

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, August 14, 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. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. 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 July 24, 2023 meeting. 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; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

State of the City

Mr. Davisson stated the directors were present for the annual State of the City address. The numbers in the report are from 2022. Mr. Davisson then presented the first few slides which were an introduction; letter from Mayor Kirk; introduction of the elected officials; and introduction of the City Administration, headed by Rod Davisson as the City Administrator. Mr. Michael Corbitt, Deputy City Administrator/City Engineer presented next. He discussed the numerous projects his office managed including Groveport Road/Bixby Road improvements; the Rathmell Road waterline extension; various demolition and pavement projects; Orchard Lane storm sewer improvements; and Buckstone preliminary design. Mr. Todd Garwick, Utilities Director, presented next. He discussed the Cityworks management system; Bluebeam software; asset management; various development projects; and right of way permits. Mr. Cramblit was absent, so Mr. Davisson presented the financial report/financial strategy. He stated Mr. Cramblit manages the City's investments based on the adopted investment policy. Mr. Derek Duncan, Human Resources Director, presented next. He discussed collective bargaining; the City's bi-annual first aid training; changes to the City's work week; and the new physical/mental wellness time program. Ms. Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director, presented next. She discussed the Planning and Zoning Commission; development projects; housing growth; code enforcement; and ZucchiniFest. Mr. Davisson presented economic development achievements focusing on Buckstone and the East End Partnership. Chief Michael Confer stated there was a reduction in crime rates; body cameras were introduced; mental health resources were expanded; and traffic safety initiatives were enhanced. Ms. Kerri Duffy, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the numerous 2022 events and programs as well as the park improvements undertaken. Mr. Ben Swauger was absent. Ms. Duffy provided details on the Obetz Athletic Club. In 2022, there were

36,191 total check-ins. She then discussed the golf simulators; personal training; and other activities at the Athletic Club. Ms. Mel Ross, Obetz Community Center Operations Manager, discussed the new senior activities; critical services offered; and the interns who worked at the Community Center. Mr. Jacob Gifford, Youth Sports Coordinator, discussed the various sports offered. He stated he wants to add fall baseball and softball. Mr. Steve Adams, Director of Economic Development and Promotions, discussed events at Fortress Obetz including the creation of Full Throttle Thursdays. LeAnna Moore, Multimedia Communications Specialist, discussed the various digital media platforms used by the City as well as engagement numbers. Stacey Boumis, Council Clerk, shared data related to meetings held by City Council. Jess Griffith, Grounds Superintendent/Deputy Safety Director, discussed the transition to Davey Tree for grounds management as well as special projects in his department. Tim Ross, Facilities Superintendent, discussed the projects in his department including the replacement of roof top units at the Administration building; remodeling projects; and upgrades to the faucets at the Fortress. Kyle Inland, Service Department Superintendent, discussed the various projects undertaken in his department including installation of the Christmas tree; litter and snow control; intern training; street maintenance; replacement of light poles; and assisting other departments as needed. Bill Baker, Research and Development Superintendent, discussed the various projects in his department including the installation of the sand volleyball court; construction of the Fortress storage barn; park upgrades; and Mayor's Court upgrades. Mr. Davisson recognized Mr. Marty Ryan and Mr. Gene Hollins who were also in attendance. Mayor Kirk thanked the staff who attended.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 27 – 23: An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several City Tax Incentives And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 31 – 23: An Ordinance Approving The City Of Obetz' Tuition Reimbursement Policy.

Second Reading

No second readings.

Third Reading

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 26 – 23: An Ordinance To Accept The Donation Of Approximately 35 Acres And To Thank Real Estate Prophets, LLC For Their Generous Donation And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 26 – 23. 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. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor

Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 26 – 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. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 28 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The City Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Rachel Miller And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 28 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 28 – 23. 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. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 29 – 23: An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Transfer Land To The Big Walnut Community Improvement Corporation And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 29 – 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; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 29 – 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. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 30 – 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 30 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Varney - yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 30 – 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. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk discussed ZucchiniFest wristband pick-up. She then thanked Council for their help and support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee meetings were held. Mr. Kramer had a community update related to projects in neighboring communities.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Captain Wade Edwards, Hamilton Twp. Fire Dept. – Captain Edwards stated there were 57 calls for EMS service and 28 calls for fire service in July.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

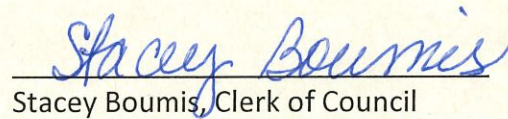
No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:27 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council