

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 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, 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. Invocation was given.

Mr. Moisio moved to approve the Journal of the August 14, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

See below.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- He thanked Nichele Blood for her hard work in obtaining grant funds to offset the costs of the Health Department and wished her the best of luck in her upcoming leave.
- Concerning the dredge facility, the OEPA site inspection #5 is tomorrow (8/29/2023). They are at about 95% completion. They are hoping to conclude trucking this week and will be working on the roadway installation around the facility. He added that the construction contract will remain open through the beginning of next year in case there are additional items that need to be addressed.
- On the Buffalo Street project, the boring and restoration is concluded and they did a walkthrough with the contractor. There were some questions with the cost changes and will discuss at next work session.
- On paving contract, they are set to begin next week.
- On Madison Street, they have removed the brick road. The bricks are being stored at the industrial park and they are unlabeled. Waterline is done and installed and gas service will be relocated or removed. There is also a section of fiberoptic line in duct bank, which is basically conduit in a concrete casing. Concrete will need to be milled down and will likely result in a time and materials change order. Mr. Emery asked if there was any risk of hitting the fiberoptic, Mr. Hockaday stated there is always a risk but they are going to try to grind the concrete off.
- South Ridge Road East was completed and some touchups were made. Mr. Bidwell is pleased with it and it drives smoothly. Mr. Hockaday is curious to see how it holds up

through the winter. Mr. Gaugh asked if we should put a topcoat over the material. Mr. Hockaday stated it would be nice to chip seal over it.

- Public Works is trying to wrap up the Center Road culvert and there is a large box culvert on Furnace Road which will run about \$20-25,000 to complete the project. The piping for the project was about \$9,000.00.
- Hydrant flushing is complete and waiting on report
- On the Old Main Booster Pump, there is an issue with how the waterline approaches the Old Main bridge and is likely to cause a problem later in the project.
- CT is currently working on an emergency OPWC app for Route 20 culvert repair.
- Final application for Council approval on the Buffalo Street Phase I reconstruction project will be forthcoming

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis provided a written report to members of Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Ledford advised there is a Utilities Committee meeting scheduled for September 7th at 9:00AM in Council chambers.

LIASION REPORTS

Mr. Perkoski advised he attended the Board of Health meeting on August 16th. They approved their budget and further advised that there is a rise in Lyme Disease in the county.

Mr. Moisio advised he attended the Port Authority meeting on August 16th, where they discussed the following:

- Fuel pump has been repaired after having been down for 45 days.
- Fuel costs and fuel options
- Two pickleball courts are in use
- They placed signs on the fencing at Breakwall
- 2024 contracts have gone out
- They had food trucks at the docks during D-Day
- Kayak rentals

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 81-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1133.03 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING SWIMMING POOLS, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for third reading.

A public hearing was held on August 28, 2023 at 6:30PM.

Mr. Perkoski moved to remove from the table Ordinance No. 81-23, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Ordinance removed from table.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Gaugh to act on Ordinance 81-23. 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. 95-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ROCK CHURCH TO UTILIZE THE CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT ON LIBERTY AND WASHINGTON STREETS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 FROM 8:00AM THROUGH 5:00PM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Special event application received by the City Manager's Office.

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. Gaugh, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to act on Ordinance No. 95-23. 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. 102-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “230 – RENEWAL COURT GRANT” FOR PURPOSES OF ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE SPECIALIZED DOCKET SUBSIDY PROJECT GRANT AWARDED TO THE CONNEAUT MUNICIPAL COURT was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams advised the fund is for a grant that Judge Iarocci applied for. The grant is for \$35,000 and will be used to defray payroll costs associated with Renewal Court.

Moved by 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. 102-23. Roll call:

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| Mr. Arcaro | Yea |
| Mr. Emery | Yea |
| Mr. Gaugh | Yea |
| Mr. Kozesky | Yea |

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| Mrs. Ledford | Yea |
| Mr. Moisio | Yea |
| Mr. Perkoski | Yea |

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED “EXHIBIT A” was placed for first 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. Emery, to act on Ordinance No 103-23. 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

Mr. Gaugh asked if they had been running radar at Skippon. Mr. Hockaday advised that he requested Chief Colby to do so but would follow-up.

Mr. Arcaro moved to donate \$1,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Perch and Pilsner Festival, seconded by Mr. Perkoski. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Arcaro also advised that the September work session would be held on September 5th at 5:30PM due to the holiday on Monday.


Mr. Arcaro allowed Wallace “Sonny” Heinonen, 380 Lake Road, to speak after having arrived to the Council meeting after the citizen comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Heinonen advised that it was his 3rd time appearing before Council. Mr. Heinonen questioned why Council had not requested a full accounting of the Port Authority’s expenses and revenues. He stated there are 100 empty docks and that it hadn’t happened in the 40+ years that Mr. Heinonen has been a dock holder. Mr. Heinonen expressed his concerns with the fees put in place by Oasis and also questioned the price of dockside gasoline. Mr. Heinonen asked Council to request the Port Authority to exercise the buyout clause in the agreement with Oasis. Mr. Heinonen expressed his concerns with the former Hagstrom’s building, the former fish house and land that was sold to the Conneaut Foundation. He further expressed his concerns about the appearance of Malek Park.

Mr. Hockaday added that Malek Park is owned by the Ashtabula County Metroparks and encouraged Mr. Heinonen to contact them about their plans for the property.

Mr. Hockaday also encouraged Mr. Heinonen to engage with the Port Authority and addressed items which Mr. Hockaday said were inaccurate. He addressed fuel costs and added that City Council is not a party to any of the contracts that the Port Authority has entered. He again encouraged Mr. Heinonen to speak with the Port Authority and added that he would be happy to go with Mr. Heinonen to speak with them.

Mr. Moisio asked Mr. Heinonen how it affected the charter boat captains when the pumps were down. Mr. Heinonen provided an explanation of the past practices of fuel hauling and stated that several became members of the Conneaut Boat Club to get fuel.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council