

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2024

The regular meeting of March 25, 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 March 11th 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 07 – 24: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 3 Phase B Of The Buckstone Bend Subdivision.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 10 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located In The City Of Obetz; Reimbursing The City For Any Moneys Advanced For Such Purposes; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 11 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax Tax-Exempt Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring And Constructing Public Utility Improvements, Including But Not Limited To Any Necessary Road, Sidewalk, Landscaping And Related Improvements And Appurtenances Thereto; Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located Necessary For Such Improvements; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 12 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$3,200,000 Of Special Obligation Nontax Revenue Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land And Any Existing Buildings And Facilities Upon Such Land For The Purpose Of

Redevelopment, Constructing A New Building Or Buildings Or Other Facilities For Commercial Use, And All Necessary Improvements And Appurtenances Related Thereto; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; And Authorizing All Other Actions Necessary In Connection With Such Land Acquisition, Construction And Improvements; And Declaring An Emergency.

Second Readings

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 05 – 24: An Ordinance To Adopt The Solid Waste Management Plan For The Solid Waste Authority Of Central Ohio. Ms. Boumis discussed the Plan. She stated the Plan is required by the Ohio Environmental Protection agency. It is a fifteen year plan with updates every five years. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) is the solid waste authority for Franklin County. SWACO prepared the Plan. The Plan contains a lot of analysis related to waste generation in Franklin County; population projections; current programs; and future needs. The Plan then details how SWACO intends to grow and reach a diversion goal of 75 percent by 2032. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 05 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 08 – 24: An Ordinance Imposing An Immediate Moratorium On The Issuance And Processing Of Permits Allowing Retail Dispensaries, Cultivators, Or Processors Of Adult Use Marijuana Within The City Of Obetz, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated Ohio law has changed regarding marijuana sales in Ohio. Passing this moratorium gives Council a chance to see how Ohio is going to handle marijuana sales and provides Council an opportunity to determine if they want businesses in town selling marijuana. Mr. Hollins stated the moratorium is legal since no one has filed for a building permit. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 08 – 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 Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 24. 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.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 09 – 24: An Ordinance Accepting Easements For Off-Site Infrastructure Improvements Related To Buckstone Bend Section 3 Phase B, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated these easements are needed for drainage and general utility operations. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 09 – 24. 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 09 – 24. 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'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated staff is working on ZucchiniFest. She congratulated the local kids who made it to the State wrestling meet. Aiden King won the State title in his weight class. She then stated she attended Edith Hann's 100th birthday party and presented her with a proclamation. She is the oldest living person in Obetz. There will be an eclipse viewing party for seniors. The Easter Egg Hunt is March 30th. Baseball and softball sign-ups are currently open.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there was an OVI checkpoint on Friday. Street racers were in the community on Saturday and caused a crash on Alum Creek Drive just north of the city limits. Since the last meeting there have been 857 calls for service. Officers drove 2888 miles.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated he will be at the Ohio Supreme Court tomorrow for Obetz' case against the County Auditor. He then congratulated Mr. Love and his group for getting the redistricting petitions submitted to Groveport Madison.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated the lobby remodel project starts April 1st. The lobby will be closed for 30 days. Construction at Lancaster Park has started. There will be a contest to rename Lancaster Park.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:28 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council