CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/15/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges and Sheri Theis, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Zack Brooks, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Absent Members: Tom Klitzka. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton and Law Director Kendra Kinney.

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

Brooks motioned to approve City Council minutes from October 1, 2024. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hedges stated the Finance Committee met to go over the Comp Plan and proposed changes. A summary will go out tomorrow. Another Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Theis stated she has two items on the Agenda from Strategic Planning and she will speak for Klitzka for his Judicial item on the Agenda.

Hallinin stated he had a Safety Committee, and he has a couple Ordinances on the Agenda.

Duvall stated he had a meeting earlier in the evening and the Kidzapalooza Resolution will be brought up under new business.

Keller welcomed everyone to the 117th Circleville Pumkin Show.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Law Director Kinney stated a Save the Date went out today for the Chief of Police. Kinney will host a reception at her office following the swearing in. Kinney stated she has been working on the Comp Plan and it is focused more on legalities and cleanup of past legislations.

Blanton stated many hours have gone into planning Pumkin Show and she hopes everyone local or commuting in enjoys the Pumpkin Show.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH US BANK FOR THE FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A 2024 SPARTAN SMEAL 105' HD AERIAL FIRE LADDER TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE SIGNED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSACTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hallinin stated this Ordinance is to purchase a ladder truck that is ready almost a year ahead of schedule. The cost for the City to purchase the needed ladder truck will be $498,132. The City is also receive a grant for $928,000 to help cover the additional cost of the ladder truck.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

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

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Brooks motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.76.2024.

b) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PPE EXTRACTOR & DRYER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Discussion: Hallinin stated this grant will replace a unit that is over 22 years old. This will make it easier for the Fire Department to do their job.
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
Theis motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.77.2024.

c) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Discussion: Theis stated this resolution will allow the City to apply for a $300,000 grant to help replace the lost shelter house at Ted Lewis Park.
MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE
Theis motioned to suspend the rules. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.
MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE
Theis motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #10.78.2024.

d) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A PLEDGE AGREEMENT TO MAKE PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THE SALARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UPTOWN CIRCLEVILLE.
Discussion: Theis stated the City previously pledged funds to help pay for an Executive Director for Uptown and they are asking for continued support.
Richard Rhoads stated if uptown is unable to hire an Executive Director, they will not burden the City and use the funds. Rhoads stated the idea is to have enough funds to attract the right person.
MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE
Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.
MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE
Theis motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #10.79.2024.

e) AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR CUTTING OF WEEDS AND THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES ON CERTAIN CITY LOTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Discussion: Theis stated this Ordinance assesses property taxes on homeowners who do not maintain their property. The Ordinance allows the City to be paid for the work involved in cleaning up the properties.
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
Brooks motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #10.80.2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Kidzapalooza Resolution

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE
Duvall motioned to add the Kidzapalooza Resolution to Council's Agenda. Theis seconded. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is added to Council's Agenda.

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAKE BACK THE STRIP TO USE CITY STREETS FOR THEIR ANNUAL KIDSPALOOZA FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Duvall stated that the Resolution was previously approved, but the event was canceled due to Hurricane Helene. This Resolution provides a new event date and rain date should the event need to be postponed in the future.

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 adoption of the Resolution. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #10.81.2024.

Theis motioned to excuse Tom Klitzka from tonight's meeting. Hallinin Seconded. Motion carried.

Hallinin motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Moats seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.