

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
MAY 19TH, 2020 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

Council President Kauffman called the regular meeting to order via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Meeting took place via Zoom on May 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM. (minutes of the Finance Committee are hereto attached to these here minutes.

B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report.

C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

A meeting has been scheduled on June 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM in Conference Room #2 on the second floor of the Municipal building.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

A. MAYOR:

Mayor Keckler announced that the flags were going up on all Veterans gravesites for the upcoming Memorial Day, anybody willing to help with this will meet at 10:00 AM at the Chapel. The guitar fest and the Latino fest have both been cancelled. Tiffin will host their annual firework show on Labor Day. The Fostoria fireworks will be cancelled for the year 2020. The Farmers Market successfully opened and there is more still planned for June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, and September 19th.

Mayor Keckler discussed the new business legislation and what it means for businesses in the City, basically helping our restaurant businesses who are allowed to open back but only serving outdoors, this legislation will allow the City to help with outdoor set ups. The City building will remain the same way it is currently thru the Month of June.

Councilperson Dillon questioned bars and the Mayor stated that bars are excluded as this piece of legislation is only for restaurants, everything will start by going thru Zoning. Councilperson Shaver questioned regarding insurance if a citizen is outside a business are, they covered under that businesses liability insurance policy, especially if an accident occurs on what would be considered the City’s sidewalk or City streets. Councilperson

Shaver also noted his concerns regarding assuring the Social Distancing at these businesses. Mayor Keckler responded with the business itself would have to present to the City that they have their own liability insurance coverage before allowing to participate in the outdoor setting. The City is continuing to work with the Health Department on Social Distancing, the City is also following the Governor of Ohio's tweets and news broadcasts for updates. Councilperson Logsdon questioned the impact of businesses for charges to get permits, per the Mayor the City will not charge a fee for complying with Zoning. Councilperson Logsdon questioned the backlog situations if businesses do qualify. Mayor Keckler stated he does not look to see a backlog, due to this legislation being generated mostly for the restaurant businesses downtown. Councilperson Dillon asked for updates on the businesses who will be participating in this and have available for the next meeting, the mayor also drove to close by cities to see how they were putting this together as well.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Deb Hellman stated the dates of Ohio businesses reopening:
May 21 is all inside dining services and campgrounds.
May 26 BMVs, gyms and fitness centers, sports leagues, and pools.
May 31 Daycare and Day camp. These specifications are listed on Coronavirus.gov.
Deb Hellman also gave a shout out to Seneca EMA for helping with providing the City with sanitizers, face masks, alcohol wipes etc.... for the City employees.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser no report, however requested that Council pass the (1) one piece of legislation under new business.

- _____ -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
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E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Holly Cassady echoed what the Mayor had stated regarding the City building remaining closed and how people can file their income taxes, more updates will follow on this in June.

F. PUBLIC:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2020 - **25**: Authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to regulate the distribution and retention of temporary outdoor seating areas for businesses within the City during calendar year 2020 and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Hopple to suspend the three-reading rule; passed by seven (7) votes. It was moved by Councilperson Hopple, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilperson Shaver extended his concerns regarding the importance of our City businesses and our City Fire and Police. Mayor Keckler responded that our Fire Chief’s for both Fire and Police have been a part of these discussions.

Mayor Keckler also announced that the Garden Club will be downtown planting on May 21, 2020.

Councilperson Kauffman thanked the Police for the parade in honoring our 2020 graduating class.

Councilperson Cassidy stated he noticed again grass clippings in the City streets.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Dillon and seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Steve Kauffman, President
of Fostoria City Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date