

CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



**REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2023**

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – absent; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Also present were Michael Confer, Police Chief; Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, and Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

*First Reading*

No first readings.

*Second Reading*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 19 – 23: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The City Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk opened the public hearing. Mr. Davisson stated a tax budget is required in Franklin County to get 1.7 mils of property tax receipts. The tax budget is not the operating budget. It includes a 4% decrease in income tax revenue. Mr. Davisson stated he likes to budget conservatively. This year there is a twelve million dollar carryover. The City got a clean audit with no issues. Once adopted, the tax budget is forwarded to the County Budget Commission. Mr. Davisson reviewed the budget. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 19 – 23. 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. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 19 – 23. 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. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 20 – 23: An Ordinance To Amend The Financial Management Policies Of The City Of Obetz, Ohio, By Authorizing Department Directors To Approve Purchase Orders Up To A Limit Of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) And Establishing Measures To Ensure The Proper Use Of Public Funds. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated there are over 1,000 PO's in a year.

Most average between \$15,000 to \$18,000. He has created a system to hold directors accountable. Council could increase or decrease the proposed amount by ordinance. Council discussed the Ordinance.

#### *Third Reading*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 13 – 23: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Number 186-000027 From Suburban Office And Institution To Planned Commercial District And To Approve The Preliminary Development Plan. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 13 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 15 – 23: An Ordinance Approving The City Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications. Mr. Davisson explained changes between this year and previous years. There is no limit on what can be sold back and time can be sold back at any point during the year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 15 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

#### *Emergencies*

No emergencies.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated the fireworks went well. The event is growing every year. She then discussed the issues with the water guns and teenagers. Wristbands should be coming soon. She discussed the Home Advantage program. She then stated the City is looking for bands for Your Stage as well as opening acts that would play free. The Engineer is working on the Mulberry Grove connector. The Lancaster Park Plan was posted today.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee meetings were held.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Chief Michael Confer, Police Department* – Chief Confer stated there were 1272 calls for service since the last meeting. Officers patrolled 4344 miles.

*Wade Edwards, Hamilton Township Fire Department* – Captain Edwards thanked the City for their support of the Community Paramedics program. He then stated he is returning this fall.

*Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – No report.

*Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator* – No report. Mr. Kramer asked Mr. Davisson about the Williams Road railroad crossing. Mayor Kirk, Mr. Davisson, and Council discussed this issue. Mr. Davisson stated the City has made multiple attempts to get the crossing open. There are only a few events a year that create



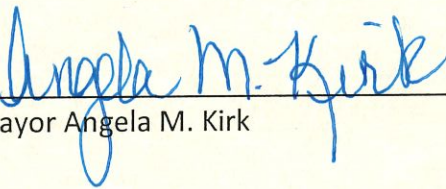
an issue. It is a large investment in infrastructure for only a few events. Mr. Kimbler stated a new exit plan needs created for large events.

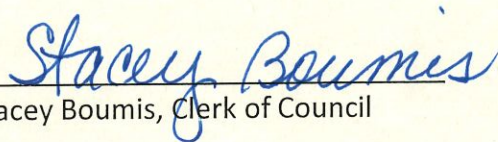
**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

No remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:50 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council