

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 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. Moisiso and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday, Finance Director Mr. Williams and Law Director Mr. Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Moisiso moved to approve the Journal of the December 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Jessica Cusano was recognized as the Employee of the Month for November. Ms. Cusano was present with Health Commissioner Nichele Blood. The award was presented by Mr. Kozesky and Mrs. Ledford.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- Mr. Hockaday provided an overview of the items that the current Council has accomplished. He listed the following projects: Route 20 east resurfacing, Route 20/7/531 resurfacing, Route 20 reconstruction, Old Mill kayak launch, water plant filtration improvements, Madison Street reconstruction, Route 20 sewerlining, Buffalo Street sewerlining, Chestnut and Mill resurfacing, dredge facility, and many more. He added that they had accomplished just over \$40 Million in public improvements and wished to recognize the work put into that. Mr. Hockaday stated that he deeply appreciates the efforts of this Council.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

LIASION REPORTS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 133-23 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 advised that this ordinance is the final budget amendment of the year and provided a brief explanation.

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, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 133-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

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 first reading.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

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 first reading.

Ordinance moved to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 145-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT BY CREATING SECTION 3.91 TO INCLUDE A REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONAL CELLULAR TELEPHONE USAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that the City Manager's cell phone reimbursement was formerly in a separate ordinance and this will keep all compensation in one document.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisio, 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. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 145-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 146-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE, IF NECESSARY, ADVANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$267,564.26 FROM FUND 101 - ADVANCES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS LISTED IN SECTION 1 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams provided a brief explanation and added that this is a temporary movement of funds.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule on the ordinance, as amended. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance No. 146-23, as amended. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 147-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$150,000.00 FROM 101.901.59300 TRANSFERS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND LISTED IN SECTION 1 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams advised this is a permanent transfer to the public works department.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, 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. 147-23. Roll call:

Mr. Arcaro	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Kozesky	Yea
Mrs. Ledford	Yea
Mr. Moisis	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 148-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CONNEAUT, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams gave a brief explanation of the operating budget and added that most items are non-discretionary.

Mr. Hockaday thanked Mr. Williams for his work on the budget. Mr. Arcaro also commended Mr. Williams for his work on the budget.

Moved by Mr. Kozesky, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Kozesky, seconded by Mr. Emery to act on Ordinance No. 148-23. Roll call:

Mr. Arcaro	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mr. Kozesky	Yea
Mrs. Ledford	Yea
Mr. Moisis	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mrs. Ledford advised that she attended the Christkindl event over the weekend and gave credit to Amber Joslin for organizing the event. She said it was well attended. Mr. Moisis agreed that it was a wonderful event for the community.

Mr. Arcaro presented a proclamation to Mr. Kozesky for his years of service on Conneaut City Council. Mrs. Hoover read the proclamation into the record. Mr. Kozesky expressed his appreciation to members of Council.

Mr. Arcaro presented a proclamation to Mrs. Ledford for her years of service on Conneaut City County. Mrs. Hoover read the proclamation into the record. Mrs. Ledford stated it was a pleasure to serve the residents of Conneaut and expressed her appreciation to Mr. Hockaday, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis and members of Council.

Mr. Moisio presented Mr. Arcaro with a proclamation, along with Mr. Hockaday. Mrs. Hoover read the proclamation into the record. Mr. Arcaro expressed his appreciation to the talented group of employees and department heads, especially those in the water and sewer departments. He also thanked his wife for being his sounding board through everything.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council