



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2024

The regular meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Angela M. Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Hollins 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; and Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Mr. Hollins read the title to Ordinance 02 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor Or Administrator To Enter Into Various Recurring Contracts Necessary For The Continuous Operation Of The City And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated these are the same contracts the City signs every year including dispatch services, prosecutorial services, Franklin County Board of Health. Mr. Varney asked if these were negotiated contracts. Mr. Davisson responded that these are contracts of adhesion. If the City wants the service, then the City must pay the set fee.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Mr. Hollins read the title to Ordinance 01 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Comfortol, Inc., And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this was HVAC work done at the Fortress. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; 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. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 01 – 24. 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated she is working on a site where employees and the public can purchase Obetz apparel. Staff is working on ZucchiniFest. Direct black card questions to Kerri. Mr. Davisson stated the City is working on a new website and we can add a black card section to the site that includes the different promotions. The next phase is getting local businesses involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gibbs stated he is working on ideas to modify the Council rules including the committees. He will have more at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated one of our local businesses had a \$30,000 theft of materials. It was one of their contractors. There was also an issue at a bus stop. The parents agreed the kids need to work it out. A Kia was stolen on Marshall Avenue and abandoned in Columbus. Mayor Kirk and Council discussed theft in the neighborhoods. Most neighborhood crimes are opportunity crimes.

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

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he is working on beginning of the year stuff including the five-year capital improvements budget; the annual report; reviews; hiring open positions, and planning. Council will get the opportunity to prioritize capital projects for the year. Busy as normal. Things are going well.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment

Mayor Kirk stated she has appointed Ricky Seidle to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He lives in the Mulberry Grove subdivision. He is an original owner. He has expertise in plumbing. He will be a good addition to the Commission, and she asked Council to confirm him. Mr. Richardson moved to confirm Mr. Seidle; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Division of Liquor Control Communication

Mr. Hollins stated Sheetz withdrew their request for on-premises consumption at the southern location and the City withdrew its objection to the sale of wine at the northern location. A request for a new D-5 permit for on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and mixed beverages and off-premises carryout in sealed containers until 2:30 AM at Possum Hollar Pizza. A motion is needed if Council wants to request a hearing. Mr. Kramer asked if there was a quota on the D-5 permits. Mr. Hollins stated there is a sufficient quota on D-5's. The City stated there is a way to increase the number of permits. Mayor Kirk and Council discussed the permit request.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

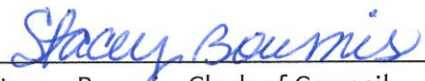
Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(1) and (g)(8) to discuss employee discipline and economic development. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Council went into executive session at 6:23 pm. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 8:53 pm and called the meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:54 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council