

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
MARCH 21st, 2023 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

Invocation by Pastor Michael L. Burton of the First Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

All six (6) Council members were present.

It was motioned by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to approve the minutes, passed by six (6) votes. minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Clerk read a Litigation Hold Instruction letter from Hoover Law Office regarding information and records of Heidi Kauffman.

Clerk read a notice of resignation letter from Councilperson Mike Shaffer.

Councilperson Mennel motioned to accept the resignation from Councilperson Mike Shaffer, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy, passed by six (6) votes. Councilperson President Kauffman requested a public notice be placed by the Clerk of Council advertising for his vacant seat, Clerk of Council agreed to place this notice.

Councilperson Mendoza questioned the appointed committees, Council President Kauffman stated to fill the position first and then reviewing the committees and the members.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilperson Shaver reported a brief meeting was held, (minutes of the Finance meeting are hereto attached), next Finance meeting is scheduled for April 18, 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 13th annual public dinner at the Depot sponsored by the Rail Preservation Society on May 24, 2023, and passed out their event schedule for 2023.

Mayor Keckler explained the tax incentive review legislation under new business on the agenda and requested that it be passed as an emergency and why.

Mayor Keckler stated the Easter egg scramble is April 1st, 2023.

Mayor Keckler reported upcoming meetings regarding the annexation of the City and Jackson Twp. & Loudon Twp.

Mayor Keckler reported the Columbia Gas project on Lytle Street has started and is expected to be done by the July paving project, which a meeting is scheduled with ODOT regarding the paving of the rest of Lytle Street in 2025.

B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:

Josh Clark, spoke about the free training the Police, Fire and Street department will be taking for train derailments paid for by Norfolk Railroad.

C. LAW DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Kiser, disbursed the annual report from her office for review, and explained the tax incentive legislation and its deadline is the reason for it needing to be passed as an emergency.

E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Unfilled position

F. PUBLIC:

Michael Burton, 534 Lynn Street; spoke about his concerns with the alley/rd behind his church on Lynn Street.

Jill Filliater, 402 W Culbertson St; spoke about the paperwork she filed for an expansion of the DORA to include the back of her Main street business.

Bob Podach, 325 Perry St; spoke about his concerns with the water sheds in town eventually being contaminated and our water source being close to the Sunny Farm landfill.

Kaycee Gregory, 931 N. Union St; spoke about her concerns with a tree that fell and totaled her truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ____: Adopting an amendment to the 2023 Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Fostoria and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance.

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. This constitutes a second reading of said ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **23**: Ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by

