

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**NOVEMBER 5th, 2019 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

Invocation by Pastor Bernie Dickson, with Fostoria Church of the Nazarene.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to excuse Councilperson Lake; passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Lake was excused.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to approve the minutes, of the regular City Council meeting; passed by six (6) votes, minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATION(S):** A report by the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, reporting the amount of Licensing Fees distributed out, which was 35%.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
No report, next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2019 at 4PM.
- B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**  
No report.
- C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
No report, next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.  
(meeting changed from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>)

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Mayor Keckler announced Community Events:  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, celebrating the Seneca County Honorary Veteran of the year Award to James "Mac" McAuliffe.  
November 11, 2019 at 11:00 AM, Veterans Ceremony at Foundation Cemetery followed by a ceremony at St. Wendelin Cemetery.  
November 9, 2019 (Councilperson Schuld echoed the Mayor, by announcing the Fostoria wine & cheese  
November 27, 2019 from 11-1 Community Dinner at FHS cafeteria.  
December 5, 2019, Holiday social at Kemosabes for FEDC Chamber, all Councilpersons invited.  
December 7, 2019 from 9-1 is the Chamber kids' maker market.  
December 7, 2019 at 1:30 pm, is the Rotary Christmas Parade on Main Street.

December 7, 2019, following the Christmas parade is the Tree Lighting ceremony on the City lawn.

December 7, 2019 from 3-9 pm and Sunday from 1-5 pm, Chamber is introducing sip & shop at the Fostoria Learning Center.

December 8, 2019 at 7pm, Rail Preservation Society hosting a wine & cheese at the Depot.

Mayor Keckler stated the stop sign at Park Avenue, he does not think this has been part of the Planning Commission plan, he thinks it makes sense to have a 4 way stop, he asked if Council would like to introduce an ordinance to make it a 4 way stop, it would be up to Council to move forward on this.

Mayor Keckler also announced that Council will soon be introduced to a piece of legislation removing the stop light at Union Street and Thomas Street and making a 4 way stop signs instead, he also wants Law & Ordinance committee to look into the two pieces that are one way streets on Thomas and Walnut Street releasing those into two way streets, also taking down the 20 mph signs. There will be future discussion about signage and other things in the new consolidated school area. Councilperson Shaver stated that some of the signs are already taken down and discussions with Council should have happened prior to this. Mayor 100% agreed and stated that he was surprise to see this as well, he didn't think this move was part of the discussion when plans were looked at, however it does make sense he said. Communication errors with the Mayor and Council on which signs everyone was talking about, the crosswalk signs are a different discussion. Councilperson Schuld asked about a committee or if this would fall under Law & Ordinance business, Mayor Keckler said this is something for Zoning to look into. Council President questioned the 20mph overhead sign on Countyline, Mayor Keckler responded this is the sign they are talking about, as well in front of Riley school, these will be taken down and stored in case the City can use them someplace else.

Councilperson Schuld questioned if Law & Ordinance can investigate this, and Mayor Keckler responded he wants this looked at first and talk to the Zoning Department, with a report from them.

Mayor Keckler also spoke on the 12.8-million-dollar project for the CSO removal that had been previously passed, right now the City is looking into a 13-million-dollar project of CSO which legislation for this is on the new business agenda. Mayor Keckler also stated that the presentation between an Engineer firm which discussed the operational plan of this project and stated since the original plan changed slightly, the ordinance presented in front of Council is to bump up the original amount from 12.8 million to 13 million for the completion of this project, the numbers for this project are already within the City's 5 year recovery plan.

Mayor Keckler asked Council to vote on the re-appointing of Mary Fry to the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board during the Misc. portion of the Council meeting.

Councilperson Logsdon questioned the original plan for the plant, they had the expansion pond in the back was enlarged, is this still accurate, Mayor responded yes with explanation.

Councilperson Shaver questioned if the Engineer has already looked at this and signed off on it, Mayor Keckler responded yes.

Councilperson Cassidy questioned the expansion of this plant, does this allow the growth to the City, Mayor Keckler stated the 3 million gallons a day flow, this project will allow 1200 million gallons flow thru the plant.

Councilperson Logsdon stated that this project will allow the overflow of rainfall, yet also help the growth of the City, Mayor Keckler responded yes.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Deb Hellman stated the City of still meeting with the State Auditors and is questioning a Council Session on November 12, 2019 at 6PM, Council approved this date. Councilperson Shaver asked if a motion of vote was needed during Misc. Business. Deb Hellman also announced all was invited to a life saving award to honor Officers Miro and Arnold for going above and beyond the call of duty, on November 6, 2019 at 6PM in the Courtroom.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser reminded Council to pass the State Appropriation legislation and requested an Executive Session to discuss the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters, specifically:

XXX -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

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Nate Heiser, Eagleville Road; gave Council updated information on the Sunny Farm Landfill issue, by giving facts to Council about the dangers of high levels of Hydrogen Sulfide, this raised questions between different Council members.

Paul Allison, 118 ½ W Center St., Apt. #2; spoke about Record Retention and also reminded everyone about the 121.01 which states Council meetings shall have regular Council meetings the following day after Holidays or Election day, he is wishing Council would discuss whether or not to appeal this and keep it standard, or follow the past written ordinance, from back in the day.

Ben Nutter, Sunny Farm Landfill; updating Council on their ongoing progress and handing out the Sulfur Dioxide Fact Sheet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2019 - \_\_\_\_: Establishing the Bridge Inspection Program Services and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes the second reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2019 - \_\_\_\_: Authorizing the use of a blanket purchase order for expenditures and setting the dollar limit and other criteria for such certification and declaring an emergency. This constitutes the second reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2019 - \_\_\_\_: Allowing the City Auditor to deposit money in a financial institution within three days after receipt in accordance with Section 9.38, Ohio Revised Code, for the City of Fostoria, State of Ohio. This constitutes the second reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2019 - \_\_\_\_: Authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2019 Energized Community Grant Funds. This constitutes the second reading of said ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2019 - **46**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2018-64 (Permanent 2019 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the General Fund, Beautification Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by six (6) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2019-\_\_\_\_: A Resolution authorizing the acceptance/approval to enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement for supplemental design and construction services of the CSO #2 and #3 Elimination Project, otherwise publicized as the LTCP Improvements, Phase 1 Project; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Shaver motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon at 7:04 pm.

Councilperson Shaver motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy at 7:10 pm., to discuss:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel matters, specifically:
- XXX -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
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- \_\_\_\_\_ -Confidential business information of an applicant for economic development assistance

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilperson Shaver motioned to re-appoint Mary Fry to the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023, Councilperson Cassidy seconded the motion; passed by six (6) votes. Motion was approved.

Councilperson Shaver motioned to meet on November 12, 2019 at 6PM, for a Council work session with the State Auditor, Councilperson Logsdon seconded the motion, passed by six (6) votes. Motion was approved.

Councilperson Shaver noted he was bothered and upset about the residents of Fostoria having their land tore up with no knowledge, he wanted to bring this to Council and City Head Departments attention.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Dillon to adjourn; passed by six (6) votes. Council adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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 Council President, Steve Kauffman of  
 Fostoria City Council

Attest:

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 Tamara L Drake  
 Clerk of Council

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