

**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 Gabe Below, as President Pro Temp, 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: Roseann Hickman, Lisa Sarty, Beth Gillman, Margaret Phillips, Joel Freedman, Gabe Below and Jerry Tarolli

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

Mr. Tarolli made a motion to add Ordinance 17-17 to tonight's agenda; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor Ordinance 17-17 was added to the agenda.

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT Pat Hovis
She passed on a positive comment that a customer made. Stated that they love Operation Bright and Loud

MAYOR'S REPORT Recommended to council to approve Amy Drummer as the second appointment to the TIRC. Mr. Below stated that he emailed council in regards to the appointment to the TIRC. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve Amy Drummer's appointment to the TIRC; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes.

Thanked the service workers for they have done these past two weeks. We have received many complements about the city parks looking great. Reminded everyone that there is a process to getting owners to take care of their own properties. For the city to refer a location to the land bank the land owner needs to be behind on their city taxes. They are currently working on some properties with the land owner to comply with the ordinances of the city.

AUDITOR'S REPORT Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT Bed taxes to date are \$43,910.46

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT Nothing to present. If there are any questions later on Ordinance 17-17, he will help with those.

**SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR REPORT** They had a pre-demolition meeting this week for 131 Madison Street. He stated that it should start somewhere around July 24th and it will be a two week process. Also trying to coordinate the demolition with the current street construction going on downtown. Brush pick up is continuing this week. Madison Street construction is going well and weather has been about the only hindrance. The roof top air conditioner was ordered right after the fourth of July and will take about six-eight weeks to arrive. They are currently looking for bids for a mechanical company to install it.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT Lindsey Eberly requested to move back to part-time; previously she moved to full time to replace Von Rider. With that being said, Hannah Sarty was hired on July 3rd as a dispatcher.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT Not present

CORRESPONDENCE Auditors month end reports for June 2017

Mrs. Sarty made a motion to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mr. Freedman. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved as stated.

THIRD READINGS

None

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 15-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 06-17 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

With no action taken, Ordinance 15-17 was moved to July 25th, 2017 for third reading.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 16-17

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENT FOR SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON ALONG WEST LAKESHORE DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below stated to council that there is no time sensitivity and also advised that an attachment was distributed to council.

With no action taken, Ordinance 16-17 was moved to July 25th, 2017 for second reading.

ORDINANCE 17-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, US ARMY ENGINEER, BUFFALO DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT CLINTON COASTAL WETLAND PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Below stated that he asked the Mayor and the Safety Service Director to speak about Ordinance 17-17

Mayor Wheeler stated that they were just made aware of this Ordinance requirement for the wetland project to proceed. Buffalo needs this agreement in order to proceed by July 14th, 2017. Mr. Johnson stated that there are currently six districts that we are competing with to stay at the front of the line for the project. Mr. Tarolli asked if there is a dollar amount for this or is this just to get us moving. Mr. Wilber stated that the ordinance is authorizing the agreement to get in with the Army Core of Engineers for the construction of the wetlands project. The estimated cost set for in the agreement is one million three hundred thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and the city's portion that is projected right now (which could change) is three hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars. The city does have an obligation of delivering funds to the Army Core of Engineers at a point once the Core of Engineers accepts the agreement. In all likely hood, additional legislation, authorizing the city to get a loan to finance its portion of the agreement.

Mr. Tarolli made a motion to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 17-17; seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the three required readings were waived on Ordinance 17-17.

Mrs. Sarty made a motion retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 17-17; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the emergency clause on Ordinance 17-17 was retained.

Mr. Freedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-17; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. Mr. Below stated that this is in line with when council approve for administration to apply for Ohio EPA funds to subsidize some of the cost of this project. Results of a voice roll call are as follows:

Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Phillips – Stated that she has been going up town every day to see the progress and they are beginning to know whom she is. She stated that they are giving her updates when she is out there. She is also posting pictures daily to Facebook. She stated that she also got a chance to speak with the gentlemen at Fulton and Second. She stated that they are with Columbia Gas and they are laying new natural gas lines.

Mrs. Gillman – The city did a fantastic job with Operation Bright and Loud. There was a recent write up on the Beech Street community garden and if you are out stop by and take a look.

Mr. Tarolli – Thanked Tracey Colston and his crew out at the cemetery. He stated that the services yesterday were amazing. The next emergency services meeting is scheduled for next week at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Mrs. Hickman – nothing to present

Mr. Freedman – nothing to present

Mrs. Sarty – Thanked the light committee. She asked if the crews are going to be working downtown on the weekends. She stated that she has a request to have signs moved so there is no confusion for citizens to know that the roads are open. Mayor Wheeler stated that they will pass that information on to the construction crew.

Mr. Below – Earlier today the relevant sub-committee and congress released the Great Lakes Restoration fund funding levels for 2018, which still needs to be approved by the rest of congress and the President. It was funded at the full three hundred million dollars. The finance committee will meet next week at its regularly schedule time at city hall.

Mr. Below entertain the motion to go into executive session regarding personal matters including hiring appointments. Agreed by Mrs. Sarty; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, council entered into executive session at 7:57pm.

Mrs. Sarty made a motion to end executive session; seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Below, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the executive session was ended.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

DeAnna Kuzma
President of Council