

CONNEAUT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

JANUARY 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. INVOCATION (Please remain standing)
5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- December 19, 2022

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
7. AWARDS PRESENTATION

- Student of the Month

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS
9. COMMUNICATIONS
10. REPORTS

- A. City Manager
- B. Finance Director
- C. Law Director

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
12. REPORTS OF BOARD LIAISONS
13. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE
14. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. 102-22 An Ordinance to amend Section 110.09 of the City of Conneaut codified ordinances governing Sewerage System Charges, effective January 1, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

B. 106-22 An Ordinance to amend Section 110.09 of the City of Conneaut Codified Ordinances governing Water Department charges, effective January 1, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

16. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. 01-23 An Ordinance to authorize payment to the following contractors in the amounts listed in Section 1 below, pursuant to Section 5705.41(d)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.
- B. 02-23 An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for the Madison Street Pavement Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.
- C. 03-23 A Resolution declaring the necessity of a replacement of 2.75 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 2.0 mills, in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation, for a five year period commencing with tax year 2023 to be collected in 2024, at the Primary Election to be held May 2, 2023, for the purpose of street construction, maintenance, repair and improvements, including but not limited to, general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City, and requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the replacement levy, and declaring an emergency.
- D. 04-23 An Ordinance to appoint Jennifer Hoover as the Clerk of City Council for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

17. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- A. Any miscellaneous business to be brought before Council

19. ADJOURNMENT

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The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, Conneaut, Ohio. Council President Mr. Arcaro called the regular meeting to order. Answering roll call: Council President Mr. Arcaro, Councilpersons: Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Kozesky, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager James Hockaday, Finance Director John Williams and Law Director John Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Moved by Mr. Moisio, second by Mrs. Ledford, to approve the Journal of December 12, 2022. Roll call: Yea –All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Wendy Julio, BOH Registrar, was recognized as the Employee of the Month with certificates presented by Mr. Perkoski and Mr. Gaugh. BOH Director Nichelle Blood was in attendance. Mrs. Julio thanked Council for the honor.

Amara Spencer was recognized as the Student of the Month. The certificate was presented by Mr. Moisio and accepted by the CHS Principal on behalf of Amara, as she was unable to be present. Mrs. Ledford stated that Amara volunteered at Right Track and is a great student.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sonny Heinonen – Lake Road – Mr. Heinonen advised he was present approximately 6-7 weeks ago regarding the Port Authority entering into contract with Oasis for management of the Marina. Mr. Heinonen read a prepared statement into the record and presented copies of a petition containing approximately 500 signatures of persons expressing their concerns with the Port Authority's contract with OASIS and requesting that control of the marina and harbor be returned to the citizens of Conneaut. A discussion was held regarding attendance at Port Authority meetings and the responses received from the Port Authority.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- * He attended a Strategic Meeting for the CDBG program. The City submitted several projects for possible consideration. The grants will be discussed further in the spring.
- * The contractor has begun some site work and equipment is being delivered to the Dredge Facility Project site.
- * He attended the ACCVB meeting last week. They were able to get the Lodge debt retired without having to surrender control of the lodge. He wished to commend the Commissioners for all of their efforts in this matter.
- * The portion of Route 20 to the West Winds area is done. The City is awaiting a cost estimate from the contractor for the culvert repair. An overview was provided regarding other areas of concern.
- * He wished to thank John Williams for all of his hard work on the budget and the Finance Office for all they do.

Mrs. Ledford stated she believed she had seen some persons working in the Route 20 area. Mr. Hockaday stated that the City completed their portion. An overview was provided of the work completed and what remains to be done.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams advised that he provided an update on the budget last week and the income tax allocation. Additional documents and overview were provided.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis advised that his report was sent via e-mail to Council and copies were provided. Basically, it contains an end of year summary for his office. He advised to please contact him with any questions.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON

Mr. Perkoski stated the Board met on December 14th. The meeting focused on strategic planning. Also, the Board has a large quantity of COVID tests available to residents.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 102-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 110.09 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING SEWERAGE SYSTEM CHARGES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for third reading.

Mr. Arcaro stated this was discussed at the work session and budget sessions.

Moved to third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 110.09 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING WATER DEPARTMENT CHARGES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for second reading.

Mr. Arcaro stated that this was discussed at the work session and budget sessions.

Moved to third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNTS 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 stated that purchase orders were obtained after being invoiced. Council must approve the payments.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisiso, to act on Ordinance No. 107-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER A TOTAL OF \$111,000.00 FROM 101.901.59300 TRANSFERS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT LISTED IN SECTION 1 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams advised that Council authorized budget transfers up to \$172,000.00. The total amount does not need to be transferred. The amounts required were provided. This will leave a balance of \$61,000.00 in the General Fund that will not be transferred this year.

