

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
FEBRUARY 15TH, 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.

All Councilmembers were in attendance.

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

COMMUNICATION(S):

None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

See minutes of the Finance Committee meeting hereto attached. Next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Committee had a meeting on February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Councilperson Mendoza stated citizens could visit the public affairs link on the Public Affairs tab on the city website for future information regarding issues that will be on the May ballot. Lexis Norris is seeking help to restart the Fostoria Glass Pageant. Next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference room on the second floor of the Municipal building. Councilperson Shaffer added the committee is working on solidifying town hall meetings and looking for volunteers to help put these in play.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting is on February 16, 2022, discussions were held regarding ordinance issues, however the Law and Ordinance Committee does not implement as these issues need to go thru the Zoning Department, currently Law and Ordinance is making the web site more transparent to the public and what their committee is for. Next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler, passed out a letter to the editor from Diane Lind regarding the

Fostoria Flag Fund Committee explaining the donations and how important this committee is and how to keep supporting this committee. Mayor Keckler presented a motion in Misc. business to appoint Heidi Kauffman to Director of Finance, Councilperson Cassidy questioned her credentials from past employees, she was found to be very credible, appointing Heidi does not interfere with Council President as there is no conflict of interest. Mayor Keckler also gave the floor to Todd of Peterman Associates who evaluated the Portage River and gave his result feedback, several Council members asked questions regarding his result findings, and all appeared to be satisfied with the result answers.

Mayor Keckler gave the floor to Sara Krupp of the Fostoria Area Chamber of Commerce where she discussed in detail the plans for a DORA proposal for the downtown Fostoria area.

Mayor Keckler requested an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters (see checkmarks below) under Executive Session request.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Josh Clark, requested the results of the 2018 water treatment plant testing results, these results will be provided to Council once he receives it. Josh Clark also stated the openings at the water treatment plant will be fulfilled within the next few weeks. Councilperson Shaffer questioned the emergency output system and is that just Seneca County, this system will be available for all three (3) of our counties.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser, followed up on the mayor's request to appoint Heidi Kauffman as Director of Finance.

- 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

D. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Absent.

E. PUBLIC:

Bob Podach, 325 Perry Street; spoke about the water testing of the Portage River by Peterman Associates.

Linda Kuhn, 115 Lunt Street; spoke about the water testing done by Peterman Associates.

Old Business:

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **08**: To amend the schedule of fees for all applications for certificates, permits, appeals, variances, amendments, and other matters pertaining to the administration and enforcement of the City’s Zoning Code. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **09**: Amending section 1107.04 of Chapter 1107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS.” This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **10**: Amending section 1305.99 of Chapter 1305 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “PENALTY.” This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **11**: Enacting new Chapter 747 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “Medical Marijuana Dispensary”, amending section 1106.01 of Chapter 1106 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “DEFINITIONS.”, and amending section 1127.01C of Chapter 1127 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “USE TABLE.” This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

New Business:

Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____: Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program, including pavement removal, surface planning, tack coat, and surface course of certain streets in the City of Fostoria, Ohio according to specifications now on file in the office of said Mayor, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

11. Executive Session: It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss the matter below with no business to follow. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Mendoza to come out of Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

- XX - Personnel matters, specifically:
- XX -to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Council President Kauffman recommended committees be designated at the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to appoint Councilperson Mennel to the Preservation Review Board; passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Mennel voted abstained. Councilperson Mennel was appointed.

Councilperson Shaffer encouraged all members of Council to participate in the Town Hall meetings as much as possible.

Councilperson Shaver motioned to endorse Heidi Kauffman as Director of Finance; Councilperson Cassidy seconded; passed by seven (7) votes.

Council is looking into the Parks/Recreational Committee this will be reviewed again later.

Councilperson Shaver motioned to excuse Councilperson Lake from the February 1st, 2022, Council meeting, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer; passed by four (4) votes, Councilperson Mennel and Councilperson Cassidy voted no, Councilperson Lake voted abstained, Councilperson Lake was in fact excused from the February 1, 2022, Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Council President Kauffman
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date

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