

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
MARCH 16TH, 2021 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Dean & Donnas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Shaver noted that the MTD report looked good, possibly 1 to 2 more months before we see the results of how the Covid-19 virus has impacted the City.

The Finance Committee has expressed their frustration with RITA and tax collection, which will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. via zoom.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Hopple noted that the golf cart ordinance has moved to the Law Director to be finalized.

Discussions regarding the West Ridge Drive and Stratford Street intersection for a possible four-way stop will be the topic at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M., via zoom.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler was absent.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Deb Hellman wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day with no report.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser stated all new business legislation needs passed as emergency. and stated that she did receive the golf cart ordinance and that it will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

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- _____ -to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual
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E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Holly Cassady, stated that the Tax Incentive legislation on the agenda for Poet and Kroger the wording is different this year due to the incentive review board and its lack of members attending the zoom meetings voted this down, therefore the wording has been changed to reflect this.

Holly also explained the GSH Agreement regarding the hire of new employees and requirements for reporting per the State. Councilperson Dillon asked if the Tree Donation Fund was a new fund, Holly Cassady stated yes along with SSD, Deb Hellman who stated that this fund was thru a Grant the City received for trees, therefore Clerk of Council read the legislation in the correct order for adopting the establishment of Fund 254 and then the adopting of the Fund 254.

Councilperson Shaver asked about the Kroger and Poet tax incentives and if both companies had to reapply, Holly stated no, however they do have to report their numbers of employees making sure they are within their terms of agreements.

F. PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2021 - 16: 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 third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. Councilperson Schuld voted abstained. The ordinance was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2021 - 17: Ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council and declaring an emergency to exist. 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 seven (7) votes. It was

moved by Councilperson Hopple, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021 - **18**: Establishing the City of Fostoria's Tree Donation Fund, (254), and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2021 - **19**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2020-49 (Permanent 2021 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Tree Donation Fund and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Hopple, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

President Kauffman received a question at the Charter Commission regarding going back to in person meetings, for now meetings will resume via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Council President Kauffman
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date