

**JOURNAL OF COUNCIL**

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in special session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, Conneaut, Ohio for the purpose of considering Ordinance No. 85-23. Council President Mr. Arcaro called the special meeting to order at 6:45PM. Answering roll call: Council President Mr. Arcaro, Councilpersons: Mr. Gaugh, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday, Finance Director Mr. Williams and Law Director Mr. Lewis.

**ORDINANCES IN THIRD READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 85-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE RATE OF PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, AS LISTED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for third reading.

Mr. Arcaro began by reading Article III, Section 3(G) which states in part "...No action of Council...(d) establishing salaries for elected officers, shall be taken as an emergency measure." Mr. Arcaro added that they (Conneaut) are the highest paid Council in the County, stating that Geneva is paid \$3,000 per year/\$3,600 per year for Council President; Ashtabula is paid \$2,400 per year/\$2,600 per year for Council President; and Erie, PA, with a population of 94,000, is paid \$6,000-\$12,000 per year, depending on experience, beginning in 2024.

Mr. Arcaro stated that this topic was brought up at a work session and it is a violation of the City Charter to pass as an emergency.

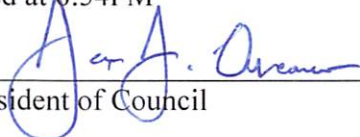
Mr. Moisio added that he is against the ordinance, considering the cuts to local funding. He stated that there is never a good time, but there is an appropriate time and that maybe this could be considered for 2027. He also added that he has an issue giving himself a raise, knowing he will be on Council next term.

Mr. Perkoski reiterated that he thinks the amounts are appropriate and necessary to encourage people to run for Council and added that members of Ashtabula City Council also receive benefits. Mr. Perkoski stated that he has given the issue some thought and would like to table the ordinance. He stated he did not want to get into a political showdown and distract attention away from the levies on the November ballot.

(Mr. Emery entered at 6:54PM)

Mr. Perkoski moved to table Ordinance No. 85-23 until November and discuss it further at a work session, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 6:54PM

  
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President of Council

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Clerk of Council