

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/26/2024

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, Service Director Jim Stanley, and Auditor Mark Bidwell.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Duvall motioned to approve City Council minutes from November 14, 2024. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to dispense with items 4-9 on the Agenda. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 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 there is no new discussion, this Resolution will allow the forming of a committee to celebrate America turning 250.

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

Hallinin motioned for the adoption of the Resolution. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #11.87.2024.

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

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

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #11.88.2024.

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: Hedges stated this Ordinance is the Budget for 2025 and covers all expenditures from labor to purchases. Bidwell stated due to the Levy failing he had to move some funds around. Bidwell is moving 2.5 million out of Fund 227 and that cost will now be split between Funds 101 and 212. Bidwell stated the special revenue funds total is \$12,182,000, the bond payment funds total is \$270,000, and the general fund total is \$10,553,000.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold this Ordinance for a third reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 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 for just under 1.5 million dollars. Some of the items listed in the Ordinance are for grant payouts, the purchase of the ladder truck, and utilities.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

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

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #11.89.2024.

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: No new discussion.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin motioned to hold this Resolution for a third reading. Moats seconded. Roll call. (6 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: No new discussion.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to hold this Resolution for a third reading. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 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: No new discussion.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Moats motioned to hold this Resolution for a third reading. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO GRANT CARGILL INCORPORATED THE RIGHT TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A MODERNIZED UNLOADING SYSTEM AND NEW RAIL SIDINGS ACROSS THE LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, NAMELY CANAL STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Stanley stated this Ordinance will allow Cargill to update their loading and unloading system and improve their stacking ability.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

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

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Duvall motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Resolution is adopted and assigned #11.90.2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Oath for Melissa Burns-Clerk of Council

The Oath for Clerk of Council was administered by the Law Director Kendra Kinney to Melissa Burns.

2. Motion to go into Executive Session:

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session for two purposes. The first purpose is to consider the employment of a public employee or official, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).

The second purpose is to discuss negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4). Executive session would include all Council members including the president, Mayor, and the Law Director.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session for the two purposes listed above. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Council is adjourned into Executive Session.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hallinin Motioned to adjourn executive session and go back into regular session. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

Klitzka motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Hallinin seconded. Council is adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.