

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, Conneaut, Ohio. Council President Mr. Arcaro called the regular meeting to order. Answering roll call: Councilpersons: Mr. Arcaro, Mr. Gaugh, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday and Finance Director Mr. Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Moisisio moved to approve the Journal of the September 25, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – Mr. Arcaro, Mr. Gaugh, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisisio and Mr. Perkoski. Nay – None. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Clinton Rand was recognized as the Spartan of the Month for September. Clinton was present to accept the award with his mother and father. The award was presented by Mr. Moisisio and Mr. Gaugh.

Nicholas Young was recognized as the Spartan of the Month for October. Nicholas was present to accept the award with his father, stepmother and grandmother. The award was presented by Mrs. Ledford and Mr. Perkoski.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- Madison Street is nearing completion. Line striping, decorative poles and electrical items are outstanding. The decorative poles are approx. 16 weeks out. The road may be open as soon as next week.
- Received the final pay app for Buffalo Street today.
- Regarding the 2023 paving project, Pearl Street should have been finished today, then they will begin milling on Broad Street. He has not received a quantities summary yet.
- Mr. Hockaday expressed appreciation to his assistant Jessica for her efforts in cleaning out the Astatic Building. He will present a summary of the revenue generated as items continue to sell.
- He added that Public Works did a nice job on the Furnace Road box culvert project and that the new meter reader employee is doing a great job.

- No substantial update on 518 Madison Street yet.

Mr. Moasio asked if the milling on Broad would be north of Lake Road. Mr. Hockaday stated it would be to the dock gates.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams provided an income tax report through 9/30/2023 to members of Council. He provided an explanation of the spreadsheet and added that the AGO collections were down about \$85,000 from this time last year. He also provided an explanation of the business, individual and withholdings and added that everything else looks stable.

Mr. Moasio asked if there was a potential impact with cuts to local government funding. Mr. Williams stated that as of now, it doesn't look like we will see a decrease.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

LIASION REPORTS

Mrs. Ledford advised there was a Cable Advisory Meeting on September 28th at 11:00AM at the Conneaut Public Library. They discussed the budget and equipment. She added that there will be no cable access to Sunrise Live beginning January 1st. Their next meeting is October 26th at 11:00AM at the Conneaut Public Library.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 114-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDERS 1-6 FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA PROJECT, ATTACHED HERETO, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday added that these are the final change orders for the project and most were at the request of the superintendent.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 115-23 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. Williams advised this ordinance is in relation to the change orders in 114-23.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 116-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED "EXHIBIT A" was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams provided an explanation and advised the budget amendment is for outside legal counsel, fuel for the police department, mowing, fire overtime and pension, sewer overtime, refund, maintenance, hydrants and meters and a decrease in new line construction. Total amendment is \$67,900.00.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 117-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, FOR THE ROUTE 20 STORM SEWER RESTORATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday added that this item has been discussed multiple times. He stated that a headwall in the stormwater drainage system failed – a pipe sank and split in the middle of Route 20. The City relocated the water line this spring. The engineered estimate for the project is \$330,000. The City is requesting the total amount and asking OPWC to consider the waterline repair as the City's local contribution.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 118-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PENN CARE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE, ATTACHED HERETO AS "EXHIBIT A", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that the remounting of a new box would take 3 years, whereas a new purchase would be ready in 2 years. This was discussed at a public safety committee meeting. The City has to agree to order now.

Mr. Williams added that the firetruck will be paid off in 2025 (\$52,000 payment per year) and the ambulance purchased in 2019 will be paid off in 2026 (\$29,000 payment per year).

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING STREETS ON NOVEMBER 24, 2023 FROM 5:00PM TO 9:00PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF

HOSTING THE CONNEAUT CHRISTMAS PARADE, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 120-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN ARPA FIRST RESPONDER RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, RESILIENCY AND WELLNESS GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that this was a single grant application for the code enforcement officer and for officer retention bonuses. EMA split the grant into two grant agreements with separate grant numbers so a separate fund has to be created. We received final paperwork last week which indicated the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund considers the bonus pensionable. This guidance was not available at the time of filing. Mr. Williams advised that fund 268 will be for the retention portion. Once the City receives the funds, we will have 30 days to disperse.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 121-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “268 – ARPA FIRST RESPONDER RETENTION GRANT” FOR PURPOSES OF ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ARPA FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT was placed for first reading.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Moisio added that he would like to discuss at the next work session the information he received from First Energy concerning the Day Street and Park Avenue streetlight relocation.

Mr. Gaugh added that the brick work behind the post office looks nice.

Mr. Arcaro asked members to look at their calendar for the joint school board meeting in November. November 15 at 6:00PM – Mr. Hockaday will confirm with Superintendent Riley.

Mr. Moisio moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Kozesky, seconded by Mr. Perkoski. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Absence excused.


Mr. Perkoski moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Emery, seconded by Mr. Moisio. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Absence excused.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moasio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council