

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2022

The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Hollins called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – absent. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Remainder of Roll Call: Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Also present were Rod Davisson, Administrator; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Mr. Davisson read Ordinance 28 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Morton Salt, Incorporated And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this is a then and now. Mr. Davisson stated this was for salt use over the winter. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 28 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Davisson read Ordinance 29 – 22: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2022 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated the

appropriations are for the potential repayment of an income tax refund and for a repayment related to the Goodyear TIF. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 29 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to remove Ordinance 18 – 22 from the table. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Davisson read the title: Ordinance 18 – 22: 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 A Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund 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 And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is the continuation of the Buckstone incentives. This is the Tax Increment Financing piece with required PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to remove Ordinance 19 – 22 from the table. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mr. Davisson read the title: 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 An Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Those Service Payments; Authorizing The Distribution Of The Applicable Portion Of Those Service Payments To The Hamilton Local School District And Eastland-Fairfield Career And Technical School District; Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is also part of the Buckstone development process. Mr. Davisson discussed how the Buckstone incentives work. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there will be a ribbon cutting for the dog park at 6:00 PM on Friday. She discussed the park. Some equipment is not here but should be arriving soon. The park can still be used. Parking is on-street. are a lot of things in the works. Great White has been selected at the Friday night ZucchiniFest

band. Obetz will be attending Lockbourne's Memorial Day parade. There will be seniors riding on the float. Line-up is 11:00 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Programming – Mike Kimbler, Chair – Mr. Kimbler stated the splash pad opens Saturday. The first farmer's market is June 1st. Adult disc golf league registration is open. Registration ends June 13th.

Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Derek Varney, Chair – Mr. Varney stated the Fortress continues to be busy. Full Throttle Thursdays are underway. Mr. Varney also reviewed other recent and upcoming events at Fortress Obetz. Follow Fortress Obetz on Facebook for updates to events.

Public Works and Safety – Todd Gibbs, Chair – Mr. Gibbs stated there is nothing new to report.

Development – Mike Flaherty, Chair – Mr. Flaherty was absent.

Intergovernmental Outreach – Robert Kramer, Chair – Mr. Kramer stated the Madison Township Trustees rescheduled their meeting to May 25th at 7:00 AM.

Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification, Mr. Richardson, Chair – Mr. Richardson stated the Grounds Crew is trying to keep up with the mowing. They are also working on fertilizing and applying weed control.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated the Department responded to 977 calls for service since the last meeting. The Department is very busy. A member from the audience (name not given and comments are not audible since they did not approach the microphone) asked about patrolling on I-270. Mr. Davisson stated Obetz does not patrol I-270.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – No report.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis was absent.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Joyce Blake addressed Council. She stated the Historians want to sell bricks and construct an "Obetz History Wall". She asked for a place to put the wall and install some pavers – potentially in Veterans Park. She further stated the Historians want to attend ZucchiniFest and have a tent to sell bricks and t-

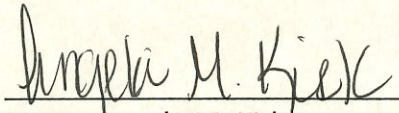
shirts. Ms. Blake shared ideas for recognizing veterans and Obetz residents. Council discussed these ideas with Ms. Blake.

Bill Steel addressed Council. He stated "yield to pedestrian" signs are needed at Lancaster/Hillcrest and Meriline/Lancaster. He stated he wants the stop signs removed and "yield to pedestrian" signs installed instead. Mayor Kirk stated she is not interested in removing the stop signs. The signs are there for the safety of the kids. Mr. Varney stated he is also in favor of the stop signs. Mr. Kramer and Mr. Richardson both stated the signs are there for safety reasons. Council and Mayor Kirk continued to discuss this issue. Mr. Steel then asked why Obetz is not recycling. Mayor Kirk stated citizens must pay additional fees to recycle. The Administration looked for options that included recycling, but it would be quite a bit more expensive to add recycling and maintain the same level of service. Waste Management does not have the separation facility that Rumpke has. Mr. Kramer stated there is drop off recycling. Mayor Kirk stated an additional recycling dumpster will be added. Mr. Steel stated the elderly lady that used to live at the corner of Brett Court and Palomino Drive has moved and the grass needs cut. Mayor Kirk stated the City will not cut the grass unless a Notice of Violation has been issued. The sidewalk is covered with grass from the last time it was cut.

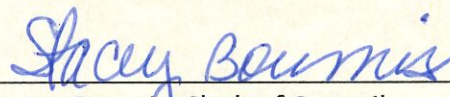
Someone in the audience, name not given, provided comments to Council. Not audible since they did not come up to the microphone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:54 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council