

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
OCTOBER 18TH, 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 seven (7) Council members were present.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the minutes, passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Shaffer voted abstained; minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Shaver reported the committee met on October 18th at 5:30 p.m., discussed the fiscal emergency, balancing of the books, rates and upcoming projects more information will be discussed at the next Finance meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Shaffer reported the committee met on October 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., and closed out some old business and also discussed the sound system upgrade in the Council Chambers room, reported all members have new City email addresses and announced the meetings have been moved to second Tuesdays of every month so all meetings are on the same night. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Logsdon reported the committee met on October 18, 2022 at 5:15 p.m., discussed the reviewing of Code 147 (parking meters and coins and decided this was old information and will be submitting a request to the Law Director to update legislation, discussed permanently closing a certain section of W. Tiffin Street which was requested for foot traffic to the green space during events. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Eric Keckler absent.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Josh Clark, reported the progress on the water improvements that were done and within a couple weeks the improvement shall be noticeable, and also requested an Executive Session to discuss (See below)

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser, no report.

E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Heidi Kauffman, discussed and explained the Tax Budget and Appropriations legislation under new business and asked both be passed as an emergency.

F. PUBLIC:

Representative from UV, LLC gave a presentation on the TREX application, a question and answer took place between representatives and Council members.

Representatives from NOPEC gave a presentation on the rise of electric bills, a question and answer took place between representatives and Council members.

Jill Filiater, 402 W Culbertson St; spoke about her concerns regarding new business legislation passing under emergencies, and also the request of closing Tiffin Street.

Sylvia Quiroga, 736 Spruce St; spoke about her concerns regarding the tree issue between the City and her property.

Bill Sayre; 301 S. Main, spoke about NOPEC and also touched on topics discussed from other public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Tabled) Ordinance No.: 2022 - ___ : Enacting new Chapter 1357 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled "REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY". This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to table said ordinance; passed by seven (7) votes, motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **65**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2021-68 (Permanent 2022 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Underground Storage Tank Fund and Storm Water Fund and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Resolution No.: 2022 - **66**: Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and 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 Cassidy to suspend the three reading rule, passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the resolution passed.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to go into Executive Session to discuss below at 7:15 p.m., passed by seven (7) votes. (no business to follow)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- _____ -Personnel matters, specifically:
- XX -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
- XX -Collective bargaining matters
- _____ -Matters required to be kept confidential.
- _____ -Security matters
- _____ -Confidential business information of an applicant for economic development Assistance.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilperson Mennel spoke about TREX, it was motioned by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to authorize the Mayor sign off on economic projects, passed by six (6) votes; Councilperson Mennel voted abstained.

Councilperson Logsdon commented on the sound system quote.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Council President,
Steve Kauffman of Fostoria City
Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date