



**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2022

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, August 8, 2022 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; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Also present were Rod Davisson, Administrator; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – abstain. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 40 – 22: An Ordinance Finding That The Creation Of The Buckstone New Community Authority, A New Community Authority Pursuant To Chapter 349 Of The Ohio Revised Code, Will Be Conducive To The Public Health, Safety, Convenience And Welfare And Is Intended To Result In The Development Of A New Community; Declaring The Authority To Be Organized And A Body Politic And Corporate; Defining The Boundary Of The Authority's New Community District; Providing The Method Of Selecting That Authority's Board Of Trustees; Appointing Four Members To That Board; Fixing The Surety For Those Trustees' Bonds; Prohibiting The Dissolution Of The Authority Without Consent; And Authorizing Any Other Related Authorizations And Actions; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the NCA operates separately from the City but is still under Obetz' control initially. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 40 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 42 – 22: An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Mowing And Landscape Maintenance Services And To Appropriate Funds For Said Services And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that lawn care and grounds maintenance was costing the City \$1.1

million dollars a year. Many people in the grounds department took the buyout. Interns were handling the mowing but are now back to school. To reduce expenses, Mr. Davisson stated he would like to contract with Davey Tree Company to handle mowing and grounds maintenance for the rest of this year and next year. The City is keeping its equipment and will be handling the fertilization. Mr. Davisson stated he is confident in the scope and contract. Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Varney stated they would like the contract bid out. Mr. Davisson stated there is no time to bid it out this year and since Davey Tree needs to purchase equipment, they need a contract through 2023. Jess Griffith will oversee the work. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 42 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes. Motion carried.

Tabled

Ordinance 31 – 22 remained tabled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated she and a group of volunteers are collecting donations for Kentucky flood victims. A flyer detailing needs is on the website. Mayor Kirk discussed the ZucchiniFest. Volunteers are needed for ZucchiniFest. Information will be posted on social media.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mike Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler reviewed upcoming events at the Community Center. He stated the last movie of the summer is Friday. The first youth football scrimmage is Sunday.

Mr. Derek Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – Mr. Varney stated Obetz won the Community Cup in their division. The Big Green Eggfest was a success. Participants and attendees were impressed with the facility. Mr. Varney then reviewed upcoming events at the Fortress.

Mr. Todd Gibbs, Public Works and Safety – Mr. Gibbs stated there are a lot of lights out on Recreation Trail.

Mr. Michael Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated an executive session is needed to discuss economic development.

Mr. Robert Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated Rickenbacker is offering tours of the facility. It will be similar to the previous tour. He further stated the Columbus Regional Airport Authority wants to keep the community engaged and informed.

Mr. Guiles Richardson, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – The crew has been busy mowing.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer provided statistics. Since the last meeting officers have responded to 705 calls for service. This number is down from last time. Officers drove 2388 miles.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director — Mr. Hollins stated it was great to see employees working together as a team during the Community Cup.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director — Ms. Boumis stated the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is Wednesday.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator — Mr. Davisson stated the ZucchiniFest is a few weeks away and staff is very busy. July was a decent month financially but income tax receipts are still down 18% for the year.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

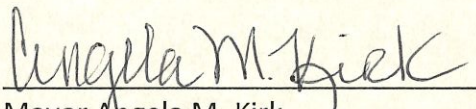
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

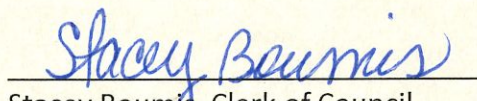
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson — yes; Mr. Gibbs — yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes; Mr. Kramer — yes; Mr. Kimbler — yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:32 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:47 PM with all six Council members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:48 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council