

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2023

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, October 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. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Mike 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 October 10th. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kirk presented two proclamations. The first was to Sergeant Tarrell Moore who is stationed at Rickenbacker. His heroic actions following an automotive accident saved an individual's life. The second was to Obetz Police Officer Eric Baker who also was on the scene and whose quick response also contributed to the life saving effort.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 42 – 23: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Execute A Two-Year Extension To The Existing Contract With The Davey Tree Expert Company.

Second Reading

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 41 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve And Authorize The City Administrator To Purchase Real Property From Greenlawn Trailer Sales Investment Company Inc, Greenlawn Realty Co, And Shenandoah Partnership And To Enter Into A Development Agreement With The Same And Declaring An Emergency.

Third Reading

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 37 – 23: An Ordinance To Enact Section 149.03 Of The Codified Ordinances To Establish The Personnel Board Of Review. Mr. Davisson stated a few things need worked out and this Ordinance should be tabled. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table the Ordinance. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 39 – 23: An Ordinance Authorizing The Payment Of A One-Time Lump Sum Hazard Pay Compensation Under The American Rescue Plan Act To Recognize Employees’ Contributions During The Pandemic. Mr. Davisson stated this is federal money available through the American Rescue Plan Act. It has limited use and must be used by the end of the year. The proposed use is COVID premium pay. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 39 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 43 – 23: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Submit A Request To The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission For The Columbus Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding From The Enhanced Mobility For Older Adults And Individuals With Disabilities Program And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the City wants to submit a grant for a new senior bus. Council authorization is required. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 43 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 43 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 44 – 23: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2023 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated the additional appropriations. Funds will be used to cover the COVID premium pay and a new camera system around the City. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 44 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 44 – 23. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the community Halloween party is October 27. Details regarding the event are on Facebook. Three Obetz youth football teams are in the playoffs. Hamilton Township High School Football Team plays Miami Trace on Friday; Groveport Madison High School Football Team plays Hilliard Darby. She wished all teams luck in the playoffs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee meetings were held. Mr. Kramer stated the Metro Parks is renaming the former Hoover Y Park Bank Run Metropark.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Since the last meeting there have been 889 calls for service. Officers drove 3374 miles.

Ralph Shillingburg, Hamilton Township Fire Chief – In September, the Department had 73 EMS runs and 24 fire runs to Obetz.

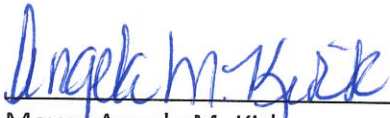
E. Rod Davisson, Esq., Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated staff is busy working on their budget and employee reviews. Friday is fright night at the Fortress. Hamilton Township Fire Department levy information has been published.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE


No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:30 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council