

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with De Anna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips, and. Lisa Sarty. Jerry Tarolli excused.

Mrs. Sarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Below to accept the minutes from the December 22, 2015 meeting as written. With all those in favor, motion carried.

The Chair noted the certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

President Kuzma thanked Mrs. Hand for her service as Clerk of Council, and then introduced Sandy Hymore-Blevins as her recommendation as the new Clerk of Council. Mrs. Kuzma requested a Motion be made for the appointment of Ms. Hymore-Blevins. Ms. Phillips made a Motion that Ms. Hymore-Blevins be appointed as Clerk of Council, seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, motion passed.

President Kuzma stated she has discussed with Mr. Below to remain the President Pro Tem. Mrs. Sarty made a motion to accept Mr. Below as President Pro Tem, seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, motion passed.

GUEST

PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Phillabaum, 121 Walnut Street, Port Clinton, had a question regarding a property complaint. Fire Chief Johnson has addressed the issue and they are in talks regarding the subject.

Ric Noderer, 608 E. Perry Street, Port Clinton, stated it was a new year and wants to revisit the condos/business district in Wooster. He is concerned the same issues will happen here if we went with Mike Rose.

Roger Smith, 218 W. Fourth Street, Port Clinton, wanted to congratulate the new faces on council and Mayor Wheeler. He had a question for Safety Service Director Colston regarding businesses keeping the sidewalks clear; in particular to be sure they are handicap accessible. Mr. Colston advised he is in talks about this.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Hatfield stated that he sent out month end reports. He stated if anyone had any questions regarding the report, to contact him. He discussed Ordinance 25-15, stating it is a free program with the Attorney General's office to assist with debt collection. Mr. Hatfield welcomed all of the new city council members and President of Council.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Hansen advised that she emailed a report after the last meeting to council and the elected officials.

**LAW DIRECTOR
REPORT**

None.

**SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Colston gave kudos to the crews working on cleaning the roads. He stated that the city is using new Brine on the roads which is working nicely. He advised that during snow and ice related - weather, the emergency routes are cleared first, followed by side streets, and then alleys. Mr. Colston encouraged everyone to drive safe during inclement weather.

**POLICE CHIEF
REPORT**

Chief Hickman advised if there are 2 or more inches of snow on the roads, to please move your cars for the plows to get through; especially on emergency routes.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Johnson informed everyone to be careful of secondary/auxiliary heating sources in your homes, as they can be fire hazards. He encouraged all to use anti-tip protection, as well as to not use an extension cord when plugging these types of heating sources into an outlet.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

THIRD READING None.

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 25-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

With no action taken this is moved to January 26, 2016 for third reading.

FIRST READING

**BUSINESS FROM
THE FLOOR**

Mr. Below thanked Mrs. Hand for her service as Clerk of Council, and he welcomed all of the new faces. He reported that the Finance Committee will meet on January 19, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at City Hall conference room. He also advised that the Riverwalk Steering Committee will have a kick-off meeting in February. Mr. Below requested the Ballot Advisory Question for the March primary ballot be put in writing by the clerk and taken to the Board of Elections if passed. "Shall the City of Port Clinton, through its Director of Public Safety and Service, enter into negotiations with Harbor Front, LLC, or its designee, to negotiate the terms of a lease document for not more than approximately 2 acres of property within the 13 acre parcel comprising Waterworks Park?" A motion was made by Mr. Below, seconded by Mrs. Gillman. Discussion Mr. Below stated it is a controversial issue that would benefit from a definitive answer of yes or no from voters. Mr. Freedman asked if the wording could be changed or amended. Mr. Wilber responded it could not be changed, as is it based on an Ordinance already passed. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman; yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, no. Motion passed.

Mrs. Sarty thanked Mrs. Hand for her service and welcomed all of the new city council members, Mrs. Hickman and Mr. Freedman, as well as Mrs. Kuzma as President of Council.

Mrs. Gillman thanked Mrs. Hand for her service as Clerk of Council, and welcomed all of the new city council members and Mrs. Kuzma as President of Council.

Mrs. Hickman said she was happy to be here as a new city council member and welcomed all other new members.

Ms. Phillips stated that there is an open meeting, scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Public Library in Meeting Room B. Any residents in Ward 3 and 4 were encouraged to come and chat with her and Mr. Below. She welcomed all of the new members in council and thanked Mrs. Hand for her service as Clerk of Council.

Mr. Freedman thanked Mrs. Hand for her service and welcomed everyone who was new to city council, and Mrs. Kuzma as President of City Council.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Sandra Hymore-Blevins
Clerk of Council

De Anna Kuzma
President of Council