

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

The regular meeting of October 15, 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 – absent; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Mayor Kirk stated Mr. Flaherty was sent to North Carolina for work. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. All aye. Motion carried. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and, Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23rd meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Kirk congratulated all the police officers receiving promotions or being sworn in here for the first time. She stated she is looking forward to great things from them. She stated that Sergeant Rigby has been assigned the position of Administrative Sergeant and he will be the right hand to Chief Confer. The following officers were sworn in by Mayor Kirk: (1) Wally Burris to the position of Police Sergeant; (2) Steven Ward to the position of Police Corporal; (3) Conner LeMaster to the position of Police Corporal; (4) Kendal McCoy to the position of Police Officer.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 43 – 24: An Ordinance Terminating The Government Equipment Replacement Fund (4901), The Toy 629 Grant Fund (4905), And The 2016 Parks Improvement Fund (4903). No discussion.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 44 – 24: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2024 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr.

Corbitt reviewed the changes to appropriations. He stated repairs are needed to the senior bus; additional funds are needed for rental deposit returns; operating expenses are higher this year at the Fortress due to increased rentals; there were additional audit fees; and, funds are needed to cover tuition reimbursements. Funds are being reduced for the purchase of gas as well as tap fees paid to the City of Columbus. Since it was a mild winter, less gas was purchased. There were no large projects in 2024 that required tap fees. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 44 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 44 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Tabled

Mayor Kirk called for an motion to remove Ordinance 33 – 24 from the table. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk asked Council if they had any questions. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 33 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk thanked Council for approving the ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the City received a \$100,000 grant to plant trees. She then stated trees make a difference in neighborhoods. She showed the video produced by staff. She then stated residents in target neighborhoods will be able to get trees planted in their tree lawns. She then stated the Fountain of Knowledge is having their ground breaking ceremony on October 23rd at 11:00 AM. Council is invited to participate. Fortress Fright Night is October 26th. A big turnout is expected. Trick or Treat is October 31st from 6 – 8 PM. There will be a Santa parade as a part of the Christmas Kick-Off. The City is getting a new senior bus as a part of a grant. There was a senior (older adult) prom at the Community Center and the seniors loved it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated the last three weeks have been very busy. Officers have been going through State mandated training. New tasers are here. Corporal LeMaster and Officer Higgenbotham are certified taser trainers now. In-service training is starting. Since the last meeting here have been 1456 calls for service and officers have patrolled 1195 miles.

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

Michael Corbitt, PE, LEED AP, Deputy Administrator – Mr. Corbitt stated the Home Goods warehouse is now occupied by Maersk. They are distributing for Levi Jean Company. There will be 600 jobs at the facility. Clean-up at the DeVuono's property continues. Permit approval for the new building is expected within the next few weeks.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council