

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL HELD (TUESDAY)
FEBRUARY 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 moved by Councilperson Shaffer, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to amend the minutes to reflect the agenda, taking out the Resolution legislation number 5 under old business which was passed as 2023-06, also Council did not pass the Covid legislation and it should be on the agenda as a second reading, Councilperson Mendoza abstained, passed by six (6) votes, amendments were approved.

It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the amended regular council meeting minutes; passed by six (6) votes, Councilperson Mendoza voted abstained. Amended minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled finance meeting is February 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled meeting is February. 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- C. LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**
Next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- A. MAYOR:**
Mayor Eric Keckler, absent.
- B. SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR:**
Josh Clark, absent.
- C. LAW DIRECTOR:**

Stephanie Kiser, requested that the Appropriation and Resurfacing program both be passed as emergencies. Stephanie also explained the money carry over. Councilperson Shaver questioned the legislation being asked to be approve by emergency and why this plan has not been presented to Council for review, Stephanie answered the Mayor should have been notified of any questions Council pay have had regarding the plan.

E. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Heidi Kauffman, spoke about moving money into different accounts, she apologized for being sick and not emailing any reports to the Finance Committee. Heidi reported that IT programs are now in place, Councilperson Mennel questioned how long herself and Carla will be working side by side, Heidi explained it is either all or nothing. Heidi reported she met with Red Tree Investment and she did enter into a contract agreement at that her and Stephanie are the two (2) approved signature holders and this investor will be shopping for the best place to invest the City's money. Councilperson Shaffer questioned if this money will be locked up, Heidi answered yes.

F. PUBLIC:

Paul Allison, 118 ½ W Center St., Apt. #2; announced the Records retention meeting coming up on February 16th and the importance of this.

Regina Depp, 923 E High St., spoke about several topics good/bad within Fostoria.

Elliott Shaffer, (did not sign the speaker sheet) spoke about running for Mayor and his concerns about several different topics.

Bob Podack, 325 Perry St., spoke about the sound system improvement needed in Council chambers.

Greg Birkmire, 8902 Twp Rd 19, McComb; spoke about changes that should be made to the Rental Properties legislation.

Zeb Walters, (did not sign the speaker sheet) spoke about the Rental Properties legislation.

Bob Gase, (no address written on the speaker sheet) spoke about the Rental Properties legislation.

Kristie Persohn, (did not sign the speaker sheet), spoke about the Rental Properties legislation.

Billy Sayre (did not sign the speaker sheet) spoke about being denied his petition to run for Mayor.

Amanda Decker, 901 E High St., spoke about nothing in Fostoria to offer to citizens living here.

Edward Logsdon, responded other good offers Fostoria offers such as the Fostoria Arts Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ____: Enacting new Chapter 1357 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fostoria, Ohio entitled "REGISTRATION OF RENTAL

PROPERTY”. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by two (2) votes consisting of Councilpersons Mennel and Cassidy, failed by five (5) votes consisting of Councilpersons Shaver, Shaffer, Mendoza, Logsdon and Lake. Ordinance fails.

Resolution No.: 2023- ____: Declaring the services of the Fostoria Police Division and the Fostoria Fire Division from March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021 to be substantially dedicated to mitigating and/or responding to the Covid-19 public health emergency in the City of Fostoria’s efforts to protect and preserve the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Fostoria, and declaring an emergency to exist. (Second reading)

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **07**: Enacting the approved Charter Amendment to Fostoria City Charter Article V, section 5.02, entitled Director of Finance; abolishing the elected position of Director of Finance; and creating the position of Director of Finance to be appointed by the City of Fostoria City Council, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Cassidy to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - **08**: Enacting the approved Charter Amendment to Fostoria City Charter Article V, section 5.01, entitled Director of Law; abolishing the elected position of Director of Law; and creating the position of Director of Law to be appointed by the City of Fostoria City Council, and declaring an emergency to exist. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. This constitutes a third reading of said ordinance. It was moved by Councilperson Cassidy, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt, passed by seven (7) votes, the ordinance passed

Resolution No.: 2023 - ____: 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 2023 and declaring an emergency to exist. (Second reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No.: 2023-09: Granting consent to the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fostoria, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation necessary to complete described pavement repair projects, and declaring an emergency to exist. 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. The three-reading rule was suspended. It was moved by Councilperson Lake, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - 10: Adopting and Amending ordinance No. 2022-75 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by decreasing appropriations and appropriating from unappropriated funds in the Police Donations Fund, CHIP 2021 Fund, and OCJS Police ARPA Fund and declaring an emergency. 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 Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Logsdon to adopt; passed by seven (7) votes. The ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No.: 2023 - ____: Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Program, including pavement removal, surface planing, 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 first reading of said ordinance.

Ordinance No.: 2023-____: To amend the traffic control map and file for the City of Fostoria, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. This constitutes a first reading of said ordinance.

It was moved by Councilperson Mennel, seconded by Councilperson Shaffer to go into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m., with no business to follow. Councilperson Mennel and Councilperson Cassidy voted no.

Members in attendance: Councilpersons Mennel, Shaver, Cassidy, Shaffer, Mendoza, Logsdon and Lake, also Council President Kauffman.

It was moved by Councilperson Logsdon, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 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:

Councilperson President Kauffman reported Mr. Nelson from Hopewell-Loudon Band Director retired.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilperson Shaffer and seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn; passed by seven (7) votes. Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Council President,
Kauffman of Fostoria City
Council

Attest:

Tamara L Drake
Clerk of Council

Date