

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/1/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Zack Brooks, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused Council Member: Katie Logan-Hedges. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, and Auditor Mark Bidwell,

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Hallinin motioned to approve City Council minutes from September 17, 2024. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hallinin stated he had a Safety meeting prior to this meeting, and he has two Ordinances that will be forwarded to the next Council meeting.

Duvall has a couple Ordinances to discuss tonight and will hold the next Service meeting on October 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Theis stated she had a Strategic Planning meeting prior to this meeting, and she has two Ordinances that are on the Agenda tonight.

Keller stated there will be a NCA meeting on Monday October 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The NCA consist of all Council members and was created to consider new developments. Keller stated he has asked two Council members to help interview applicants for the Clerk position.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

The Law Director Kinney stated last Tuesday the City lost the shelter house at ted Lewis Park. The Defendant charged for that fire will appear in Court on Thursday for a preliminary hearing. Kinney stated Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS handled the job superbly and make a quick arrest.

Mayor Blanton traveled to Groveport and Reynoldsburg YMCAs for advice and suggestions on how they were funded. The Mayor is continuing to look for ways to fund a community center here. The Service Director and the Mayor went up to Ohio Rail Commission and were successful in receiving a grant of 2.5 million dollars toward the grade separation project. The City has hired a Communication Consultant to see if there is a possible need for a Communications Director.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH SMALL NATION.

Discussion: The Mayor stated Small Nation has done some historical work in Bellefontaine and has a formula to help other small towns.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Brooks motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Brooks motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The resolution is adopted and assigned #10.69.2024.

b) AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO PURCHASE 2.15 ACRES MORE OR LESS OF LAND FOR PARK LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS BY THE CITY AUDITOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Theis sated this Ordinance came from the Service Director to purchase the greenspace on Atwater for a neighborhood park. Hallinin expressed some concerns with the purchase while also trying to pass the Safety Levy.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 1 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 1 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.70.2024.

c) AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR OUTSTANDING DELINQUENT WATER AND/OR SEWER BILLS ON SPECIFIC UTILITIES ACCOUNTS.

Discussion: Duvall stated this is a standard Ordinance for citizens who are not paying their water bills.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.71.2024.

d) AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR FINES DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE VACANT BUILDING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ON CERTAIN CITY LOTS.

Discussion: Duvall stated the Zoning Inspector is trying to address the City's issue with vacant buildings. This Ordinance is for property owners who are not responsive to multiple notices sent by the City.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Brooks motioned to suspend the rules. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.72.2024.

e) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Discussion: Auditor Bidwell stated this is the tax budget previously passed in June and sent to the Tax Commission for their approval. The Tax Commission has given their approval, so it is now back in front of Council for final approval.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Brooks motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #10.73.2024.

f) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 STREET CONSTRUCTION FUND 203 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT .4% INCOME TAX FUND 206 SAFETY FORCES .5% INCOME TAX FUND 212 SAFETY FORCES .5% INCOME TAX FUND 227 WATERWORKS OPERATING FUND 808 AND SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND 909 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE

Discussion: Auditor Bidwell stated Funds 808 and 809 are just moving funds from one fund to another. Fund 203 is for medical and dental expenses that was missed. The other larger amount was out of Fund 212 for the Fire Department's payroll. Bidwell hopes to receive another FEMA grant by the end of the year to cover the fire department's payroll. Bidwell stated Tax Fund 227 is increasing by a little over \$46,000 to match funds for the Fire Departments ladder truck they are receiving nine months early.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.74.2024.

g) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE ZONING CODE TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Klitzka stated this Ordinance is amending the zoning code to allow the City to regulate the location and character of all the buildings in the City.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.75.2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hallinin motioned to excuse Katie Logan Hedges from tonight's Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

2. Theis stated she had a Strategic Planning Committee meeting earlier this evening. The Committee voted to forward the applicant Christopher Burton to the next Council meeting with a recommendation for appointment to the Historic Review Board.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to approve applicant Christoper Burton to the Historic Review Board. Brooks seconded. (6Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried.

3. Theis stated the Strategic Committee also had another applicant Denise Simms Sunderland for the Historic Review Board. The Committee voted to forward the applicant Denise Simms to the next Council meeting with a recommendation for appointment to the Historic Review Board.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to approve applicant Denise Simms to the Historic Review Board. Duvall seconded. (6Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried.

4. Executive Session

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to adjourn into executive session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §121.22(G)(1). Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall motioned to adjourn executive session and o back into regular session. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Motion carried.

Hallinin motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Moats seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.