

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, January 23, 2023 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 Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief; Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; and, Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting. Motion made Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third 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. Mayor Kirk stated this is the parkland that is a part of the Wilburn property. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 59 – 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; Mr. Gibbs – yes.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 02 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2023 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz; And Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Waste Management Of Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated additional funds are needed to pay the City's proportionate share of the emergency siren fees charged by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Additionally, money is being moved into the Mayor's Court computer fund to cover recurring software charges. Regarding Waste Management charges, the purchase order was closed prior to paying for December 2022 services meaning a then and now is needed. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 02 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler

– yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 02 – 23. 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; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Kirk stated Ordinance 55 – 22 remains tabled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there is a lot of construction underway. The structures on the Warner property and Junkyard Lounge were demolished. This will be a busy year for projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kimbler stated committees have not been assigned. He is looking at changing how committees work.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief — Chief Confer stated there have been 662 calls for service since the last meeting.

Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Township Fire Chief — Not in attendance.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director — Mr. Hollins stated 2023 is going to be a big year.

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

Michael F. Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator — Mr. Corbitt stated the front two buildings at the Perkins' property have been demolished. There is a 30-week lead time on pipe for water lines; therefore, he is ordering the pipe for Buckstone and the line through the Groveport Road roundabouts.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jerry Benson addressed Council. He stated he read the article in the paper about the effect of the Buckstone development and tax incentives on Hamilton Township. Mr. Benson stated he met with Township Trustee Chris Hann and the Township did not approve the apartments. Mr. Benson stated he worked in the fire suppression business, so he spoke to Ralph Shillingburg directly. Mr. Benson stated the Township does not have the equipment needed to fight a fire and the apartments do not meet the building code. He advised Chief Shillingburg and Trustee Hann on how to move forward. According to Mr. Benson, Chief Shillingburn and Trustee Hann are going to contact the State Fire Marshall and try to shut down the project. The project has caused a hardship in the Township. Mayor Kirk stated she and

the Administrator have had several conversations with the Trustees and have agreed to give the Township everything they requested. Mr. Hollins stated Obetz has consistently communicated with the Township and what Mr. Benson is saying is not what the Trustees have told Obetz. Mr. Hollins stated the building code from the State of Ohio is set up to make sure properties are safe and the apartments must comply with the State codes. Mayor Kirk stated Obetz continues to make a long term commitment to this community and has added millions of dollars to the tax base. Mr. Benson stated he provided Trustee Hann with several options moving forward. Councilman Kramer stated Obetz has many lines of communication with the Township. Mayor Kirk stated she will contact the Trustees tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:25 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council