

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 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.

Mr. Moisio moved to approve the Journal of the July 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Emery. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Debby Tisdale was recognized as the Employee of the Month. The certificate was presented by Mr. Emery and Mr. Gaugh. Conneaut Municipal Court Judge Nicholas Iarocci was present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- He attended a dredging conference with Brian Bidwell and advised it was a valuable conference overall.
- He also attended the County Convention and Visitor's Meeting. He advised that changes are forthcoming on the composition of the CFA (Convention and Facilities Authority) and the debt retirement of the Lodge. As things evolve, he will keep Council apprised.
- He applied for the ODOT Small Cities funding for Broad Street from the tracks to Jackson Street. He advised there was a presentation this morning and they anticipate to hear back on the initial funding selection in September. The state has received \$30 Million in requests for \$15 Million in funding.
- Army Corps of Engineers has had a variety of issues with their contracting for the dredging cycle. Quantities are expected to be the same (70-75,000-yard range) but just a little later.
- Ohio EPA site inspection number 4 is this Thursday (7/27/2023). ODNR and finance representatives will also be present.

- On the Buffalo Street sewer boring project, he advised that the jack and bore is complete. Restoration of laterals is complete. Back up to the surface. Some laterals were more difficult than anticipated. They are looking into paving from curb to curb rather than patch repair. The contractor is going to give an estimate and he will bring it back to Council.
- On Madison Street, the project is still in a holding pattern and waiting for the contractor to finalize subcontractors. The vehicles that are over there belong to UIC, who is performing the amphitheater work in that area as well.
- The City has reached out to a contractor for pricing on the demolition of 518 Madison Street but we have not heard back and will also check with the land bank. This will be brought back to Council
- Public Works is working on prepping South Ridge Road East
- Hoping to wrap up Lake Road Storm repair this week
- The Old Main booster repair pump is something that was budgeted for in the capital budget. We have started that process and preliminary engineering process for the Old Main bridge replacement. May have found a potential issue with the piping and the footer in the bridge.
- On the Route 20 culvert repair, he spoke with OPWC and CT. They have authorized us to submit an emergency application. We are preparing that application with CT and Council will have to authorize once it is final.

Mr. Moio asked Mr. Hockaday if there is a 24-hour contact for the sewer department and clarified that is a 24/7 number. Mr. Hockaday advised yes and provided the phone number (440-593-7434). He also added that they have about 60-80 after-hour callouts per year with the sewer jet truck.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Moio attended the Public Works Committee meeting on July 19th and stated that it was very productive. He advised that Public Works Director Joe DiBell was also present. They discussed solutions for the cemetery issues and provided a handout from Mr. DiBell explaining what happened. Mr. Moio advised that a stronger weed killer was used. It was also suggested that they post signs when weed killer will be used.

They do have six summer help employees.

Mr. Moio added that they need two (2) Kubota tractors and that the quotes were given to Mr. Williams. The idea was that they may be able to use the cemetery funds to purchase a 54 inch and a 60-inch tractor. Mr. Williams stated that the cash is available but Council would have to approve the appropriation.

They also discussed a security system at the cemetery building, equipment concerns and prep for South Ridge Road E. Will start that process at the beginning of August.

Mr. Moisiso added that there were only two sections in East Conneaut and two sections in Glenwood where the weed killer was used.

Mr. Arcaro stated it was important that the director owned up to the mistake and if anyone wants to be reimbursed for their expenses, they can submit that.

LIASION REPORTS

Mr. Moisiso attended the Port Authority meeting on July 20th. He provided the following updates:

- Fuel pump repairs will be concluded soon
- Oasis has 264 contracts to date
- \$17,000 in fuel sales
- Kayak rental is now open

There were some charter boat captains present with concerns about the fuel pump and those concerns are being address. The Port did also suggest attending a work session for more open communication between the two bodies.

Mrs. Ledford attended the July 11th CCVB meeting. She advised they had 80 renewals, 7 or 8 new members and 5 members which did not renew. She provided the following updates:

- Michael Kimble, president of the Outdoor Learning Center was present and talked about the things they have going.
- They have started the map revisions and have new signs promoting Conneaut.
- They will be present at D-Day.
- They will also be introducing an inaugural online contest for sharing and commenting on posts. The prize will be from Conneaut Creek Float and Fly.

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 second reading.

A public hearing was scheduled for August 28, 2023 at 6:30PM.

The Ordinance was moved to third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 82-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE WAIVER OF ANY APPLICABLE TAP-IN FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 985 BROAD STREET, CONNEAUT, OHIO, OWNED BY THE CONNEAUT FOUNDATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for second reading.

Mr. Hockaday added that they need to upgrade to a 2-inch tap.

Moved by Mr. Moisiso, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, 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. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 82-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

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 second reading.

