

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, Conneaut, Ohio. Council President Mr. Moisio called the regular meeting to order. Answering roll call: Councilpersons: Ms. Branch, Mr. Castrilla, Mr. Church, Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday, Finance Director Mr. Williams and Law Director Mr. Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and invocation was provided.

Mr. Perkoski moved to approve the Journal of the December 18, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Gaugh. Roll call: Yea – Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski. Nay – None. Abstain – Ms. Branch, Mr. Castrilla, Mr. Church. Journal approved.

Mr. Church moved to approve the Journal of the January 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Mr. Perkoski. Roll call: Yea – Ms. Branch, Mr. Castrilla, Mr. Church, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski. Nay – None. Abstain – Mr. Emery. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Joshua Sabo was recognized as the Spartan of the Month. Mr. Sabo was present with his parents and Assistant Principal Joseph Gerics. The award was presented by Mr. Castrilla and Mr. Emery.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- He had an ODOT coordination call on final scheduling – this will be further discussed at work session. He also had a call with USDOT.
- We received our grant agreement from ODNR and he would like to add that to the agenda for the second meeting in January.
- On the dredge project, the Ohio EPA grant portion is closed, ODNR portion is open and he hopes to close it up this quarter.
- Mr. Hockaday advised Skip Ensmann, the City's Water Distribution Manager, accepted a position with Aqua. The position has been posted. He added that Mr. Ensmann has been a great employee for the last 17 years.
- Working on design for the Sewer NFA and Clark Street Water Tower with CT
- Working on All Ohio Future Fund grant, which will be a rolling acceptance.

Mr. Castrilla added that he spoke with Mr. Ensman, and he had nothing but great things to say about the City and his coworkers. He thanked Mr. Ensman and wished him the best.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

LIASION REPORTS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 143-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT DEBORAH NEWCOMB TO THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for second reading.

Moved by Mr. Castrilla, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Castrilla, seconded by Mr. Perkoski to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – Ms. Branch, Mr. Church, Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Moio, Mr. Perkoski. Nay – Mr. Castrilla. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Castrilla, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 143-23. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Abstain
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 144-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT MARK PRESLEY TO THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JANUARY 13, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for second reading.

Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Perkoski to act on Ordinance No. 144-23. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
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Mr. Castrilla	Abstain
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moasio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-24 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT JENNIFER HOOVER AS THE CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski to declare an emergency, seconded by Ms. Branch. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 01-24. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moasio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-24 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT SHELLEY VENDETTI TO THE CONNEAUT BOARD OF HEALTH TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday added that the Health Department posted the opening on their website and on Facebook. They did receive an additional applicant, but Nichele thought it would be helpful to have someone in the restaurant industry on the board.

Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Emery to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Emery to act on Ordinance No. 02-24. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moasio	Yea

PASSED. Mr. Perkoski Yea

ORDINANCE NO. 03-24 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING VENDOR IN THE AMOUNT LISTED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41(D)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday stated this was for chemicals for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Mr. Castrilla, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 03-24. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moisis	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24 entitled A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS WATER FUND FOR THE WATER FILTER MEDIA PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CG02Y) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday added that this Resolution is somewhat procedural and just needs to be filed with the State. The project is completed and closed.

Moved by Ms. Branch, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Ms. Branch, seconded by Mr. Perkoski to act on Resolution No. 04-24. Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moisis	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-24 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 111.01 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Ordinance No. 05-24 was moved to second reading.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Castrilla moved to appoint Mr. Church as President Pro-Tem, seconded by Mr. Moisio.

Roll call:

Ms. Branch	No
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Abstain
Mr. Emery	No
Mr. Gaugh	No
Mr. Moisio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	No

Motion failed.

Mr. Castrilla moved to appoint Mr. Perkoski as President Pro-Tem, seconded by Mr. Gaugh.

Roll call:

Ms. Branch	No
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Abstain
Mr. Emery	No
Mr. Gaugh	No
Mr. Moisio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	No

Motion failed.

Mr. Church moved to withdraw his name from the running for President Pro-Tem, seconded by Mr. Castrilla. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None.

Ms. Branch moved to appoint Mr. Perkoski as President Pro-Tem, seconded by Mr. Church.

Roll call:

Ms. Branch	Yea
Mr. Castrilla	Yea
Mr. Church	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Moisio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Abstain

Motion passed. Mr. Perkoski appointed as President Pro-Tem.


Mr. Moisis explained that in the event both the Council President and President Pro-Tem are absent, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the present Council members shall vote on a President Pro-Tem for that meeting.

Mr. Castrilla moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Emery from the Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2024, seconded by Mr. Church. Roll call: Yea – Ms. Branch, Mr. Castrilla, Mr. Church, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Moisis, Mr. Perkoski. Nay – None. Abstain – Mr. Emery. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

Moved by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mr. Castrilla, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council