

**CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2023**

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The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, March 13, 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 – absent. Also present were Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Michael Confer, Police Chief, and E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Kimbler. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes to the February 13 and February 27 meetings. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

No first, second, or third readings.

**Emergencies**

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 07 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2023 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that additional funds are needed to cover contractual services at The Fortress. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 07 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 07 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated ZucchiniFest planning is in full swing. Brantley Gilbert will be headlining the ZucchiniFest on Sunday. Economic development continues rolling along. A lot of planning is happening in the Buckstone area.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT**

*Chief Michael Confer, Police Department* – Chief Confer stated Ohio’s Hands Free Cell Phone law goes into effect on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Violations are a primary offense. Since the last Council meeting, there have been 852 calls for service.

*Chief Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Twp. Fire Department* – Chief Shillingburg was not present.

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

*E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – Mr. Davisson explained why executive sessions are necessary. When companies are considering coming to Obetz, they don’t want people to know. Voting does not occur in executive session. Staff remains extremely busy. Planning for Buckstone and the land behind McDonald’s continues; updates to the Capital Improvement Plan have started; the annual report is being prepared; the first Fortress event of the year was last weekend; business retention and expansion meetings have started; the recycling containers on Howard Road are being moved; Sheetz has been demolished; the waterlines at Buckstone have been installed and tested; a new police officer starts March 22; and code enforcement has been tackling some long running issues.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Jim McCay addressed Council. He is newly elected to the Bixby Grove HOA Board. He stated trash is blowing all over the neighborhood from new construction. He had questions about mowing the grass strips on Groveport Road. He also asked if a light barrier could be installed between the neighborhood and the industrial development south. He then asked if the City would install a playground on the north side of the development. Mr. Davisson stated there is no City owned land on the north side of the development. Mr. McCay then asked about Redwood’s Bixby Road curb cut. Mr. Davisson stated the Bixby Road access will be closed after construction is completed.

**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. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Council went into executive session at 6:22 pm. Council returned from executive session at 7:17 pm with all five members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council