

## **JOURNAL OF COUNCIL**

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 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. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Kozesky, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday and Finance Director Mr. Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given.

Mr. Moisio moved to approve the Journal of the October 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – Mr. Arcaro, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Kozesky, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski. Nay – None. Abstain – Mr. Emery. Journal approved.

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Steven Sanford was recognized as the Employee of the Month for October. Assistant Fire Chief Sanford was present to accept the award with Chief Lee and his wife. The award was presented by Mr. Moisio and Mr. Emery.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **REPORTS**

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- Final walkthrough with the Ohio EPA at the Dredge Facility was today. Their portion of the project is complete.
- Road repairs on Broad Street are underway. Line striping and crosswalks to complete.
- Regarding Hatches Corners Road, the cost of the project was transferred to the County Engineer so that they may self-perform those repairs.
- They did repair the curb at Mill and State Street, but some small items remain.
- Ribbon cutting scheduled for Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00PM at the Conneaut Arts Center.
- On the Buffalo Street boring project, the final change order is on the agenda. Funds are appropriated and encumbered but change order must be approved by Council. Project will then be complete.
- 2023 paving is substantially complete. Has been pushing for final quantities. Total cost right now is approx. \$470,000, with about \$473,000 in total resources. He is estimating \$30,000 in credits for unperformed quantities and other items. A single-coat chip seal

on South Ridge Road East will be about \$80,000. Council will need to move funds around but it is manageable should they choose to do so.

Mr. Arcaro asked if the normal procedure is a double chip. Mr. Hockaday advised it is but we do not have the funds this season. Recommends a single chip this year, and coming back next year for another layer. Mr. Moasio asked if a single chip would be ok for this type of stabilization, Mr. Hockaday advised it was slightly unknown but assumes it will help. Mrs. Ledford asked if this coat would help, Mr. Hockaday advised it would help with water runoff. Mr. Arcaro also asked if an engineer has been consulted, Mr. Hockaday advised CT Consultants was and would advise to do a double chip, but that is not in the budget. Council agreed that it would be worth a try.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Hockaday discussed the budgetary impact and there would be no issue.

Mr. Arcaro asked if the City received the grindings. Mr. Hockaday advised there was a slight issue but the City will be credited for those grindings that did not remain in the City.

- They wrapped up grinding at the compost facility last week.
- Water Department has been busy with hydrant replacement and a roof repair on their facility.
- Mr. Hockaday received a letter concerning Harrington Point. Council would have to accept the entire road in its condition. The road usually has to be brought to City standards prior to acceptance. Most private drives are not up to municipal standards. Mr. Arcaro suggested adding it to the work session agenda.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

#### **LIASION REPORTS**

Mr. Moasio attended the Port Authority meeting last week. They discussed maintenance and preparing for shutdown. Sandbar has been shut down. Oasis gave a presentation. About 70% contract renewal. There was also some discussion about the marina and grant funding.

Mrs. Ledford advised that the Cable Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 second reading.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moasio, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, to act on Ordinance No. 114-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moasio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second reading.

Mr. Williams advised this ordinance is in relation to the change orders in Ordinance 114-23.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski to declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Moasio. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mrs. Ledford to act on Ordinance No. 115-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moasio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second reading.

Mr. Williams previously provided an explanation for the revised amendment to Council via email. He also provided a brief explanation. Total amendment is \$137,900.00.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to act on Ordinance No. 116-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second 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.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mrs. Ledford to declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Emery. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio to act on Ordinance No. 117-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second 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 price on remounts has gone up significantly and now there is only about a \$60,000 difference between a new ambulance and a remount.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski to declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Emery. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisio to act on Ordinance No. 118-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second reading.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery to act on Ordinance No. 119-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

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 second reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised this grant application was submitted by the Police Department and it was awarded in two parts with separate grant ID numbers. This portion will provide a bonus to officers and dispatchers who worked through Covid. There is an issue with a change in grant guidelines and OP&F is now considering those funds pensionable and should be discussed by Council at work session. We will have thirty days to disperse once we receive the funds.

Ordinance moved to third 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 second reading.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Emery, 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. 121-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 122-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR INDIVIDUAL BIDS AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, 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 Mr. Emery. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisio to act on Ordinance No. 122-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 123-23 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BUFFALO STREET SANITARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, ATTACHED HERETO, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery to act on Ordinance No. 123-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro   | Yea |
| Mr. Emery    | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh    | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky  | Yea |
| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio   | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

**UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Moved by Mr. Moisio to authorize the City Manager to move forward on South Ridge Road East, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None.


Mr. Moisio advised he received additional complaints concerning water on Spring Street.

Mr. Gaugh asked if they would be grading the dirt roads one more time. Mr. Hockaday advised he would check with Mr. DiBell.

Mr. Moisio asked about roadside reflectors.

Mr. Arcaro asked about the status of 518 Madison Street. Mr. Hockaday advised the bid came back around \$24,000 and it should be demolished in the next week or two. He also asked about the fire-damaged structure on Day Street. Mr. Hockaday and Mrs. Hoover advised they have been working on the home.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

  
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President of Council

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council