CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/19/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward-Vacant, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused Council member: Jeff Hallinin. 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.

Duvall motioned to approve City Council minutes from November 5, 2024. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hedges stated she held a Finance meeting on November 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Hedges has five pieces of Legislation on tonight's Agenda. Hedges will hold her next Finance meeting on Tuesday November 26, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.

Theis stated she held a Strategic Planning meeting on November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and has one piece of legislation on tonight's Agenda.

Klitzka announced he will have a meeting on December 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Klitzka also stated on December 11, 2024, Council and members of the Administration will tour Rumpke's new recycling facility in Columbus.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Blanton stated she attended the National League for Cities. Blanton stated it was a great opportunity to network with others across the country. She would like Council to consider becoming a member of the organization.

NO QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Emily Sturgeon talked about the homeless situation growing inside the City. She would like the City to consider legislation to help with the unsheltered homeless.

Zach Brooks stated due to unforeseen reasons he had to move out of his residence and the third ward. He thanked everyone who supported him while he served on Council and announced he submitted his resignation.

Dave Horning thanked the City for jumping on the lead situation early.

COMMUNICATIONS: Council received three pieces of communication.

1. The first piece of communication was from the Mayor's office. The Mayor copied Council on a letter to Colin Hedges thanking him for agreeing to continue to serve on the Pickaway County Health District Board. His new term will expire December 31, 2029. -Mayors appointment

2. The second piece of communication was received from Zach Brooks. Mr. Brooks submitted his resignation from the Third Ward City Council seat.

3. The third letter council received was a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages will expire on February 1, 2025. Valid Objections must be postmarked no later than January 2, 2025.

<u>MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE</u>

Duvall motioned to add the three pieces of correspondence as official City Council correspondence. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay). Rules are Suspended.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMI QUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250-OH)

Discussion: Theis stated this Resolution is to celebrate the 250th Birthday of the Country. Furniss spoke to state they are putting together a committee of 12-14 people. Furniss stated that they need to announce they are an America 250 City by the end of 2024, to be able to apply for grants.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Moats seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

b) AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Keller stated the Committee of The Whole recommended Melissa Burns to be appointed as the next Clerk of Court. Keller stated she was the applicant with the highest score.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to hold this Ordinance for a second reading. Brooks seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

c) AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Discussion: This is the Budget for 2025, and this Ordinance will cover all the expenditures from labor to purchases. Bidwell stated due to the Levy failing he had to move some funds around. Bidwell stated he moved 2.5 million out of Fund 227 and that cost will now be split between Fund 101 and 212. Bidwell said more cuts are expected and still being decided for next year.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Ordinance for a second reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

d) An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In The General Fund 101 Safety Forces .1% Income Tax Fund 216 The Police & Fire Disability Pension Fund 217 Everts DRD Fund 226 Safety Forces .5% Income Tax Fund 227 FEMA Public Assistance Grant Fund 246 Waterworks Operating Fund 808 Waterworks GO Bond Retirement Fund 821 and Sewage Disposal Debt Fund 933 Of The City Of Circleville.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is the 14th housekeeping Ordinance of the year. The two major items in the Ordinance are for the purchase of the ladder truck and the additional funding to continue paying for the Police Department Consultant contract with Paul Pride.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Moats seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

e) Sufficiency-DR Horton

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Keller stated this is the DR Horton Resolution that identifies projects to add property to the NCA. Keller stated there are three total projects.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

f) Sufficiency-Heritage Ponds

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Resolution is for the Heritage Ponds project to add property to the NCA.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (5Yeas- 0 Nay).

g) Sufficiency-S. Court Street

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Resolution is for the S. Court Street project to add property to the NCA.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Recycling presentation by Rumpke representative Jacob Heffron.

Discussion: Mr. Heffron spoke about Rumpke's recently opened Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Columbus. This facility is the largest in North America and they are looking for City's to join their recycling program. They need a minimum of 450 Circleville residents to sign up by March 1, 2025, to be able to run a route in Circleville. The cost would be $6 for existing residents with trash service and $8 dollars for residents who only want to utilize the recycling service.

b) Elizabeth Furnis- PCVB update.

Discussion: Mrs. Furniss talked about travel tourism and the lodging tax revenues. Furniss stated Pickaway County saw a slight increase in revenue and that is largely due to the newly renovated Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center. Furniss stated the Visitor's Bureau receives 1.5% of the 6% lodging tax. Furniss stated the Visitor's Bureau has the most extensive calendar locally and local organizations can submit any event to their website for free. Furniss asked for the City to help spread the word about their app and calendar with residents.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to excuse Jeff Hallinin from tonight's Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall, Klitzka, and Hedges requested a Special Council Meeting on November 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of that meeting is to have a second reading of all the legislation on tonight's Agenda.

Keller announced he will hold a Committee of the Whole Meeting following the Special Council meeting to consider projects to use the remaining ARPA funds on.

Theis stated the Strategic Planning Committee proposed to do the Christmas Cards again this year. Theis Motioned, seconded by Duvall. Motion carried.

Duvall motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Moats seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.