Moved by Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved to Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 108-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE, IF NECESSARY, ADVANCES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$387,700.00 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 stated this represents the grant funds that the City anticipates receiving prior to the end of the year. The City cannot have a negative fund balance and will need to advance the funds if they are not received. If the funds are received, the advance is not made. The amounts to be appropriated are included in the budget amendment, if needed.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisiso, to act on Ordinance No. 109-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 110-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE THE FOLLOWING FUNDS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, AS THEY ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams advised that the funds listed are more than five years old and are no longer needed. This is a year-end housekeeping item. The funds to be eliminated were given. Mr. Arcaro asked if there is a reason why it needs to be an emergency. Mr. Lewis believed it was due to it being the end of the year. Mr. Williams stated that it is not critical that they be eliminated right away; he was just trying to do so prior to the end of the year. Mr. Arcaro advised that was an acceptable reason for the emergency.

Moved by Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 110-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 111-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CONNEAUT, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams advised he provided an overview of the budget last week. A budget summary overview was provided along with a brief explanation. Council thanked Mr. Williams for all of his hard work on the budget.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, 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. 111-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 112-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A” was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams stated this is the year-end budget amendment. An overview of the final adjustments was provided.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea- All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisiso, to act on Ordinance No. 112-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

UNFINISHED / OLD / MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Arcaro asked Mr. Hockaday about the community service bench project at Lakeview Park. Mr. Hockaday stated they have to provide the materials and the designs to the prison.

Mr. Moisiso advised he spoke with Corrie Marcy and she would like to present a water rescue and recovery initiative to Council. There may be some funding available for the project. He believes the Fire Department is in support of the project as well. He would like to invite her to attend the January meeting to present the initiative for discussion.

Mr. Moisiso stated that he was approached by a resident, Amber Joslin, who proposed the idea of doing some winter crafts, or a similar event, at Lakeview Park during the winter season. He would also like to invite her to a meeting in January or February to present her idea.

Mr. Arcaro advised to invite Mrs. Marcy to the January Work Session on January 3rd. Mr. Moisiso stated he will extend the invitation to her and should the date be a problem, he will advise. Mr. Moisiso stated they could possibly then schedule Ms. Joslin for the February Work Session.

Mr. Kozesky recently mentioned the passing of Tom Udell last week. He wished to advise that Denny Gustafson also passed away last week. He, Mr. Moisiso, and Mr. Arcaro all worked with Denny. He was a great person and will be missed very much. Mr. Arcaro stated that Denny worked for the Police Department for 25 years and continued to help with the range after his retirement. Mr. Arcaro wished to extend his condolences to the family.

Mr. Arcaro and Mr. Moisiso presented a Proclamation to Ms. O’Connell recognizing her on her retirement after 25 years of service in the position of Clerk of Council. Mr. Moisiso read the Proclamation into the record. Ms. O’Connell stated it was an honor and thanked Council and the citizens for allowing her to serve in the position of Clerk of Council. Ms. O’Connell stated she will truly miss the members of Council and serving as Clerk of Council.

Members of Council wished all a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 01-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTOR IN THE AMOUNTS LISTED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41(D)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 5705.41(D)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, the following payments are hereby authorized to the following contractor in the amount listed below:

CT Consultants \$4,307.03 Industrial Pretreatment Services Engineering

CT Consultants \$5,137.62 Industrial Pretreatment Services Engineering

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety and to pay the aforementioned vendors as soon as possible and, shall take effect immediately upon passage and signing by the President of Council.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MADISON STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Madison Street Pavement Improvement Project, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Manager.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety for the reason to allow work to begin as soon as possible and, if approved, shall take effect immediately upon passage and signing by the President of Council.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 03-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT OF 2.75 MILLS OF AN EXISTING LEVY AND AN INCREASE OF 2.0 MILLS, IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION, FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING WITH TAX YEAR 2023 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2024, AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 2, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY, AND REQUESTING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE REPLACEMENT LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Conneaut finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount of funds for the necessary requirements of the City and it is essential to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing funding for street construction, maintenance, repair and improvements, including but not limited to, general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Sections 5705.19, 5705.191 and 5705.192 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Council is required to request that the Ashtabula County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the City and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by said levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of Council declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the Ashtabula County Auditor is to certify the total tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Sections 5705.19, 5705.191 and 5705.192 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Council of the City of Conneaut has determined the need to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of the City at the Primary Election of May 2, 2023 a replacement of 2.75 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 2.0 mills, for street construction, maintenance, repair and improvements including, but not limited to, general construction, reconstruction,

resurfacing, repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the city at a rate not exceeding four and seventy-five hundredths (4.75) mills for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation, for a period of five (5) years to be collected commencing with the tax year of 2023 to be collected in 2024.

SECTION 2. That this Council requests the Ashtabula County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the City and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 4.75 mill levy specified in Section 1.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Ashtabula County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety and to facilitate the placement of the levy on the May, 2023 Primary Election ballot.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT JENNIFER HOOVER AS THE CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Jennifer Hoover is hereby appointed as the Clerk of City Council for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety and, if approved, shall take effect immediately upon passage and signing by the President of Council.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council