

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/17/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:08 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Pro Tempore Sheri Theis, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, and Tom Klitzka, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Zack Brooks, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, and Auditor Mark Bidwell.

President Pro Tempore Theis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Duvall motioned to approve City Council minutes from September 3, 2024. Brooks seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Theis stated she had a Strategic Planning meeting early this evening September 17, 2024. Two pieces of legislation will be on the next Council meeting's Agenda. Theis announced there are two openings on the Historic Review Board. Application will be accepted until September 27, 2024.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

The Law Director stated she had the opportunity to represent the City in a full day arbitration hearing. Her office continues to provide support to law enforcement on and off the scene. Her office has also started working on the preliminary discussions for Pumpkin Show.

The Mayor stated she had a meeting two weeks ago with the One Ohio Foundation Board representing Region 9. The Mayor stated they gave their recommendations for awards from the opioid funds settlements to the Board. The Mayor stated she has attended multiple events around the City. Her office has been working with the Ohio Historic Connection regarding records retention and destruction. Movie night in the park was a success and had about 250-300 residents present.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Doug DeBord, spoke in support of our Safety Forces. He is in support of the Safety Levy and believes there is nothing more important than having a strong Police and Fire Department. DeBord thanked the Mayor for her hard work with the Police Department and said the City is moving forward in the right direction. DeBord asked the residents of the City to consider voting for the levy.

Dave Horning stated he spoke with Josh Cross and there is a clean up this upcoming Friday September 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to help clean up downtown Circleville.

Marie Wilbanks, the superintendent of the Pickaway County Board of Disabilities stated the community members the Board serves doesn't have a lot of opportunities for inclusion. Mrs. Wilbanks would like the community to know the Board is there as a resource for any questions anyone might have.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Theis stated this Resolution is to officially approve applying for a grant to eliminate a railroad crossing/grade separation and approve the funds that are required for the local match. The Mayor stated the City's obligation would be 10% of the project cost. Kinney clarified the amount is approximately \$2.5 million dollars and includes a buffer.

Bidwell stated the City will begin setting funds aside over the next couple years for the project.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Moats seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #09-67-2024.

b) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY BECOME A RESIDENT OF THE CITY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #08-52-2003 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hallinin stated this Ordinance will repeal the previous provision that requires the Director of Public Safety to become a resident within six months of appointment. Hallinin stated this is like the Ordinance previously submitted for the Chief of Police and will be more aligned with the Ohio Revised Code.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #09-68-2024.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Hallinin motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Brooks seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.