

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
MARCH 2ND, 2021 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

Council Pro-Tempera President Lake called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., via Zoom.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to excuse Council President Kauffman; passed by seven (7) votes; President Kauffman was excused.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting; passed by seven (7) votes; minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): A Division of Liquor Control notice for a hearing for Singhkaur, LLC aka Jacks Carry Out, LLC. No hearing required by Council. An Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder that the deadline is May 17th, 2021.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Shaver stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. via zoom.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., via zoom.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler asked Council to vote for the following re-appointments during Miscellaneous Business:

1. Paul Allison re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term beginning March 2nd, 2021 until December 31st, 2025
2. Richard Perrine re-appointed to the Fostoria Beautification Committee for a term beginning March 2nd, 2021 until December 31st, 2022
3. Tera Matz appointment to the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board to fill a seat to be vacated by Mary Fry a term beginning April 1st, 2021 ending December 31st, 2023

Mayor Keckler announced the food distribution scheduled March 4, 2021 from 11 to 1, at the Fostoria City Elementary School parking lot, do not arrive before 10:15 and limited to 2 families per car.

Mayor Keckler stated that Scott Cottos of the Review Times did a nice article on working with the Fostoria Chapter and Alpha Delta Capita Seniority for former women education to honor military men and women on a scholarship program.

Mayor Keckler announced the retirement of Fostoria Police Dispatcher Karen Nesbit on 31 years of service, and now searching for her replacement. A new police officer Jarrod Lindig was sworn in on March 2nd, and Officer Don Dennis and K9 Officer Marley are participating in the summer reading program at the Library this year from June 1 thru August 13th also the Police Department will be presenting to the Fostoria Youth Build program at the Fostoria Learning Center on March 18th.

Mayor Keckler announced a press release from Reineke Ford Family Dealerships that the Ford Company will be passing out PPE equipment at their dealerships passing out 18,000 face masks on March 9th from 9 to 5 while supplies last.

Mayor Keckler talked about the two (2) pieces of legislation under New Business regarding the electric charging stations and the requirements and the payment upfront and then will be reimbursed by the AEP, and the request from Rite Aid store to purchase a liquor license thru Trex to sell beer and wine.

Mayor Keckler attended an award ceremony on March 1st celebrating Seneca County micropolitan as the number 4 according to the Site Selection magazine Economic Development projects.

Mayor Keckler introduced Lewis Hurst and Rodney Biggert of the Seneca County of adult services at the Seneca County Opportunity Center and also Sean Allison and Emily Kleinfelter honoring Disability Awareness month, a proclamation was read by Mayor Keckler, a Palm Sunday Dinner drive thru only will be held March 19th.

Mayor Keckler also asked for a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining with business to follow.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Deb Hellman spoke about the legislation under new business regarding the CSO #2 and #3 increase on the defa loan and explained this piece of legislation also the legislation regarding the City sent out requests for statement of qualifications from State of Ohio Engineer firms for Engineer projects and waste water and sewer treatment plants, Environmental and Transportation Engineering Services, this will be in the March 9th and March 23rd newspaper to anyone interested due to the City on April 2nd. Councilperson Cassidy questioned the Sewage Plant project wanting to know if soil samples were done before the project and the product that in there is it water treatment or sewage plant, Mayor Keckler answered this in detail.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser stated all new business legislation needs passed as emergency and a under old business, also requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

 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

E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Holly Cassady, spoke about the Tax Incentive Review Board meeting and discussed with Council about Promedica moving in to the building.

F. PUBLIC:

Ken Jones of the 2nd Ward Council member for Tiffin asked about the Council Manager for Charter Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2021 - ____: To accept a proposed agreement for a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreement from Good Shepherd Home, and authorizing further action thereon, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No.: 2021 - **12**: Establishing the City of Fostoria’s AEP Grant Fund, (253), and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2020 – **13**: Entitled and Ordinance Authorizing an Advance to the AEP Grant Fund with such Advance to be repaid before year end 2021 and declaring and emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Dillon, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2021 - **14**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2020-49 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by decreasing appropriations and appropriating from unappropriated funds in the General Fund, Charter Government Fund, and AEP Grant Fund

and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Resolution No. 2021- 15: 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. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Hopple 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 was adopted.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to go into Executive Session at 7:08 P.M.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to come out of Executive Session at 7:18 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to appoint the following: passed by seven (7) votes.

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ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Dillon and seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Council President Kauffman
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date