

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 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: Council President Mr. Arcaro, Councilpersons: Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mr. Kozesky, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday, Finance Director Mr. Williams and Law Director Mr. Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Perkoski moved to approve the Journal of the December 19, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Jenna Williams was recognized as the Student of the Month. The certificate was presented by Mr. Moisio and Mr. Perkoski. Jenna was present with members of her family.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Amber Joslin – Middle Road – Ms. Joslin presented the idea of hosting a Christmas market festival. She advised that she had been to a similar event in Chicago and would like to plan an event in Conneaut. Ms. Joslin advised that she received a positive response from the community and had already accepted donations. Ms. Joslin presented Council members with a diagram and photos from different events she had attended. Ms. Joslin mentioned vendors, food trucks, a kids tent and various photo opportunities. A brief discussion was held concerning various charitable organizations that could assist, the location of such an event, timeframe and insurance.

Kori Marcy Campbell – Ms. Campbell was present with Fire Chief Lee. Ms. Campbell presented each member of Council with a packet of information concerning their efforts to create the Conneaut Water Rescue and Recovery Initiative Team. Ms. Campbell advised there are 4 phases to the project and the first has already been completed. The team has obtained grants to purchase two side view sonar units, total of \$8,000.00. One will be installed on both the fire department boat and the police department boat. Ms. Campbell briefly explained the various phases and discussion was held between Council, Chief Lee and Ms. Campbell.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Arcaro advised that he received an email from the Lt. Governor requesting a meeting concerning issues facing the community. The meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 1:30PM in Council chambers.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- He attended a One Ohio Foundation Board meeting. Local district 13 has been set up. Bylaws are under final review. Ashtabula County representatives were County Commissioner Whittington, Mr. Hockaday and Mike Cliff. Commissioner Whittington resigned from the board as she now sits on the statewide One Ohio Foundation Board. Commissioner Kozlowski has taken her place. Statewide board has not yet been fully seated.
- The final information was submitted to the US Army Corp of Engineers for the Conneaut Creek Dredge Facility. Should have an operations permit in March. Also filing a 401 permit with the EPA. He will be presenting to Council a RFQ for operations soon.
- Buffalo Street sewer boring project is still awaiting final advertisement for bids.
- 2022 paving is largely complete.
- Finalizing RFQs for engineering services on the Astatic building remediation.
- Chestnut Street – waiting on final contractor estimates and looking at the guardrail situation previously discussed.
- He does have a phone conference scheduled with Norfolk Southern government team to discuss issues with rail stoppages in town.
- Mr. Hockaday reminded Council of the joint Board of Education meeting on Wednesday (1/11/2023) at 6:00PM in the high school library.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams provided a copy of the schedule B received from the County, which represents the City's total real estate valuation. Mr. Williams provided a brief explanation of the sheet and also advised that he reached out to the Auditor's office to inquire as to why the commercial value had decreased by more than \$2 Million.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Ledford advised that the Board of Tourism will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Port Authority and that the Cable Advisory Board has a meeting on February 18, 2023 at 12:00PM at the library.

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.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to act on Ordinance No. 102-22. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 106-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 110.10 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING WATER DEPARTMENT CHARGES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for third reading.

Mr. Arcaro advised there was a typo in the title of the ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Kozesky, to amend the title of the ordinance to reference Section 110.10. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to act on Ordinance No. 106-22 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. 01-23 entitled 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 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams stated that purchase orders were obtained after being invoiced. Council must approve the payments.

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. Gaugh, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to act on Ordinance No. 01-23. 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. 02-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MADISON STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday provided a brief explanation and advised that Council would also have to award the bid at a later date.

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. Moisio, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, to act on Ordinance No. 02-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-23 entitled 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, was placed for first reading.

Mr. Lewis advised there is a deadline of February 1st to place the issue on the May primary ballot. Mr. Moisio added that this levy would be for the benefit of the entire community – both paved and gravel roads. Mr. Williams explained that the current street levy expires this year. Mr. Hockaday and Mrs. Ledford also expressed the strong need for an increase in the levy to make up for increased asphalt and concrete costs.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, to act on Resolution No. 03-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-23 entitled 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, was placed for first reading.

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. Perkoski, to act on Ordinance No. 04-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

UNFINISHED / OLD / MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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 8:08 PM.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council