Klitzka asked the Law Director to begin the process to draft legislation for a moratorium.

Other Business: None.

Thesis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Moats. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk