

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**DECEMBER 6TH, 2022 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

Six (6) Council members were present. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to excuse Councilperson Logsdon, passed by six (6) votes. Councilperson Logsdon was excused.

MINUTES: No minutes were presented at the time of this meeting. Minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be presented for approval at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Met on November 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., minutes are hereto attached to these minutes. Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Met on November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Met on November 15, 2022 at 5:15 p.m., next meeting in scheduled for December 20, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Eric Keckler, stated one (1) member of Council is needed for the Fire Chief search committee.

Mayor Keckler reported several Board appointments to be voted on during the Misc. business: the reappointment of James Schrek to a one year term of the Fostoria Planning Commission beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 expiring December 31, 2023, the reappointment of Angela Briggs to a four year term on the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, expiring December 31, 2026, and the appointment of Chris Widman to fill an unexpired term on the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board beginning January 1, 2023, expiring December 31, 2025 and many more to be announced at the next Council meeting.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Josh Clark, reported the bridge inspection program legislation that was previously passed by Council is back on the agenda changing the format of the legislation at the request of the Fire Department Transportation Board and asked that it be passed as emergency so it can be passed onto ODOT. Councilperson Mennel asked if the City has any bridges in town that would be subject on the discovery plan and is there an inventory of the bridges, Josh Clark responded yes there is an inventory of the bridges, Councilperson Mennel asked if the bridge behind the hospital is subject to the discovery plan, Mayor Keckler stated he would find out. Josh Clark also reported the legislation under new business regarding the salary and pay of the part time Fire Marshall and EMS Coordinator position and gave a brief explanation of this legislation. Councilperson Mennel questioned this positions tasks, Joshua Clark explained this position will not be a member of the fire department and will not respond to any fire/ems runs. Councilperson Shaffer questioned the Zoning Inspector position and their roles. Josh Clark explained that the Zoning position has more work than 30 hours. Councilperson Cassidy questioned if Zoning is over staffed, Josh Clark explained as the seasons change so does the workload in the Zoning office.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser, reported the appropriation legislation and the bridge inspection legislation needs to be passed as an emergency. Councilperson Cassidy questioned the Fire inspector, Council President reminded everyone of the upcoming special meeting and that Council can still get 3 reads of legislation before the end of the year. Josh Clark stated a person of interest for the position if approved by Council.

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Heidi Kauffman, absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Rhonda Best, introduced herself as the Tiffin/Fostoria Municipal new Judge. Bob Podach, 325 Perry St., spoke about the water and also the Fiscal Emergency budget and being in the red currently.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2022 - \_\_\_\_: 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. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to table said ordinance; passed by seven (7) votes, motion was passed. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to untable; passed by six (6) votes, motion was passed and legislation was read constituting a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel to remove the legislation and present it at the Law & Ordinance Committee meeting, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza; no vote took place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 72: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2021-68 (Permanent 2022 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the

General Fund, Water Fund, and Storm Water Fund and transferring appropriations in the Sewer 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 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.: 2022 - \_\_\_: Adopting an Amendment to the Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - \_\_\_: Establishing the Fiscal Year 2023 permanent appropriations, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

Resolution No.: 2022 - 73: Granting consent to the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to enter into contracts with the State of Ohio relating to bridge inspection program services, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to suspend the three reading rule, passed by six (6) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by six (6) votes, the resolution passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - \_\_\_: Establishing the position, salary and pay rates for the position of part-time Fire Marshall/EMS Coordinator for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

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 first reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - \_\_\_: To amend section 147.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ -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 Shaffer to the reappointment of James Schrek to a one year term of the Fostoria Planning Commission beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 expiring December 31, 2023; passed by six (6) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to the reappointment of Angela Briggs to a four year term on the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, expiring December 31, 2026; passed by six (6) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to the appointment of Chris Widman to fill an unexpired term on the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library Board beginning January 1, 2023, expiring December 31, 2025; passed by six (6) votes.

Councilperson Cassidy nominated Councilperson Mennel to the Fire Chief search committee.

Councilperson Mennel reminded everyone of Rental agreement legislation will be presented at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Law & Ordinance Committee meeting, and public should be notified. Councilperson Mennel also stated a public fundraiser campaign for the new splash pad.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Councilperson Lake and seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn; passed by six (6) votes. Council adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Council President,  
Steve Kauffman of Fostoria City  
Council

Attest:

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Tamara L Drake  
Clerk of Council

Date