

JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Conneaut met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 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. Gaugh, Mrs. Ledford, Mr. Moisiso and Mr. Perkoski; City Manager Mr. Hockaday, Finance Director Mr. Williams and Law Director Mr. Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Moisiso moved to approve the Journal of the July 24, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

Mr. Perkoski moved to approve the Journal of the August 7, 2023 special meeting, seconded by Mr. Moisiso. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Journal approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hockaday provided updates on the following:

- On the Madison Street project, they are hoping to receive the notice to proceed on Wednesday (8/16/2023).
- There will be no outside trucking related to the dredge facility this week. There should only be a couple days of work the following week to make up for a couple rain days. Their tentative substantial completion date is August 28, 2023.
- On the Buffalo Street project, the boring is complete and they did perform some patching on the road. Will add curb to curb paving to the paving contract.
- On paving contract, they met with the contractor last week and they plan to begin the last week of August. They will start with milling and resurfacing, then Broad Street resurfacing after the 28th. They did begin S. Ridge East today (8/14/2023) and completed approx. a ¼ mile.
- The Port Authority received their final marina permit for the Naylor Drive marina expansion, for which they originally applied in 2019. He is happy to see that move forward. Will be able to engage more deeply on the sewer line and lift station installation that serves township park, the City and some Port Authority assets.
- We do not have a definitive timeline for the demolition on 518 Madison. Communicating with Community Services and Planning Office and the Land Bank for additional grant funds.

- He thanked Skip Ensmann, Distribution Manager, and Superintendent Josh Teppo for completing backflow training for 9 employees. They are working through a new set of protocols for backflow. They have also been hard at work implementing the valve turner and expediting backlogged hydrant repairs and replacements. They are also continuing hydrant flushing. Hydrants are a constant need in the community but they are costly. There are a growing number in need of repair.
- CT is currently working on an emergency OPWC app for Route 20
- Tentative award for Buffalo Street and will be forthcoming to Council
- Fire Department received their UTV that was ordered earlier in the year. Consists of a 55-gallon tank for brush fires. Have been going through set up and training.

Mr. Hockaday reminded Mr. Hockaday to schedule a public safety committee meeting after D-Day week.

Mr. Kozesky asked if the Post Office was advised of the Madison Street project and asked if the drop box would be affected. Mr. Hockaday advised that Brian Bidwell and Chris DeLuca of CT attended a meeting with the post office and he would reach out and let Council know what was discussed.

Mr. Arcaro asked if there was an update on the Dollar General situation. He also clarified that the Buffalo Street repaving would be from Adams to Jefferson. Mr. Hockaday advised that was correct and it was estimated to cost about \$30,000.00.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Williams advised they received the 2nd half real estate settlement. It is always smaller than the 1st half settlement. Mr. Williams provided a handout to Council and explained. Total received was \$1,016,686.03.

Mr. Moisiu asked how much was available to re-appropriate, Mr. Williams responded \$28,075. Collections are usually above the estimate and that money is available.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis advised he would have a written report at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

LIASION REPORTS

Mrs. Ledford advised there was a CCVB meeting on August 8th. She provided the following updates:

- They have advertisements in the North Coast Voice, Gazette and the D-Day program.
- They are working on finalizing map revisions
- They will be at D-Day at Gate B on Thursday, August 17th
- Their annual membership meeting is on September 12 at 6:00PM at Buccia. Members are encouraged to attend.
- There were also suggestions to work with the ACCVB for videos and Facebook and Instagram.

- They are going to see what needs to be repaired on the snowflakes
- The board order new banners for the MS bike event

Mrs. Ledford also provided an update for the Cable Advisory Board:

- Most discussion at their August 10th meeting was centered around D-Day and coverage.
- No update on Sunrise Live.
- Also talked about changing the name of the board since they are doing more streaming
- Next meeting is September 28th at the Conneaut Public Library.

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 scheduled for August 28, 2023 at 6:30PM.

Mr. Perkoski moved to table Ordinance No. 81-23 until after the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Ledford. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Ordinance tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CERTIFY A LIST OF DELINQUENT ABATEMENT BILLS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 715.261 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND SECTION 1369.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Williams explained that these costs were accrued through commercial demolitions of 363 Mill Street, 970 Harbor Street and 900 Center Road.

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 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. 96-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH REGIS GALVIN FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised that this is a standard contract with Regis Galvin as the Cable Coordinator. Mr. Galvin has been with the City for many years. Mr. Hockaday advised that the only change is a pay increase which is equal to about 3.5% per contract year.

Moved by Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Perkoski, 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 Ordinance No. 97-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BID TO GREG SWEET AND PURCHASE A 2024 FORD-550 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday advised this ordinance is for the water department, and includes the chassis and upfit and is a replacement of an existing truck. He added that they may look at doing a lease to purchase for this truck at the next meeting. Mr. Hockaday also added that Ordinance No. 99-23 is the same, just for a public works dump truck.

Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Gaugh, to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Rule suspended. Moved by Mr. Perkoski, seconded by Mr. Moisio, 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 98-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BID TO GREG SWEET AND PURCHASE A 2024 FORD-550 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

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. Gaugh, 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 99-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-23 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 a brief explanation of the adjustments.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisiso, 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. 100-23. Roll call:

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

PASSED.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT JOSEPH ZAPPITELLO TO THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY, FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JANUARY 13, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed for first reading.

Mr. Hockaday stated there are two vacancies on the Port Authority, and this appointment is being recommended from the first set of interviews he conducted. This position will fill Mr. Kennedy’s unexpired term and he will be conducting additional interviews for the remaining vacancy soon.

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 Mr. Perkoski, 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. 101-23. Roll call:

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

Mr. Perkoski

Yea

Mr. Arcaro thanked Mr. Zappitello for his service.

PASSED.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS


None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gaugh thanked people in Conneaut who got ahold of Sherrod Brown. He talked to the FRA when they were in town and talked to management of Norfolk Southern to lessen the number of blocked grade crossings.

Mr. Gaugh asked for radar at Skippon on Center Road.

Moved by Mrs. Ledford, seconded by Mr. Moisio, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Roll call: Yea – All. Nay – None. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council