

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**DECEMBER 20TH, 2022 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Council Pro-temp President Shaver called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Seven (7) Council members were present. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to excuse Council President Kauffman; passed by seven (7) votes. Council President Kauffman was excused.

It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes; passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Mennel abstained. Minutes were approved.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes; passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Logsdon abstained. Minutes were approved.

It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to approve the November 29, 2022 Council Work Session; passed by seven (7) votes. Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Met on December 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., no minutes are attached, due to the Director of Finance being absent, no information was passed onto the Finance Committee for review. Board committee members will be established at the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Council meeting, along with the next scheduled committee meeting date.

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Met on December 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., next meeting will be TBD.

**C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Met on December 20, 2022 at 5:15 p.m., next meeting will be TBD.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Eric Keckler stated that a fundraiser developed for the funding of the Splash pad, Councilperson Mennel took the floor and gave a presentation of this project. Mayor Keckler also reported on the Legislation regarding the Jackson & Loudon Township agreement under new business and requested it be passed as an emergency. Mayor Keckler gave the floor to Todd Jenkins of Peterman Associates whom spoke about the H2Ohio legislation which also was requested to be passed as an emergency. Councilperson Mennel questioned if the walking paths will be installed. Todd responded that no configuration of this project has been discussed as of yet and will look to other firms that have the qualifications to be able to engineer this project. Councilperson Shaffer questioned if Reservoir #1 was included in this and the response was no. Councilperson Cassidy questioned about the easements, Mayor Keckler responded that the easement would be moved to the West and completion date would be June, 2024. Mayor Keckler also requested that Council vote on Board committee appointments during Misc. business.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Josh Clark, reported the water testing was at the intake and will take a couple of weeks to get these results back. Josh Clark discussed the contracts legislation and requested Council approve the amendment of the Command and the Patrol contracts. Josh Clark also explained the Appropriations legislation and requested that it be passed as an emergency. Josh Clark also disbursed the water and sewer rates that are being proposed for future legislation that will be presented to Council. Councilperson Shaffer questioned what was being amended, Josh responded the amendment is only changing the unit rates not the fixed rates.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser, reported that all new business needs passed as an emergency as well as the Fire Marshall legislation.

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Heidi Kauffman, absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Jill Filliater, 402 Culbertson, expressed her concerns regarding the passing of legislation as emergencies and also getting out of fiscal emergency.

Bill Sayre, 301 S. Main, spoke about the emergency passing of legislation and expressed his concerns regarding the water rate increases, and discussed the future housing market taking a hit and is the City prepared for that.

Elliot Shaffer, 722 W. Center, spoke and questioned the water and sewer rate increases and is that effective across the board.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 74: Adopting an Amendment to the Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Mennel to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 75: Establishing the Fiscal Year 2023 permanent appropriations, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Lake to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 76: 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 second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

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. (Second reading)

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution No.: 2022- 77: Authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to execute a grant agreement between the City, H2Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Also, authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to seek RFQs relating to the wetlands project at reservoir number 4, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 78: Amending Section 941.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio relating to sewer rates, and declaring an emergency to exist. 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 Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Resolution No.: 2022- 79: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio to enter into an Addendum to Cooperative Development Agreement with Loudon Township, Seneca County, Ohio and the County of Seneca, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

Resolution No.: 2022- 80: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to enter into an Addendum to Cooperative Development Agreement with Jackson Township, Seneca County, Ohio and the County of Seneca, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - 81: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2021-68 (Permanent 2022 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the General Fund, Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund, Water Fund, and Storm Water Fund and transferring appropriations in the State Highway Fund and Water Fund and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon 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 ordinance passed.

Resolution No.: 2022-82: Authorizing and directing the City of Fostoria Finance Director to invest excess/reserve funds with Red Tree Investment Group, located at 4016 Alliston Street, Suite #4, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209, 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 seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

## **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 Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to the reappointment of Richard Perrine to a three (3) year term of the Beautification Committee beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 expiring December 31, 2025; passed by seven (7) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Lake to the reappointment of Noble Hollis to a three (3) year term on the Airport Committee beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, expiring December 31, 2025; passed by seven (7) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to the appointment of Larry Strawman to the Fostoria Airport Committee for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2023, expiring December 31, 2025; passed by seven (7) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaffer, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to approve Patrol and Command Contracts as currently amended; passed by seven (7) votes, motion was approved.

