

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024

The regular meeting of July 23, 2024 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk 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 July 8th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 33 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Modify The Employment Agreement With E. Rod Davisson, And Enter Into Employment Agreements With Michael Corbitt And Stacey Boumis. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated that his contract expires two years before his retirement date. He would like to extend it to his retirement date. He further stated Michael Corbitt and Stacey Boumis are critical to the operation and they should be offered contracts. He wants to establish security and continuity in leadership. Michael Corbitt and Stacey Boumis would serve at the Mayor’s pleasure. He then stated there would be no raise for him in a modified agreement. There would be a slight raise for Michael Corbitt and a significant raise for Stacey Boumis. He stated that even if Stacey Boumis is not offered a contract she should receive a salary adjustment. Mayor Kirk stated she does not want these critical staff members stolen away.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 28 – 24: An Ordinance To Modify Certain Definitions In Chapter 1133 Of The Zoning Code, Amend Chapter 1161 Overlays, Changing The Name Of The Obetz Junction Center Overlay To The Groveport Road Overlay, Modifying The Uses And Standards Of The Overlay And Expanding The Parcels In The Overlay District. Mayor Kirk stated the public hearing on this Ordinance is scheduled for August 12th. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 28 – 24 until the August 12th meeting. 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.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 29 – 24: An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Residential Garbage And Refuse Collection Services. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the City’s refuse contract is expiring. The City has used Waste Management for trash services for twenty years. SWACO has a trash consortium and in this area, Local Waste provides the service. Mr. Hollins stated passing this Ordinance allows the City to negotiate with potential providers to get the best price. Mr. Davisson stated that if the service is bid out in the traditional way, the City cannot negotiate price or service levels. He then stated Council still chooses either way. Only three to four providers in the region provide this service. The new contract needs to be in place by January. It’s best to be able to negotiate. Mr. Varney asked what are the do’s and don’t of trash service. Mr. Davisson stated the days of picking everything up are gone. The City may be at the tipping point for curbside recycling. Mr. Kramer stated he supports curbside recycling. Mr. Davisson stated this same process was followed last contract. Price increases will most likely be significant. Mayor Kirk stated Waste Management doe a good job fixing issues. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 29 – 24. 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.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 34 – 24: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2024 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated these are increases in Fortress contractual services related to events. The more events the City has – the more services needed. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. 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 34 – 24. 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.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated there were 144 golfers at the golf outing yesterday. The rain stopped and it was a huge success. Approximately \$4,000 was raised for the food pantry. Pinnacle invited the City back. Lancaster Park remodel is almost completed. Zucchinifest is almost here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated officers recovered two missing kids and dispatched runs are up over last year.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated it was a great golf outing.

Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated she was speaking to Mr. David Humphries (a resident) prior to the meeting and he was telling her how impressed his daughter was with Tammy Cramblit. She was very responsive and made the process of obtaining permits easy. Ms. Boumis stated Ms. Cramblit does an amazing job for the City and keeps the building department running.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated the City is working on a phenomenal amount of deals.

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. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:47 pm. All six members of Council returned from executive session at 8:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:18 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council