

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**OCTOBER 15TH, 2019 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 Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Hopple to approve the minutes, of the regular City Council meeting; passed by seven (6) votes, amended minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATION(S):** None.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
No report, next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 4PM.
- B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**  
No report.
- C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**  
Councilperson Hopple stated that the committee met on October 9, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. and discussed several issues (which will be stated in the Law & Ordinance meeting minutes. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Mayor Keckler announced Community Events:  
October 16, 2019 from 4PM-8PM, Fostoria Learning Center has an open house for the Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau.  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Fostoria Community Arts Council hosting a Wine and Cheese party, tickets are for sale at the Mayors office starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, trick or treat in Fostoria.  
October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, is the Fostoria Halloween Parade, starting at 4:30PM.  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Christmas Parade starting at 1:30PM.  
Mayor Keckler announced the Seneca County Auditor Tax Budget legislation under new business needed to be passed and discussed the other two (2) pieces of legislation under new business can have the three (3) reads.  
Mayor Keckler also stated that he is still working on getting packets out for the 2020 paving which will cost \$425,000.00, however with the gas tax and the 1% tax money, should fund this project.  
Trunk or Treat will take place at the Fostoria Baptist Church, following Halloween Parade.

Councilperson Cassidy wanted to clear up with Mayor Keckler, the fact that the two (2) pieces of legislation under new business is in fact not changing, but only enforcing. Mayor Keckler responded “that was correct”.

Councilperson Logsdon asked if a budget rate has been established for the tax rate, mayor responded “yes that all has to do with the current village and the current tax rate”.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Deb Hellman discussed the bridge inspection legislation under new business, and stated if anyone was interested, she has a packet of metrics in her office, to see what they are really inspecting. Deb Hellman also explained the Nopec legislation under new business stating the Nopec has a grant every year, she is asking Council to roll over that grant for next year, stating that the grant is \$8,000. 00, which should be the similar amount next year, must be used on an energy savings cost measure. She also updated everyone on the neighborhood watch, two (2) meeting were held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the first meeting was in conjunction with the Triad meeting at St. Catherine’s Manor, Officer Nelson provided inside to alert training on encountering violet crimes and also citizens were invited to an Organizational meeting which was being held at 6PM at Good Shepherd Home. One of the organizers Karen Eatmon discussed the citizen lead group and provided information on the groups purpose and also at the 6PM meeting, the neighborhood watch group was created for the Good Shepherd Campus and established future meeting dates and will be working on additional input and training with the Fostoria PD, future meeting will be announced soon. Councilperson Shaver asked about the Park Avenue back in the summer and wanted to know if Deb Hellman had any information about it, Deb responded “yes, she stated there was a Planning Commission meeting around June 17<sup>th</sup> where individuals drew up plans and those plans were submitted to the Engineers office where the plans were consulted this is in regards to the turning lane, no public hearing meetings are required. Councilperson Shaver followed this up with the temporary stop sign at this intersection and asked if this will be changed to a permanent stop sign and if so, he stated his concerns regarding the turning lane, Mayor Keckler stated it would take council action to make this a permanent stop sign that police could enforce.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser stated all the new business legislation had already been addressed and nothing to add further. Councilperson Cassidy questioned the Grant Agreement ordinance, he questioned that if the City goes into any kind of legal confrontation, the jurisdiction is Cuyahoga County is there anyway to say the City prefers these agreements state Seneca County, Stephanie stated most of the City agreements are not our jurisdiction counties and that the City can bring this up before signing the agreement, however it is typical that the agreements are not our jurisdiction counties.

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Paul Allison, 118 ½ W Center St., Apt. #2; stated that he personally did not have a problem keeping the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council meeting, even though it was election

day, and was happy to see Council meeting taking place on the scheduled November 5<sup>th</sup> date, however keeping in mind that he read 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, which back in the day, Council President tried to discuss this same issue and the legislation was tabled and never discussed again, Paul Allison gave this ordinance to Law & Ordinance Committee (which Councilperson Logsdon stated they received) to discuss, he would like to see this issue discussed again. He also stated that our new Dunkin Donut seems to be going good.

Ben Nutter, Sunny Farm Landfill; spoke about the outcome of their open house, stating 200 visitors showed and seemed happy as to the way things are going.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution No.: 2019 - **44**: Establishing the Unclaimed Money Trust Fund (106) and declaring an emergency to exist. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was adopted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Resolution No.: 2019 - **45**: Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying them to the Seneca County Auditor and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution was adopted.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Council President Kauffman asked if Council could make the change to the Council agenda by adding possible reasons of having an Executive Session, which then would make it easier to just check mark the reasons of Executive Session instead of typing the verbiage every time an Executive Session is requested, it was the consensus of all Councilmembers to add this to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 6:31 PM.

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Council President, Steve Kauffman of  
Fostoria City Council

Attest:

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Tamara L Drake  
Clerk of Council

Date