

Circleville City Council convened in City Council Chambers Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:10 pm. Roll call, members present: President Barry Keller; Tom Duvall, At Large; Michelle Blanton, At Large; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Caryn Koch-Esterline, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward and Linda Chancey, Clerk. ABSENT: Katie Logan Hedges, At Large. Invited Guests Mayor Don McIlroy; Law Director Gary Kenworthy; City Auditor Mark Bidwell and Tom Kopec, Charter chair.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all. Keller stated that the minutes for February 15, 2022, are approved as written.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Keller reported that he attended a Pickaway County Commissioner meeting, per their request, Todd Brady accompanied Keller at the meeting. The discussion centered around the ARPA funds, fire district for Pickaway County. The Commissioners are making improvements for a second egress to the fairgrounds located near Lancaster Pike and Nicholas Drive, and a road that will extend to Rt 56 and Kingston Pike. Other discussions were grade separation for the city and growth in the city and annexation. Per Keller, this was a great starting point, and will meet with them again in three months.

NO REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS

- A notice from the Ohio Division Liquor Control dated February 23, 2022, was read, from CRS companies, DBA LITTLE BEAR, 131 Harrison St, Circleville, OH TO LITTLE BEAR MARKET LLC, 131 Harrison St, Circleville, Oh, permit 5230850- B transfer of C 1 and C 2 permit classes.

Blanton motioned to accept the correspondences and place them on file. Koch- Esterline seconded. Motion carried. All Yeas.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Public Service To Enter Into An Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement With US Bank For The Financing For The Acquisition Of A Street Sweeper For The Transportation Department, Authorizing Other Documents To Be Signed In Connection With Such Transaction And Declaring An Emergency. Blanton stated this was reviewed in the Finance Cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is the financing agreement for the street sweeper, legislation was passed earlier to purchase it. Blanton motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Hallinin motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas -0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigns # 03-19-2022.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Public Service To Enter Into A Contract For Replacement Of The Roof On The Fire Station And Declaring Emergency. Blanton stated this was reviewed in the Finance Cmte with a recommendation for passage. There was roof damage to the Fire Department's roof, This is a contract to have it replaced. Blanton motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Brady motioned for passage. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas -0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigns # 03-20-2022

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And the Sale Of Notes In The Maximum Principal Amount Of \$900,000.00 In The Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, For The Purpose Of Paying The Cost Of Improving The City's Parks And Recreational Facilities And Declaring An Emergency. Blanton stated this was reviewed in the Finance Cmte with a recommendation for passage. This is additional bond funds for Ted Lewis Park improvements. Blanton motioned to suspend the rules. Brady seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Theis motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas -0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigns # 03-21-2022.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Separation And Release Agreement With A City Employee And Declaring An Emergency. Keller stated this was reviewed in the Cmte of Whole meeting on February 22, 2022, it is a separate agreement for Deputy Phillip Roar. This was recommended for passage. Hallinin motioned to suspend the rules. Koch-Esterline seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are suspended. Brady motioned for passage. Blanton seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas-0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigns #03-22-2022.

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Appropriation Ordinance In General Fund 101, Waterworks Improvement And Extension 819, Water Plant Rehabilitation Fund 838, Sanitary Sewer Improvement & Extension Fund 920 Of The City Of Circleville. Blanton stated this was reviewed in the Finance Cmte with a recommendation for passage. There were additional changes in the budget from the original budget. In this ordinances title fund 227 was omitted and this is the amended ordinance. Bidwell noted that both bonds will be combined at the end of the year. Brady motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). Seconded by Koch-Esterline. Rules are suspended. Brady motioned for passage. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas -0 Nays). Ordinance passes and assigns #03-23-2022.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS

- Blanton motioned to excuse Katie Logan Hedges. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.
- Tom Kopec, President Charter Commission – Updates

Mr. Kopec reported the goals for the Charter Commission and how a council- manager form of government will help operate the City. Mr. Kopec noted there are no requirements or qualifications for a mayor today, which is a deficiency. The other topic discussed were staggered terms of City Council and extend the terms to four-year terms this is a good safeguard for the City. The Commission is working on timeframe for the charter. The charter will come to Council in early April for approval. The Board of Elections will receive a copy of the ordinance in early May (90 days before) August 2, 2022, election.

Koch – Esterline asked about an update on the election of a mayor. Kopec stated there will be an elected mayor which will be a figure head and limited duties. But a City Manager to operate the city.

Duvall asked about getting the information to the public and what is your plans. Kopec stated that the plan is to educate the people, Mike Logan is heading that plan up with a framework. That cannot start until April for the charter.

Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Chancey, Council Clerk