

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)**  
**MARCH 7TH, 2023 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 motioned by Councilperson Mennel to make several minor changes to the minutes, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon the minutes with the changes, passed by seven (7) votes. corrected minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATION(S):** Council did not require a hearing for the liquor license for UV, LLC, Clerk of Council mailed back to the State.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Councilperson Shaver spoke about the Council/Finance Work session, which was on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., and that a job description for the Director of Finance was drawn up and that legislation was put on the agenda. the meeting is on the City’s face book page. The next scheduled finance meeting is March 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

No future meetings are scheduled. Meetings will be scheduled on a needed basis.

**C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

No future meetings are scheduled. Meetings will be scheduled on a needed basis.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**A. MAYOR:**

Mayor Eric Keckler reported the new fire chief hired Jason Root. Mayor Keckler reported the month of March is Disability Awareness month and read a Proclamation and the following representatives spoke Lew Hurst, Rodney Biggert, Richard Williams, Sean Allison spoke about upcoming events in March. Mayor Keckler spoke about the Safe Built legislation on the agenda. Mayor Keckler also gave the floor to Seneca County Commissioners Tony Paradiso and Tyler Shuff gave a presentation on the annexing of the Ohio Logistics. Mayor Keckler spoke about the legislation regarding the annexation and asked that it be passed as emergency. Councilperson Logsdon questioned an office for Safe Built, the office will be in the Seneca County Health Department. Mayor Keckler reported the issue with standing water on Fremont Street by the bus garages. Councilperson Shaffer asked about a list of streets being resurfaced. Mayor Keckler answered there is not a list. Councilperson Mennel asked about how the transition will work. Both commissioners are going to investigate this and get back to Council.

**B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**

Josh Clark, spoke about the Appropriations regarding water/sewer fund and the Importance of needing passed as an emergency, the other three (3) Appropriations on the new business agenda can have three (3) reads. Josh Clark also the sinkhole issue on Union Street and that legislation for Appropriations will be coming up soon.

**C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser reported that the job description legislation for Director of Finance be passed as an emergency.

**E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Heidi Kauffman, absent.

**F. PUBLIC:**

Jill Filliater, 402 W Culbertson St; spoke about the annexation and the Director of Law and Director of Finance positions.

Ranae Vogelsong, 702 E High St; thanked the Mayor and Councilperson Mennel for helping with the request with flooding on Fremont Street, expressed the issues when the City needs help raising money for City events, and helping kids getting work permits.

Tyler Shuff, Commissioner; spoke about writing ODOT regarding the issues with speed limits.

Sara Krupp, 242 Perry Street; spoke about the greatness with the building inspectors Safe Built.

Ann Busch, 516 W. Fremont; spoke about getting to speak louder, also spoke about the bad taste and smell with the other water, broken curbs.

Mike Aurand, 2591 Fostoria Rd; spoke about his concerns with annexation requested Council put the legislation on hold.

John Auskin, 4581 N US Hwy 23, spoke about his concerns with traffic speed regarding annexation.

Pete DeCesare, (did not sign the sheet) commented on the new Fire Chief and thanked the Commissioners for their attendance.

Judge Rhonda Best, spoke on signing of her petition and also handed Councilperson Mennel a check for the donation of the splash pad.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **16**: Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the 2023 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 to be on file in the office of said Mayor, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023- **17**: To amend the traffic control map and file for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mendoza, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance was passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No: 2023 - **18**: Establishing the job description and salary range for the position of full-time appointed Director of Finance for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, 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. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No: 2023 - **19**: Establishing the job description and salary range for the position of part-time appointed Director of Law for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency to exist. 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. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was passed.

Resolution No.: 2023- **20**: Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, to enter into an Agreement with Seneca County to perform building code services for commercial projects and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Mennel to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The resolution was passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **21** Accepting the annexation of certain parcels of real estate owned by Ohio Logistics, Ltd., and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Longson, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt; passed by five (5) votes. Councilperson Mennel voted abstained, Councilperson Logsdon voted no. The ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - \_\_\_\_: Adopting an amendment to the 2023 Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Fostoria and declaring an emergency. (First reading)

Ordinance No.: 2023 - \_\_\_\_: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2022-75 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Water Fund and declaring an emergency. (First reading)

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **22**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2022-75 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Sewer Fund and Storm Water Fund and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was passed.

**It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to go into Executive Session with business to follow at 7:18 p.m.**

**It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to come out of Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.**

**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
- \_\_\_\_\_ -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 Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lake to allow Clerk of Council to post job description of the hiring of the Director of Finance. Passed by seven (7) votes.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to hire Stephanie Kiser as Director of Law as of March 10, 2023.

Council President commented on the FHS band.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver and seconded by Councilperson Mennel to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Council President,  
Kauffman of Fostoria City  
Council

Attest:

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Tamara L Drake  
Clerk of Council

Date