



**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2022

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, December 12, 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 – absent; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Gibbs due to illness. Motion made by Mr. Kimber; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Also present were Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief; Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; and, E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting. Motion made Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 59 – 22: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 35.0 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz. Mr. Hollins stated this is the parkland associated with the Wilburn farm annexation. The annexation needed to be in multiple stages due to contiguity issues.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 54 – 22: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For The Dedication Of Midpoint Drive.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 55 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With Kenmore Aggregates I, LLC Regarding The Development Of Parcel 152-001544.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 57 – 22: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Numbers 153-000168 And 153-000169 From Low Density Residential District And Parcel Number 153-000160 From General Commercial District To Planned Commercial District And To Approve The Final Development Plan And Declaring An Emergency.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 52 – 22: An Ordinance To Approve The 2023 Permanent Appropriations Of All Funds For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He reviewed each line item in the 2023 annual budget. He discussed revenue, appropriations, and actual expenditures. He stated the goal is to spend less than appropriated. Obetz is always conservative in its projection. In 2021, he estimated the City would take in approximately \$15.8 million. 2023 General Fund expenditures are \$15,890,865; the total expenditure of all funds is \$41,943,151.40. This is one million dollars higher than last year. Mr. Kramer questioned why street maintenance and repair expenditures increased 34% over last year. Mr. Davisson stated two new employees are planned. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 52 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 60 – 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 City has reached an agreement in principle with the police union. Additional appropriations are needed to cover police back pay as well as overtime for the Christmas Kick-Off, Waste Management fees, and OPERS fees. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 60 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk moved to adopt Ordinance 60 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 61 – 22: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Distribute A One-Time Bonus To All Current Part-Time City Employees And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is the same amount as last year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 61 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk moved to adopt Ordinance 61 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 62 – 22: An Ordinance To Adopt An Employee Handbook And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is a comprehensive rewrite based on Obetz becoming a city. Mr. Varney requested a copy of the handbook. Mr. Davisson stated the new schedule starts January 8th. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 62 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk moved to adopt Ordinance 62 – 22. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there was a big turn-out for the Christmas Kick-Off – over 1,000 people. She thanked the staff for their hard work. December 17th is the sleigh ride through Obetz. The route map has been released. December 19th is the lights judging. She also thanked Mr. Davisson and Mr. Hollins for their work on the police negotiations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mike Kimbler, Parks and Programming – Mr. Kimbler stated the seniors went out on Saturday for lights judging. They have their winner selected. The ice rink is open now; updates on rink hours will be posted on Facebook. 105 Santa letters were received. There were 1500 check-ins at the OAC since the last Council meeting. Indoor golf registration has started.

Mr. Derek Varney, Fortress Obetz, Regional Recreation and Events – No report.

Mr. Todd Gibbs, Public Works and Safety – Not in attendance.

Mr. Michael Flaherty, Development – Mr. Flaherty stated an executive session is needed.

Mr. Robert Kramer, Intergovernmental Outreach – Mr. Kramer stated Michelle Reynolds was elected to the Ohio Senate. Madison Township Trustees must select someone to serve the remainder of her term. They are taking applications. Obetz residents in Madison Township are eligible to apply.

Mr. Guiles Richardson, Neighborhood Preservation and Beautification – No report.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Mr. Confer stated there have been 771 calls for service since the last meeting.

Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Township Fire Chief – Chief Shillingburg stated there were 19 fire and 62 EMS runs in Obetz in November. Mayor Kirk thanked the Fire Department for bringing Santa to the Christmas Kick-Off on a fire truck.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated there were a lot of compliments from attendees at the Ohio Municipal Attorney's Association training held at the OCC.

Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated the December Planning and Zoning Commission is canceled.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated it was a busy year and he is looking forward to 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Andy Borders inquired about the annexation. Mr. Hollins told Mr. Borders where the parcel is located.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:35 pm. Council returned from executive session at 7:58 pm with all five members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council