MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**

**JANUARY 17TH, 2023 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Council President Kauffman called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

It was moved by Councilperson Shaffer, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to excuse Councilperson Mendoza; passed by six (6) votes. Councilperson Mendoza was excused.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to amend the Public section regarding Jill Filliaters comment changing the word “reventing” to “renovations”, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon; passed by six (6) votes. Amendment to the minutes were approved.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Lake to approve the amended regular council meeting minutes; passed by six (6) votes. Amended minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATION(S)**: None.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEES

**A**. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Met on January 17, 2023. Next scheduled finance meeting is February 21, 2023 at

5:30 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Meeting was cancelled for January 17, 2023. Next scheduled meeting is February.

21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

### C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Met on January 17, 2023. Next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

# REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. **MAYOR:**

Mayor Eric Keckler, reported January 16, 2023, was the first in person Martin

Luther King day celebration event since Covid with Chairperson Joan Penske. Mayor Keckler explained the old business legislation regarding the paving project and asked Council to pass the legislation since time date is before February 7th. Councilperson Shaffer questioned if this legislation was regarding the bike path, Mayor Keckler answered “no, this legislation is just for paving”. Councilperson Shaffer also questioned if there were any updates to the SCAT project, Mayor Keckler stated this was on his agenda to follow up on.

1. **SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Josh Clark, explained the new business legislation regarding the funds for

Fostoria Police and Fire. Josh Clark passed out the water testing results of the reservoir intake by Bojhun. Councilperson Cassidy questioned the timeframe of each test at the water plant, Josh Clark responded “about every two hours”. Councilperson Shaffer questioned if any plans are in place to enforce the Rental legislation if it passes, Josh Clark responded “this would be thru the Zoning Department”, per Council President there will be more discussions regarding this legislation.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser explained the JLB Joint Ambulance legislation and asked that it be passed as an emergency, Stephanie also explained the complaint verification regarding the Rental legislation.

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Heidi Kauffman, reported on the comment regarding Council and Administration not knowing about the renovations of the Auditor’s office as well as explanation to the City payroll issue. Heidi also stated the Fiscal Recovery Plan is on the city website and explained the new business legislation on the agenda. Councilperson Mennel questioned the purchasing of a payroll program which was never implemented, and asked for a list of programs that were purchased and never implemented. Councilperson Cassidy questioned whether any comparison shopping for office furniture was done and also was good/used office furniture was ever taken into consideration and was there an option of refurbished furniture, Heidi answered “no” to each question, she did however check with the Fostoria High School administration on their past furniture purchases, Councilperson Cassidy expressed his concerns on Council as well as City Administrators not knowing about this purchase as well as the City being in Fiscal Emergency and the sacrifices City employees took since being in fiscal emergency. Heidi explained the City Administrators did know about this purchase and also the State being ok with her decision. Council President stated his concerns as to this being the first meeting Heidi was in attendance at for conversations regarding this issue. Councilperson Logsdon expressed his concerns about the renovations and stated “he wished Council had been addressed more regarding this issue and excepted Heidi’s apologies and to move one vs. continuing to beat the horse that is already dead. Councilperson Shaffer expressed his concerns about communication especially regarding the payroll incident.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Bill McAllister, 817 SR 587, spoke about his name being mentioned at a previous meeting regarding Sunny Farm Landfill and the water testing.

Randy Endicott, 3368 Gwilym Rd; spoke on the Rental legislation and his concerns.

Bill Sayre, 301 S Main St; spoke about different topics he is concerned about.

Jill Filliater, 402 Culbertson St; spoke about her concerns regarding the City Charter and a City Mayor vs. a City Manager.

Sylvia Quiroga, 736 Spruce St; discussed her concerns with a City tree on her property.

Mr. Walters, 2266 Courtly Rd; (did not sign in) passed out two (2) letters regarding the Rental legislation and expressed his concerns with passing the legislation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2023-**04**: 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 second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to suspend the three-reading rule, passed by six (6) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt, passed by six (6) votes, the ordinance passed.

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 second 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 second reading of said ordinance. Councilperson Shaver made a motion to amend and withdrew his motion.

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 second reading of said ordinance. Councilperson Shaver made a motion to amend and withdrew his motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution No.: 2023- \_\_\_\_: Declaring the services of the Fostoria Police Division and the Fostoria Fire Division from March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021 to be substantially dedicated to mitigating and/or responding to the Covid-19 public health emergency in the City of Fostoria’s efforts to protect and preserve the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Fostoria, and declaring an emergency to exist. (First reading)

Resolution No.: 2023- **05**: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to enter into an Amendment of January 1, 2019, Agreement with JLB Joint Ambulance District, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said Resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Lake to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by six (6) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. The resolution was passed.

Resolution No.: 2023 - \_\_\_\_: Authorizing the disposal of personal property, motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools or supplies which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit, to be sold by internet auction in calendar year 2023 and declaring an emergency to exist. (First reading)

Resolution No.: 2023 - \_\_\_\_: Establishing the City of Fostoria’s Office of Criminal Justice Service (OCJS) Police ARPA, (257), and declaring an emergency to exist. (First reading)

**It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to go into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m., with no business to follow.**

**It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to come out of Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

\_XX\_\_\_ -Personnel matters, specifically:

\_\_\_\_\_   -to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,

demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official

\_\_\_\_\_ -to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public.

employee,

official, licensee, or regulated individual

\_\_\_\_\_ -Purchase or sale of property

\_\_\_\_\_ -Pending or imminent court action

\_\_\_\_\_ -Collective bargaining matters

\_\_\_\_\_ -Matters required to be kept confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_ -Security matters

\_\_\_\_\_ -Confidential business information of an applicant for economic development

Assistance.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to re-appoint Jerry Copeland to Civil Service Commission for a one-year term; passed by six (6) votes.

# ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Mennel to adjourn; passed by six (6) votes. Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Council President,

Kauffman of Fostoria City

Council

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Tamara L Drake Date

Clerk of Council