

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
JANUARY 3RD, 2023 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

Council President Kauffman called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

All seven (7) Council members were present.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to approve the regular council meeting minutes; passed by seven (7) votes. Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Council President Kauffman stated the committee members will remain the same.

- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled finance meeting is January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled Public Affairs meeting is January 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- C. **LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled Law and Ordinance meeting is January 17, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- A. **MAYOR:**
Mayor Eric Keckler, absent.
- B. **SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**
Josh Clark, absent.
- C. **LAW DIRECTOR:**
Stephanie Kiser, explained the sanitary sewer legislation and it needs passed as an emergency, also explained the Charter amendment legislation under new business. Councilperson Cassidy questioned the City Manager ballot time frame, Stephanie will get a deadline date. Councilperson Cassidy would like to get this on the ballot by spring, Stephanie will put a legislation together and present it at the next scheduled Council meetings agenda. Councilperson Shaffer questioned the removal of the elected official legislation, per Stephanie Kiser if Council passes the legislation as written, the elected official positions will abolished immediately, Council can choose to appoint the elected officials to keep their positions.

- E. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Heidi Kauffman, reported the Decembers books should be finished January 3rd, 2023 and will be available by the end of the week. Councilperson Cassidy stated he did not know that the Novembers books were balanced, Heidi Kauffman stated they were completed and sent by email for review, Councilperson Cassidy noted he did not receive an email. Heidi Kauffman stated the City finished up the investments for the year and made 211,000.00. Councilperson Mennel stated to keep eyes out with Premier Investment due their fluctuation.

F. PUBLIC:

Jill Filiater, 402 Culbertson, expressed her concerns as to how an Administrative office can spend the funds for reventing an office without nobody authorizing approval.

Bill Sayre, 301 S. Main, spoke about the City Manager position and expressed his feelings this issue.

Elliot Shaffer, 722 W. Center, spoke and the City Managers position vs. a City Mayors position and questioned Councilperson Cassidy as to a City Manager position and why this is so urgent in getting this done, Councilperson Cassidy responded that it is a very important issue and it needs fulfilled by someone that will keep the City going in the right direction as it has been.

Paul Allison, 118 ½ W Center St., apt #2, addressed the emergency clauses in legislation and their time frame of becoming effective, also he reported the Records commission meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., and explained the importance of disposing of records.

Duane Frankart, 1332 Fairway Drive, expressed his concerns of replacing the stop sign with a yield sign at the intersection of Fairway Drive and Wentwood.

Bob Podach, 325 Perry St., spoke on the Sunny Farm landfill report that was done and it could not be located on the map.

Ben Nutter, (no address given) gave Council an update of the landill.

Joy Walders, 482 Hoover Dr., questioned the legislation regarding the Charter Amendment elected and appointed positions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **01**: Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____ : To repeal sections 147.03 and 147.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, entitled "Enforcement of Parking Meter Rules; Maintenance" and "Collection of Coins" respectively, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaffer, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **02** : To amend section 147.02 of the Codified Ordinances

of the City of Fostoria, Ohio. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023-___: Granting consent to the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation necessary to complete described pavement repair projects, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ___: Enacting new Chapter 1357 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled "REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY". This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ___: Enacting the approved Charter Amendment to Fostoria City Charter Article V, section 5.02, entitled Director of Finance; abolishing the elected position of Director of Finance; and creating the position of Director of Finance to be appointed by the City of Fostoria City Council, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ___: Enacting the approved Charter Amendment to Fostoria City Charter Article V, section 5.01, entitled Director of Law; abolishing the elected position of Director of Law; and creating the position of Director of Law to be appointed by the City of Fostoria City Council, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Resolution No.: 2023- 03: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio to enter into an Addendum to Agreement Regarding Sanitary Sewers with the County of Seneca, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

