

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
FEBRUARY 1ST, 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.

Councilperson Lake was absent and not excused.

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

COMMUNICATION(S):

Liquor license hearing for Jiana Enterprises, Inc., no hearing requested. Clerk announced the name change of Fostoria Green Apartments to Arbor Shoreline, Inc.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No report, next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Committee met on January 25, 2022, and discussed the committee objectives and what role each committee member plays, also ideas were given as to how to inform the public of meetings and displaying minutes and the agendas to each committee on the City website as well as social media. The committee is establishing several town hall meetings which the time and location of these meetings will be announced. Councilpersons Mendoza and Shaffer will both be chairpersons. Public Affairs meetings will be held on the second Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 pm., in the Conference room at the Municipal building and work sessions will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The next Public Affairs Committee workshop will be February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Met on January 19, 2022, with Councilpersons Lake, Logsdon and Mennel were in attendance, discussed were two (2) stop lights to be removed and stop signs installed located on Main Street/Tiffin and Thomas Street/Countyline. Public comments were made suggesting bike lanes on downtown Main Street after the restriping. Discussed updating fees on contractors and the truck jake brake signs need updated. Next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler stated the Promedica Red Dress Luncheon has been moved to April 1, 2022, at Stacy's Place. Ribbon cutting for Urban Market on February 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Day is March 3, 2022, from 11:00 to 7:00 pm with delivery being an option at St. Wendelin Parish Life Center. Mayor Keckler requested during Misc. business to have John Schuld and Councilperson Mennel switch their positions on the Financial Recovery Plan committee. Mayor Keckler explained the issues with a property located at 442 W Tiffin Street and zoning and the problems are not targeting issues but just getting the property cleaned up. Mayor Keckler also requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilperson Shaffer spoke about the tour at the water treatment plant that Councilperson Mendoza and himself took and questioned the upcoming changes to improving the quality of City water, Mayor Keckler stated studies are being done and the city will apply for a grant to update the water line. Mayor Keckler explained the Safety study that was done and resulted in taking down the red light in the downtown area and making more room for downtown Main Street parking, the city should know by April if this will be fully or partially funded by a grant to make these changes to downtown. The State is requesting a safety test be done for the removal of the red light on Thomas/Countyline Street.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Josh Clark, announced the hiring of Police Officer Noftz and his starting date is January 24, 2022. Interviews are being conducted by Rob at the Water Treatment Plant with eight (8) new applicants. The water distribution plant is now hiring. Residents can now sign up for weather alerts thru the city website. Landlord/Tenants rights program was discussed with Tenants that can get help by escrowing their rent thru the Fostoria Municipal Court. Mayor Keckler suggested a program called the GL Cap which is a great resource for helping residents. Councilperson Shaffer asked how the city advertises for new City jobs, Josh Clark responded with using the city website, facebook, job Fostoria and Ohio jobs.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser, discussed all the ballot issues have been properly filed and explained the importance of passing the State appropriation legislation under new business as an emergency. Councilperson Shaffer reached out to the State Auditor as to what are the appropriation legislation so he would have a better understanding of this legislation, he is meeting with them in February.

- XX -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

D. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Absent.

E. PUBLIC:

Bob Podach, 325 Perry Street; spoke about the transparency changes being made, the water issue is getting a little better and if Sunny Landfill has any ideas to work with the water treatment plant to improve the quality of City water.

Paul Allison, 118 ½ W Center St., #2; spoke about the importance of our record retention. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Bill Sayre, 301 N. Main Street; spoke about Government manager and his concerns about the issue.

Chuck Hall, Fostoria; spoke about his concerns with citizens being or not following the zoning requirements and other concerns related to government management.

Old Business:

Resolution No.: 2022 - **06**: Authorizing the disposal of personal property, motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools or supplies which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit, to be sold by internet auction in calendar year 2022 and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said resolution. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. The resolution was adopted

Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____: 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 second reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____: Amending section 1107.04 of Chapter 1107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled "REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS." This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by

Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to amend language clarification; passed by six (6) votes.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____: Amending section 1305.99 of Chapter 1305 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled “PENALTY.” This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to amend a spelling correction; passed by six (6) votes.

Ordinance No.: 2022 - ____: 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 second reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to amend language/spelling correction; passed by six (6) votes.

New Business:

Ordinance No.: 2022 - **07**: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2021-68 (Permanent 2022 Appropriations) by decreasing appropriations and appropriating from unappropriated funds in the CHIP 2021 Fund, Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and Water Fund and declaring an emergency. 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 six (6) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by six (6) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

- 11. Executive Session:** It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to go into Executive Session at 7:21 pm to discuss the matter below with no business to follow. It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

- __XX_ - Personnel matters, specifically:
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MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Councilperson Cassidy expressed his concerns regarding a report and photographs regarding a zoning issue. Councilperson Logsdon echoed and agreed with Councilperson Cassidy.

It was moved by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to add John Schuld as a community partner and Councilperson Mennel as a Council Representative to the Fiscal Emergency Task Force; passed by five (5) votes, Councilperson Mennel voted abstained.

Councilperson Mennel gave a shout out to the City Street department along with businesses that cleared off their sidewalks after the winter weather snow.

Fire Chief Herbert asked about helping with digging out the many fire hydrants within the city after this next winter snowstorm.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy and seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adjourn; passed by six (6) votes. Council adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Council President Kauffman
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date