

May 28, 2024

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council held in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

The roll was called and the following Council members were present: Beth Gillman, Pat Hovis, Richard Morgan, Cathy King, Jerry Tarolli, Kelly Gangle, and Margaret Phillips.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for May 14, 2024; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

The chair notes certification had been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elva Cortez, 211 W. Third Street

Concerned about the motorized scooters that children are riding in the middle of the road with no regard for following road rules. They are also riding without a helmet and at times two children on one scooter. What can be done to make them compliant?

Ms. Shenker advised that the City does not have an ordinance in regard to motorized scooters. Recommends that she contact Police Chief Scott to discuss her concerns with him to see what could be done.

Mr. Colston advised that the State of Ohio does not require a license or wearing a helmet to operate a motorized scooter (per the internet).

Robert Miller, 5296 E. Ellithorpe Drive

Mr. Miller advised that he has been a school bus driver for thirteen years for Port Clinton City Schools and the streets around the schools and Veterans Park are bad. Going to other communities their streets are not this bad. What is going on to improve the roads?

Mr. Colston advised that the City has just signed a \$4.5 million contract to do Phase 1 road improvements; that will encompass the roads around the schools, W. Third Street to the Cemetery, and Erie Gardens. Work is to commence at the end of June 2024. To follow is an \$18 million dollar phase and an additional \$5 million phase; this will resurface almost every street in the City. We have been aware of this and have been working on this for the last 5 years. Projected the entire project will take 2.5 years to complete.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Tomorrow evening there will be a Special Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Linda Hartlaub Council Chambers.

Under first reading this evening there is one new piece of legislation:

- Resolution 24-4, will not be assigned to a committee. Administration asks that Council consider adopting this evening, due to time sensitivity.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome back Mr. Tarolli, keep fighting the good fight.

Thank you VFW, American Legion and Port Clinton Yacht Club for a wonderful series of Memorial Day ceremonies yesterday. Both events at Veteran's Park and Port Clinton Yacht Club were led by Bert Fall; he does a wonderful job. He is an active staff sergeant with the National Guard and an Iraq War Veteran.

"The District" has been up and running for the last two weeks. There will be entertainment on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays weather permitting. In addition to Sunday, Labor Day weekend. The entertainment schedule is available on Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Port Clinton website and Facebook pages.

Thank you to our Service Department, generally we have eight employees including a Supervisor with seasonal personnel; currently we have two employees out on extended medical leave. They are very strapped to take care of all the City's needs: mowing, weed whipping, beach cleanup, trash pickup, pothole, alley maintenance and all other needs that arise; to include assisting with the Walleye Festival.

Friday, August 2, 2024, is the Senior Picnic at Lakeview Park at 11:00 am.

Monday, July 29, 2024, 5 – 9 pm at The District there will be a "Welcome" event for the J1 work force that comes to the area (Port Clinton, Catawba, Marblehead, and Put-n-Bay), includes 550 individuals.

Sunday, August 25, 2024, Port Clinton Day at Fifth / Third Field (Mud Hens), 2:05 first pitch. Tickets available at fevo.me/pccommunity0825 or call 419-725-4367, make sure you are affiliated with the City of Port Clinton.

Fourth of July fireworks have been a struggle to raise money for this year. Councilman Margret Phillips has agreed to shave her hair off if \$20k is raised by June 25, 2024. So far there has been \$3,300.00 raised. Anyone considering donating to the cause can make checks payable to the Port Clinton Chamber of Commerce Foundation with the memo Fireworks; 110 Madison Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452

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Resolution 24-4, this started post 911. The Federal government provided funding to first responders and 911 call centers. As part of the funding stream a committee is formed that meets periodically. This committee is comprised of the Chief Executive officer of the largest municipality (Mayor of City of Port Clinton), one member representing all Councils in Ottawa County (Oak Harbor), representative from the largest township (Carroll Township), representative of townships trustees at large (Catawba Township), representative of Ottawa County Sherriff office, and Chief dispatch of Ottawa County Sherriff's Office.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

On May 23, 2024, the city was advised by USDA that interim financing—the original \$4.5 million Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), the subject of Ordinance 11-24 and before that, Ordinance 4-23—would not be necessary for the road resurfacing project; and that the City could move to close the long term note with USDA prior to project completion, and in fact, prior to project start with the awarded contractor.

To do so requires some additional actions, including approval by Council of a new ordinance, Ordinance 12-24, to be discussed at tomorrow's Special Council meeting.

Doing so is expected to save over \$200,000 in interest costs associated with the original \$4.5 million BAN for 12 months. The savings will bolster road improvement project implementation and ultimately result in more Road Levy property tax dollars funding actual road improvements rather than interest payments, so this new pathway is a winner for the City as it will help stretch Road Levy dollars to cover more roads.

This will require a special meeting of City Council this week in order to consider and act on legislation, provided by bond counsel at Squire Patton Boggs, and acceptable to USDA. This would allow for the timely execution of agreements with the contractor by month end, and ideally, groundbreaking mid-Jun.

The subject of the Special Council meeting tomorrow evening will be first reading of Ordinance 12-24, which will providing the issuance of sales not to exceed \$4,355,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying costs of improving streets in the City by resurfacing, grading, paving, and other related improvements and declaring emergency.

Resolution 24-5, to improve a grant application for planning funds through the active transportation infrastructure program to connect Port Clinton to Sandusky with appropriated funds. In hopes that Council will entertain taking action tomorrow evening, would be appreciated.

To the audience, the City staff and elected officials involved in this project daily and responding to changes coming out of USDA (most of those are favorable) to help save money and execute sooner and reduce interest costs for example. It is the primary funder for the long term notes to cover the project. When it comes to water and sewer there is significant grant dollars (free dollars than loan dollars). This is top of mind by everyone.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax as of May 28, 2024: \$55,450.50

Watercraft Tax as of May 28, 2024: \$3,338.64

Short Term Rental Registration Fee as of May 28, 2024: \$53, 800.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Resolution 24-4, please consider passing on the first reading this evening, so we can stay on track with what the County is doing,

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

The EMS, Sewer Department, Fire Department, Police Department and Street Department have done a fabulous job this past weekend.

Appreciate all that Mr. Below has done to keep us on target to get where we are today with the Infrastructure project.

Ms. Hovis received a complaint regarding cars parking on both sides of Jefferson Street at Fourth and Fifth Street.

Mr. Colston advised he will be having a conversation with the Police Chief Scott and Interim Fire Chief Gutman this week to determine if no parking signs are necessary.

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Nothing to present

POLICE CHIEF Not present

FIRE CHIEF Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to present

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Will advise of a committee meeting in the near future.

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Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Nothing to present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

There is a committee meeting following the Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 24-4

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Resolution 24-4; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Resolution 24-4; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – The Walleye Festival was really crowded, which is a good thing. Bands were good. August 30, 2024, in front of the stage Mr. Morgan’s band will be performing at “The District”.

Ms. Gangle – Nothing to present

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Ms. Phillips – Walleye Festival was fantastic. Received complains of the scooter riders doubling in the middle of the street on Fourth and Fifth Street.

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Would like to thank Mr. Below, Mr. Colston and Mayor Snider for getting things moving on the infrastructure project.

Mrs. King – Nothing to present

Mrs. Gillman – Thank you to Main Street Port Clinton for putting on the 43rd Walleye Festival. Please keep an eye out for motorcycles with Ohio Bike week this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. King. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council