

CIRCLEVILLE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/17/2026

Circleville City Finance Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St. 2nd floor, Circleville, OH. on Tuesday March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Members Present: Chair Katie Logan Hedges, Committee Members John Moats, Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Other Council Members present: President Barry Keller. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Service Director Jim Stanley, and Auditor Mark Bidwell.

Hedges called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Duvall motioned to approve the Finance Committee minutes from February 10, 2026. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE LABOR WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DISCUSSION: Hedges explained that this ordinance approves the labor wage reopener agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) for the Police Department. Hedges noted that wage reopener negotiations have now been completed for both the Police and Fire Departments. Both groups will receive a 3% wage increase plus an additional \$1.00 per hour.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE: Moats motioned to forward the Ordinance to the Council meeting on April 7, 2026, with a recommendation for passage. Duvall seconded. (3 Yeas - 0 Nays) Motion carried.

b) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE LABOR WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS-LOCAL #1232 (IAFF) AND THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DISCUSSION: Hedges stated that this ordinance is identical in terms to the previous one, but applies to the Fire Department.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE: Duvall motioned to forward the Ordinance to the Council meeting on April 7, 2026, with a recommendation for passage. Moats seconded. (2 Yeas - 0 Nays) Motion carried.

c) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 INCOME TAX FUND 202 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT .4% INCOME TAX FUND 206 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 306 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE.

DISCUSSION: Hedges stated this is the second housekeeping Ordinance of the year totaling just under \$157,000. Keller addressed four of the six line items. Keller reported he has recovered the City's first two books of Legislation, dating back to the early 1800s, from the Genealogical Society. These historic volumes will be preserved and included in the City's ongoing scanning and preservation project. Improvements are also planned for the Clerk's office, including wall repairs, painting, and carpet replacement. Permanent improvements will be made to the parking lots at City Hall and the Municipal Building. In addition, Hedges stated \$5,000 has been added for medical and dental benefits that were inadvertently omitted from the original budget. The final item includes a \$40,000 donation for the construction of pickleball courts at Barthelmas Park.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE: Duvall motioned to forward the Ordinance to the Council meeting on April 7, 2026, with a recommendation for passage. Moats seconded. (3 Yeas - 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Old/Other Business: None.

Duvall motioned to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:36 p.m. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk of Council.