

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
JULY 7TH, 2020 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.

All Councilpersons were in attendance.

It was moved by Councilperson Dillon and seconded by Councilperson Lake to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting; passed by six (6) votes; Councilperson Hopple voted abstained, minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The next meeting scheduled for July 21st at 5:15 PM at the Council Chambers.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

A meeting was scheduled for July 8th, 2020 at 8:00 A.M., there are Public Hearings scheduled for July 21st and August 4th, 2020 to discuss single sided parking, time of meeting to be determined. Next meeting is scheduled for July 8th, 2020 at 8:00 A.M on the City front lawn.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler passed out a handout regarding the Columbia Gas will be in locations around the City recording the location of their gas lines. Mayor Keckler passed out a handout of the Counties and their levels of the Covid 19 and discussed the Governors data and updates. Mayor Keckler has had discussions with the State Auditor regarding the 1% tax budget and that the City has options to move money around to different fund accounts, he also spoke that this piece of legislation on the agenda would be at this time a second reading so there is time for discussions before the passing. He also stated that this is a 5-year renewal. Councilperson Schuld questioned if the money would all move to the General Fund account, Mayor Keckler responded no, this piece of legislation will go to a 3rd read before voting and by then the Mayor will have better information on allocating money. Councilperson Logsdon commented that he likes the idea of the City earmarking money. Mayor Keckler also stated the City has been having discussions with the State Auditor regarding the CARES Act money. Mayor Keckler

made the announcement that the radio channel WKXA is having Community Day, they will have live broadcasts on July 10th from 6AM-10AM at McDonalds, 10AM-3PM at Ace Hardware and 3PM-7PM at Urbanwoodies Brewery. Council President questioned about Seneca County and the Covid 19 levels, Mayor Keckler informed everyone that Seneca County Health Department oversees all of Fostoria, however with regards to the Covid 19, each County handles their own cases and alerts. Councilperson Shaver asked if all three (3) of our Counties go to the red alert would the City require masks. Mayor Keckler advised that he has requested to take a look at other City Ordinances that pertains to wearing masks, and also waiting on Government mandates on this subject, Councilperson Shaver stated that the City should be working on an Ordinance for if the masks become mandatory by the Governors office. We should be prepared ahead of time.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Deb Hellman discussed the two (2) new business pieces of legislation and asked Council to pass both as emergencies. Deb Hellman gave the rest of her report time to Police Chief Loreno who read to Council a report of numbers regarding his Police force and the percentage of crimes between different ethnic people in our community. Stating he was proud of his force. Council President requested his report be forwarded to him. Councilperson Logsdon commented on the good job he has done with our Police force. Councilperson Cassidy commented on the fact that new people looking to move to Fostoria look at many factors of the City and he is proud of the different statics that Fostoria offers. Councilperson Dillon also commented on the new Officers that introduced themselves to businesses and residents, Chief Loreno also echoed the same thing and before the Covid 19 hit, the new officers were going business to business introducing themselves. Councilperson Dillon also questioned a sign which reads “slow children” to be added to South and Wood streets heading to Foundation Park for speed, Chief Loreno suggested that more patrol can be added to that area. SSD, Deb Hellman also said that a sign could be added to that street. Councilperson also asked what the Community could do to raise money for kids, this was asked by citizens in her Ward. SSD, Deb Hellman suggested talking with non-profitable organizations regarding this. Councilperson Cassidy stated he has constituents complaining about the speeding around the reservoirs, Chief Loreno said putting more patrol in that area will cut down on this issue. Council President said the speed is also a problem in his neighborhood. Councilperson Shaver questioned the Charter Review Board, Mayor Keckler responded with the Law Director looking into moving this to 2021 due to the Covid 19 virus,

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser was absent, Assistant Chuck Hall representing her, no report.

- _____ -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, reminded everyone of the tax due date of July 15th and the way payments can be received.

F. PUBLIC:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No.: 2020 - ____: Adopting a tentative tax budget commencing January 1, 2021 pursuant to Section 5705.28(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a Second reading of said Resolution.

Ordinance No.: 2020 - ____: To amend Ordinance 2015-24 and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a Second reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2020 - ____: To authorize, direct and empower the Director of Public Service and Safety to terminate Lease to Geary Family Young Men’s Christian Association of Fostoria, Ohio for real estate identified by Seneca County permanent parcel number P51-04-097896-00-00 (commonly known as Meadowlark Park/Foundation Park), and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for use of same real estate with the Geary Family Young Men’s Christian Association of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a Second reading of said ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No.: 2020 - **29**: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to file an application with the Seneca County Park District to participate in the 2020 Community Parks Grant Program and declaring an emergency to exist. . This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Dillon to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No.: 2020- **30**: Establishing the City of Fostoria’s Coronavirus Relief Fund, (252), and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to go into Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, second by Councilperson Lake to come out of Executive Session at 7:17 pm.

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With NO business to follow Executive Session.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be scheduled at Council Chambers, must wear a mask, and enter thru the Police Department entrance on July 21st, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., Public is invited to attend by the City Facebook page only.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Hopple and seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Steve Kauffman, President
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake	Date
Clerk of Council	