Mr. Perkoski asked Mr. Williams when the last pay increase for Council was, to which Mr. Williams responded 2003-2004. Mr. Perkoski asked if the rate which they are currently paid covers the cost of living from that time. Mr. Williams advised that if you applied an inflation adjustment to the \$500 and \$600 from twenty years ago, it would be equivalent to what they are proposing. Mr. Williams added that \$500 20 years ago is almost equivalent to \$1,000 today. Any employee of the City would have received more of an increase over that time. Mr. Perkoski advised that he supports this ordinance and thinks it is necessary to entice people to run for Council. He added that no member of Council was opposed in the last election. He understands that you commit yourself to public service and should be properly compensated for the responsibilities they have. Mr. Perkoski asked Mr. Williams what impact this increase would have on the budget, and Mr. Williams responded that it would be very minimal and compared it to a month's worth of fire and police overtime. Mr. Perkoski added that he hoped they got the chance to vote on the ordinance. Mrs. Ledford also agreed with Mr. Perkoski even though it won't personally affect her.

Mr. Arcaro provided an explanation for opposing the ordinance. He stated it was a timing and optics issue since we are trying to pass multiples levies. He added that it was proposed many times and he was in support of it but it is now an optics issue.

Mr. Perkoski and Mrs. Ledford added that there is never a good time.

Mr. Arcaro added that three council members could call for a special meeting to complete the three-reading process in order to comply with county requirements.

Moved by Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – Mr. Emery, Mr. Gaugh, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Perkoski. Nay – Mr. Arcaro and Mr. Moisio. Rule not suspended.

The Ordinance was moved to third reading by Mr. Perkoski.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-23 entitled A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT A 1.90 MILL RENEWAL LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONNEAUT PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, COMMENCING WITH TAX YEAR 2024

TO BE COLLECTED IN 2025, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023 was placed for first reading.

Mr. Lewis advised that the Board of Elections and Secretary of State would not accept the language in the previously passed resolution but the language was corrected in 86-23.

Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Resolution No. 86-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-23 entitled A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT A RENEWAL OF 2.75 MILLS OF AN EXISTING LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION, FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING WITH TAX YEAR 2023, TO BE FIRST COLLECTED IN 2024, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023 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 OF CONNEAUT was placed for first reading.

Mr. Lewis advised this was the same situation as Resolution 86-23.

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, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Resolution No. 87-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY RESTRICT TRAFFIC, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 BELOW, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING TRAFFIC FLOW DURING THE D-DAY REENACTMENT, 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. Moisisio, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 88-23. Roll call:

Mr. Arcaro	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mrs. Ledford	Yea
Mr. Moisisio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING D-DAY OHIO, INC. TO UTILIZE LAKEVIEW PARK FOR THE D-DAY REENACTMENT FROM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 89-23. Roll call:

Mr. Arcaro	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea
Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mrs. Ledford	Yea
Mr. Moisisio	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND ACCOUNT (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that the Ohio EPA updated their forms on July 1st and they now require that the legislation list the dedicated fund for repayment. This is the same for Ordinance No. 91-23.

Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Emery, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mr. Moisisio, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to act on Ordinance No. 90-23. Roll call:

Mr. Arcaro	Yea
Mr. Emery	Yea

Mr. Gaugh	Yea
Mrs. Ledford	Yea
Mr. Moisis	Yea
Mr. Perkoski	Yea

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF CITY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, 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. Gaugh, to declare an emergency. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Emergency declared. Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisis, to act on Ordinance No. 91-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that there are a handful of vehicles that belong to the City and police forfeitures that are no longer being used. They will use govdeals.com to auction off the vehicles and each vehicle has a reserve price listed.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Emery, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Emery, to act on Ordinance No. 92-23. Roll call:

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

Ordinance 92-23 was not declared an emergency and shall take effect thirty (30) days after passage.

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-23 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.

Mr. Williams provided an explanation of the budget amendment and also provided a printout from Wastewater Superintendent Bidwell showing the reason for the amendments.

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. Emery, to act on Ordinance No. 93-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “266 – ARPA FIRST RESPONDER GRANT” FOR PURPOSES OF ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ARPA FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT was placed for first reading.

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. 94-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gaugh stated that the Pollinator Garden at the library is in. It is located on the Broad Street side of the library. He thanked the library, master gardener Kara Blake and Public Works for their help and support. This will be the last planting for the summer.


Mr. Perkoski moved to schedule a special meeting to consider Ordinance No. 85-23, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. This motion was sponsored by Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Gaugh and Mr. Perkoski. Roll call: Yea – All, Nay – None. Special meeting scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 7:00PM (after the work session).

Mr. Moio asked Mr. Williams how much is received from the Truck World TIF. Mr. Williams advised \$58,000.00. Mr. Williams clarified that the City receives the funds through the County Auditor then reimburses Truck World. Mr. Moio asked if the Auditor had to certify those funds, to which Mr. Williams responded yes. Mr. Williams stated there have not been any issues. Mr. Hockaday added that not all TIFs are the same. The City did not take out a general obligation to pay for the improvements. Truck World was a developer-financed project so if it does under-collect, the developer would be responsible, not the taxpayers.

Mr. Arcaro thanked Core Civic and Charlie Leighner, Coordinator of Industrial Arts. They manufactured the picnic tables at Lakeview Park.

Mrs. Ledford moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Kozesky, seconded by Mr. Moio. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. The absence of Mr. Kozesky was excused.

Moved by Mr. Moio, seconded by Mrs. Ledford, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council