

## CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7/14/2026

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Pro Tem Sheri Theis, At Large Members Katie Logan Hedges, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Jake Davison, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, Clerk Melissa Burns. Absent Members: President Barry Keller and At Large Member Tom Klitzka. Invited guests present: Law Director Kendra Kinney, Auditor Mark Bidwell, Police Chief Kenny Fisher, and Fire Chief Brian Thompson.

President Pro Tem Theis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation.

Theis motioned to dispense items 4-9 on the Agenda. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

**a)** AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING CHAPTER 750 ("MARIJUANA / ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY FACILITY REGULATIONS, AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH OPERATIONS") OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Theis explained that the ordinance would establish zoning permissions for a marijuana dispensary within the City.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hallinin motioned to suspend Council Rules. Hedges seconded. **Roll call:** 6 Yeas - 0 Nays. Rules are suspended.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hedges motioned to pass this Ordinance. Theis seconded. **Roll call:** 2 Yeas - 4 Nays. (Nay Votes: Hallinin, Moats, Davison, Duvall). Ordinance did not pass.

**b)** AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CHAPTER 715 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE TO CONTROL AND REGULATE GARAGE/YARD SALES CONDUCTED ON THE RESIDENCE PREMISES AND PROVIDING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Theis acknowledged concerns raised by both citizens and Council members regarding the Ordinance.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Duvall motioned to forward the Ordinance back to the Judicial Committee for further review. Hallinin seconded. **Roll call:** 6 Yeas - 0 Nays. Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING**

**c)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1501.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE TO ADOPT THE 2025 OHIO FIRE CODE (OFC) AS ESTABLISHED BY THE OHIO DIVISION OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Discussion:** Moats stated that the Ordinance updates the City's fire code to align with the State's fire code. Fire Chief Thompson noted that the emergency clause was included because the State requested adoption in November.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Duvall motioned to suspend Council Rules. Moats seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. Rules are suspended.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hallinin motioned to pass this Ordinance. Moats seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. The Ordinance is passed and is assigned #07.33.2026.

**d) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-01-2025 AND SECTION 135.01(a) AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 135.16 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Discussion:** Moats explained that the Ordinance establishes the composition for two School Resource Officers (SROs). Chief Fisher recommended adding two officers to the current staffing to avoid pulling officers from patrol duties. He noted that the school district will cover 65% of the cost through cost-sharing, and during non-school periods, the officers will remain under the direction of City administration.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hallinin motioned to suspend Council Rules. Duvall seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. Rules are suspended.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Moats motioned to pass this Ordinance. Theis seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. The Ordinance is passed and is assigned #07.34.2026.

**e) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CIRCLEVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SERVICES OF TWO (2) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Discussion:** Moats noted that this Ordinance is a companion to the previous one, authorizing the City to enter into a one-year agreement with the school district.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Moats motioned to suspend Council Rules. Hedges seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. Rules are suspended.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hallinin motioned to pass this Ordinance. Hedges seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. The Ordinance is passed and is assigned #07.35.2026.

**f) ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

**Discussion:** Hedges noted that the 2027 budget is due to the County Auditor tomorrow. Bidwell stated that the proposed budget is largely consistent with the previous year, including an anticipated 4–5% increase in wages. The budget projects approximately \$36 million in revenue and \$41 million in expenses.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hedges motioned to suspend Council Rules. Theis seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. Rules are suspended.

**MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hedges motioned to adopt this Resolution. Moats seconded. **Roll call:** 7 Yeas - 0 Nays. The Resolution is adopted and assigned #07.36.2026.

### **New Business:**

Theis announced that three committee meetings will be held next Tuesday: Service at 6:00 p.m., Strategic Planning at 6:15 p.m., and Finance at 6:30 p.m.

Hallinin motioned to excuse Tom Klitzka from tonight's Council meeting. Seconded by Moats. Motion carried.

Hallinin motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Duvall seconded. Council adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.