

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The regular meeting of November 18, 2024 was held at 6:41 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 October 28th meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 53 – 24: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel Number 153-000673 From General Commercial To Planned Industrial District And To Approve A Preliminary Development Plan And Text.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 46 – 24: An Ordinance To Approve The 2025 Permanent Appropriations Of All Funds For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 47 – 24: An Ordinance To Amend The Toy Road Tax Increment Financing Incentive District And To Declare An Emergency.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 48 – 24: An Ordinance Canceling The Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting Of November 25, 2024 And December 23, 2024 And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated this is done each year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 48 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 48 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting

as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 49 – 24: An Ordinance To Modify Section 305.06 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Speed Limits And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated the City of Obetz controls the speed limit on the portion of Lockbourne Road that has been annexed to the City and the County controls the speed limit on the remainder of Lockbourne Road, outside Obetz' jurisdiction. The County is decreasing the speed limit on their portion and has asked Obetz to also decrease the speed limit on its portion to avoid confusion. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 49 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 49 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 50 – 24: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With Northeast Projections, Inc. And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is for the preventative maintenance of the tricaster at the Fortress. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 50 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 50 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 51 – 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. Mr. Hollins discussed the ordinance. He stated these are the yearly contracts the City has with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District for stormwater services; Franklin County Board of Health for public health services and plumbing code services; and Franklin County Public Defender Commission for indigent defense representation. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 51 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 51 – 24. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 52 – 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. Funds are needed for personnel; the incubator building build-

out; a new snow plow; painting the OAC; the tree grant; building maintenance; and the yearly cash-outs.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Christmas Kick-Off is December 7th. The City is not doing the Santa drive through the neighborhoods this year. There will be a parade on December 7th as a part of that event. The senior citizens will have a float. Council will ride on the Santa float.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer stated there continue to be identity theft scams with EBT cards. Since the last Council meeting, officers drove 7313 miles and responded to 1877 calls for service.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the City received a notice from the Division of Liquor Control regarding alcohol permits. He asked Council if they wanted to object to the renewal of any permits. Mayor Kirk asked Chief Confer is there were any issues. Chief Confer responded “no”. Council had no objections to the current permits.

Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated he is testifying at the Ohio Senate tomorrow on a bill that would take away a city’s ability to collect on utility bills. He discussed his proposed testimony.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 7:07 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:36 PM with all six members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:37 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council