CITY OF OBETZ RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2024

The regular meeting of June 10, 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 Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk, Mike Confer, Police Chief, and Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Council took a tour of the updated lobby and then returned to the meeting.

ORDINANCES

First Readings
No first readings.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 26-24: An Ordinance To Adopt The Tax Budget For The City Of Obetz, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 And To Submit The Same To The Franklin County Budget Commission And Declaring An Emergency.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 27 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Submit An H2Ohio Wetland Grant Application To The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this grant is for improvements to the creek bank in McFadyen Park. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 27 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 27 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty

yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the current parking for the splashpad is temporary. A new sidewalk has been installed through Veterans' Park to get people safely from the parking lot to the splashpad. She asked people to be patient during the construction at the park. Obetz has received a grant for a new senior bus. Full Throttle Thursdays have been going well. Zucchinifest planning continues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer discussed a new phone scam in the area. People are posing as representatives from the metropolitan housing authority. Since the last meeting officers have responded to 1046 calls for service and driven 4015 miles.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins applauded Council for the intern program.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson reviewed the names of parks submitted to date through the on-line survey. He asked Council to pick their top 5. He then recognized Hamilton Township Trustee Belinda Anderson who was in attendance. She stated the Township is working on fire code inspections. The General Store has multiple violations.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

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. 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. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:31 pm. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 7:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council