

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2021

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, December 13th at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mrs. Bonnie Wiley – present; Mr. Derek Varney – absent; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present.

Mayor Kirk stated Mr. Varney is in quarantine and could not attend the meeting. Mayor Kirk then called for a motion to excuse Mr. Varney. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kirk presented Mrs. Wiley with a plaque in recognition of her sixteen years of service to Obetz.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 48 – 21: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 2.2 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 49 – 21: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Parcel 152-000933 Also Known As Darling Estates.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 50 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan For Big Walnut Run Subarea B.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 51 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan And Development Text For Parcel Numbers 152-001841, 152-001847, 152-001744, And 152-001848.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings.

Moved to the end of the meeting.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 46 – 21: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Toole & Associates And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is the company that provides plan review and inspection services to the City. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 46 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 46 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 47 – 21: An Ordinance Setting Forth A Statement Of Municipal Services To Be Provided To The Area Contained In A Proposed Annexation Of 35.0 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz Such Land Being Located Along Lockbourne Road And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is the park that will be dedicated to the City as a part of the Wilburn Farm development. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 47 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 47 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 52 – 21: An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Certain Parcels Of Real Property Located Within The City Of Obetz To Be A Public Purpose And Exempt From Real Property Taxation; Requiring The Owners Of Those Parcels To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Funds For The Deposit Of Those Service Payments; Specifying The Public Infrastructure Improvements To Be Made That Directly Benefit Such Real Property; Authorizing The Distribution Of The Applicable Portion Of Those Service Payments To The Hamilton Local School District, Groveport Madison Local School District, And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of Tax Increment Financing Agreements; And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk discussed Ordinance 52 – 21. She stated that this Ordinance extends the boundaries of the City's TIF district to include the Molto and Redwood developments. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 52 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 52 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 53 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2021 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated this is year

end clean-up to make sure the funds balance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 53 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 53 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Christmas Kick-Off was Friday. On Saturday, Santa drove through the neighborhoods. Both were great events. Mayor Kirk thanked the Hamilton Township Fire Department for their participation. Mayor Kirk acknowledged the Hamilton High School kids in attendance as a part of their AP Government class. She stated Hamilton HS Student Council raised over \$3,000 this year and a portion of the funds will be donated to the Obetz Food Pantry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated approximately 1,000 cookies and bags of candy were distributed at the Christmas Kick-Off. He then stated he has received great feedback about Santa's visits to the neighborhoods. He also stated that Madison Christian Schools collected canned goods at an event that will be donated to the Obetz Food Pantry.

Mr. Richardson, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Richardson stated the Bixby Road/Groveport Road intersection improvements are nearly complete.

Mr. Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated a lot of development is occurring. More is coming.

Mr. Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – No report.

Mrs. Wiley, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – No report.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there were 1332 calls for service since the last meeting.

Martin Hafey, Fire Chief, Hamilton Township – Chief Hafey stated there were 180 fire and EMS runs in Obetz last month.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated an executive session is needed.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – No report.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson thanked Mrs. Wiley for her service and wished everyone happy holidays.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kirk stated she has reappointed Chuck Hughes and appointed Crystal Tucker to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council is required to approve the confirmations. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to confirm the appointments. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Jerry Benson stated the Historians met on December 8th and elected officers. He asked Council members to write about themselves and their families. He also stated he is looking for information about events, anecdotes, and pictures. The next meeting is January 19th at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

THIRD READINGS

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 43 – 21: An Ordinance To Approve The 2022 Permanent Appropriations Of All Funds For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson presented the 2022 budget. He discussed the process used to create the budget. He stated the Mayor writes the budget and Council approves/adopts it. Council can change the budget during the year. Mr. Davisson stated Council cannot spend more than the City makes. He then discussed the various sources of City revenue. Going into 2022, there will be an estimated \$7 million dollars of carryover. Approximately 25% of the City's yearly operating budget needs to be saved. He then discussed the expenses of the City including operational costs of the Fortress and the cost to have the ZucchiniFest. He stated that ZucchiniFest expenses need to decrease. He stated the amount spent on entertainment could decrease or the City could charge for parking or admission to the concerts.

Mr. Benson asked if the Village plans to purchase a leaf blower to have community-wide leaf pick-up. Mr. Davisson stated that was not in the budget. He then suggested charging a utility account set-up fee rather than a deposit. Mr. Davisson stated there will be a meeting in the spring to discuss utilities.

Mr. Davisson discussed other funds and how the funds work. He explained the difference between the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. Mr. Corbitt explained how the motor vehicle license tax works.

Mr. Davisson stated employee raises are a part of the budget and need discussed in executive session. Following executive session, Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 43 – 21. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

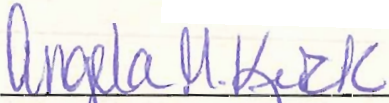
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(g)(1) to discuss the compensation of public employees. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mrs. Wiley –

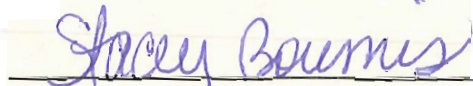
yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 7:25 PM. Council returned from executive session at 9:05 PM with all five members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 9:10 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council