

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/18/2025

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused absent member: At Large Member Katie Logan-Hedges, First Ward Jef Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats. 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.

Theis motioned to approve City Council minutes from March 4, 2025. Lukasak seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Theis stated she held a Strategic Committee meeting on March 4, 2025, and she has three pieces of legislation on the agenda that she will speak to.

Duvall stated he had a Service Committee meeting and will have five Ordinances and three Resolutions going to the next Council meeting on April 1, 2025.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Law Director Kinney stated her office has been busy with preparing legislation. Kinney stated she has been working with both the Mayor's office and Council on different projects. Kinney stated she would have legislation to go in front of the Finance Committee next week for the proposed Fire Union Contract.

Mayor Michelle Blanton stated she has been working with the schools for a safety week that will include the Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. Mayor Blanton stated she, along with 15 other City and Pickaway County Officials traveled to Bellefontaine this week as part of the Small Nation assessment.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Timothy Daniel of 20779 Justice Road, Williamsport, Oh. -Mr. Daniel asked for the law that gives the Law Director authority to prosecute misdemeanor cases in Pickaway County. Law Director Kendra Kinney was able to verify for Mr. Daniel that her authority comes pursuant to O.R.C. 1901.34.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

a) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW INC. TO USE THE CITY ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 120 EAST FRANKLIN STREET DURING THE CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS OF 2025 THROUGH 2029 TO BE USED AS SPACE FOR ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS.

Discussion: Theis stated this is a housekeeping Resolution that extends permission to the Circleville Pumpkin Show to use the parking lot for another five years.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to hold this Resolution for a second reading. Lukasak seconded. Roll call. (4 Yeas- 0 Nay).

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Theis stated this grant if received will go to the Pickleball Association to help build another court at Barthelmas Park. The max award the City can receive this year for this grant is \$23,072.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to hold this Ordinance for a second reading. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (4 Yeas- 0 Nay).

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDS TO IMPROVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Theis stated this is a companion Ordinance to the Ordinance that allowed the City to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant. This Ordinance allows the Service Director to accept the grant in the amount of \$994,156. The grant will be used to help purchase the two park lands on Pickaway Street and North Court Street.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to hold this Ordinance for a second reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (4 Yeas- 0 Nay).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ryan King from Rumpke Recycling stated they currently have 366 residents signed up but need a total of 450. The deadline was March 1, 2025, but has now been extended. Mr. King stated boots on the ground is going to be the best way to reach people and he welcomes any volunteers who want to help get the word out.
2. Theis motioned to excuse Hedges from tonight's meeting. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.
3. Theis motioned to excuse Moats from tonight's meeting. Duvall seconded. Motion carried.
4. Klitzka motioned to excuse Hallinin from tonight's meeting. Theis seconded. Motion carried.

Duvall motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.