

## **CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 05/06/2025**

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 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, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerks Melissa Burn and Sarah Kolesar. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, Auditor Mark Bidwell, and Casey Liddy.

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 April 15, 2025. Lukasak seconded. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Hedges announced she will have a Finance Committee meeting on May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss budget cuts.

Theis announced she will have a Strategic Planning Committee meeting on June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to go over the economic strategic plan.

### **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

The Mayor stated the Administration and FFA planted trees to celebrate Arbor Day. The Trees were planted around the new pickleball and basketball courts at Barthelmas Park.

**QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Dane Smythe of Ringgold Southern Road gave his opinion on possible traffic improvements to connect emergency services to the Hospital.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) Circleville City Council will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the City Hall Building, 127 S. Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Circleville, OH 43113. The Public Hearing will be to hear the following request: Zoning Amendment/Rezoning #1-25 as requested by Circleville Investment Group, LLC located at Parcel ID A0540910000300, to rezone from IE (Innovation & Employment) to MUR (Multi-Unit Residential). Circleville City Council will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the City Hall Building, 127 S. Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Circleville, OH 43113. The Public Hearing will be to hear the following request: Three text amendments to Chapter 1129, Table 2 of the Official Zoning Code of the City of Circleville are also proposed. A copy of the Planning & Zoning meeting minutes, map and all pertinent data regarding the proposed changes are on file and available for public inspection at the Circleville Planning and Zoning Office, City Administration Building, 104 East Franklin St., Circleville, Ohio, (740-477-8224.)

2) We received a letter from the Mayor's office congratulating Mr. Lane Hufford on his appointment with the Circleville Records Commission.

3) AEP Ohio sent a formal notice informing the City of Circleville they intend to file an application to adjust distribution rates with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio next month. Details regarding AEP's proposal are available on the Commissioners electronic docket and assigned case #25-0392- EL-AIR.

### **MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Hedges motioned to place the communication on file for City Council. Hallinin seconded.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

**a)** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN OHIO ARCHIVES GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Hedges stated this Ordinance is to accept the Ohio Archives Grant awarded by the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board for the City Council's preservation, conservation, and digitization project.

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

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

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Hedges motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #05-38-2025.

**b)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE

**Discussion:** Hedges emphasized that this Ordinance restores \$839,163.38 to the budget, including \$364,361.12 due to the Levy's failure.

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

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

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Hallinin motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance is passed and assigned #05-39-2025.

**c)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT TAX FUND 204 CITY PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX FUND 205 WATERWORKS OPERATING FUND 808 SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND 909 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE

**Discussion:** Hedges highlighted this Ordinance reduces the State Highway Improvement Tax Fund 204 by \$43,250. Bidwell added the City received donations in the amount of \$3,900 to be used for movies in the park and \$130,000 from the Municipal Court for building upgrades.

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

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

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Hedges motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance passed and assigned #05-40-2025.

**d)** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT CONTRACT (018-26) FOR ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Duvall stated this reoccurring Ordinance authorizes the Service Director to enter into a contract with the state to purchase road salt.

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

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

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Duvall motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Lukasak seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance passed and assigned #05-41-2025.

e) AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR CUTTING OF WEEDS AND THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES ON CERTAIN CITY LOTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Klitzka explained that this Ordinance enables the City to impose assessments on five property owners who have failed to maintain their properties.

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

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

**MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE**

Klitzka motioned for passage of the Ordinance. Theis seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nay). The Ordinance passed and assigned #05-42-2025.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. OhioHealth Berger Hospital update with Casey Liddy. Liddy explained that Berger Hospital's Lease Agreement with the City includes a commitment to generate \$610,000 in tax revenue through payroll taxes. Liddy noted that the hospital's growth has significantly surpassed this guarantee and is expected to continue doing so. Liddy also confirmed that Berger Hospital has fulfilled its lease obligations with the Auditor. Liddy highlighted several upcoming projects, including renovations to enhance the OR Pre/Post patient care and experience. Mr. Edgar emphasized that Berger Hospital continues to thrive, questioning whether the Board remains necessary. Keller responded that he would consult other members to discuss the Board's ongoing role.

Hallinin motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Lukasak seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns and Sarah Kolesar, Clerks.