

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The regular meeting of February 12, 2024 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, 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, AICP, Clerk, and Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22nd meeting. 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.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 03–24: An Ordinance Approving The Recodification, Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances Of Obetz And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 04–24: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 8.938 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of 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. Ms. Boumis discussed the Ordinance. She stated these are service contracts with various governmental agencies such as Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, Franklin County Public Health, and Franklin County Public Defender's Office. The list will be finalized for the third reading.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated she spent an afternoon with the Code Enforcement Officer and drove around the City identifying areas that need work. Residents will be given a friendly reminder prior to any formal

enforcement action. The Christmas Tree has been taken down. The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up and registration for spring sports has started.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gibbs stated there will be no individual committees this year; rather, there will be a Committee of the Whole. This will create an informal environment where issues can be discussed as needed. All Committee of the Whole meetings will be public meetings.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there were 1345 calls for service since the last meeting. Officers drove 6009 miles. A gravestone in the cemetery was vandalized recently. The Flock camera system is nearly deployed. This system takes pictures of license plates and runs the license plate against a database to help officers identify stolen vehicles, etc. There will be 16 cameras within the City. The Chief also discussed other recent cases within the Department including a runaway and hit/skip.

Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated there is no February Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

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

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated a lot is happening. He is finalizing the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Lancaster Park Phase 1 improvements started.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

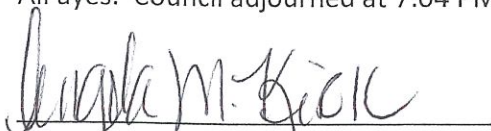
Jim Reese, a resident, asked what was happening in the field behind his house. Mayor Kirk stated Breezeline was installing fiber in the neighborhood. He then stated the streetlight near his house does not work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Varney. Council went into executive session at 6:22 PM. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 7:03 PM and the meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:04 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council