

January 14, 2025

**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: Pat Hovis, Richard Morgan, Margaret Phillips. Beth Gillman, Avery Robinson, Jerry Tarolli and Cathy King.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for December 17, 2024; seconded by Ms. Hovis. 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

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Sarty instructed the Clerk to rename the Rules of Council with 2025, and update Councilman names where necessary. If Council so chooses, they can vote on them at the next scheduled meeting.

Under first reading this evening:

- Ordinance 1-25
 - Administration asks that Council consider adopting at the first reading; due to being time sensitive.
- Resolution 25-1
 - Administration asks that Council consider adopting at the first reading; due to being time sensitive.
- Resolution 25-2
 - Can go all three readings

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not present

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The fiscal books have been closed for 2024. The general fund is in the strongest position as of January 1st than it has been in the last several years. Meaning revenue is up and expenses have moderated. Income tax collection is the general drive for the income fund. In "2023" \$3.52 million was collected; "2024" \$3.8 million has been collected.

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Ordinance 27-24: there is a proposed amendment before Council. Requesting that Council consider adopting this evening. Will have the complete 2025 budget ordinance available for Council by January 28, 2025, meeting.

The city was awarded a \$100,000 reimbursement grant from the Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program (ATIP) for planning activities by the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. The city will provide \$20,000 (included in the 2025 city budget) of the cost share. Also, the Park District has pledged \$10,000 and Greater Sandusky Partnership has pledged \$15,000. Total project costs \$145,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax as of December 31, 2024: \$378,327.79

Watercraft Tax as of December 31, 2024: \$22,628.39

Short Term Rental Registration Fee as of December 31, 2024: \$67,000.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Not present

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

Not present

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Mr. Christman advised with the Urban Forestry grant the city has mitigated 38 trees throughout the city. Also have begun work with the Ohio Department of Forestry to develop a planting schedule and plan (for the next three to four years) to further utilize the grant funds to introduce urban forestry within the city. In doing so, we need to solicit some expertise to coordinate those planning efforts. There will be a request for a quote to hire an Urban Forster to assist with our needs.

Mr. Tarolli moved to authorize the direct City officials to advertise for bids and enter into contract negotiations for urban forestry planning and management services; seconded by Mrs. Hovis.

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

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

INTERIEM FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to report

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Nothing to present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Next meeting: January 28, 2025, 5:30 pm

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder, 2024 Financial Disclosure Statement to be filed in 2025

Ms. Phillips moved to accept the correspondence seconded by Mr. Robinson. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 27-24, Amendment #1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2-24 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Ms. Hovis moved to amend Ordinance 27-24 as described in Amendment #1; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

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

Ms. Hovis moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 27-24; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

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

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Ms. Hovis moved to adopt Ordinance 27-24; seconded by Mr. Robinson.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 1-25

AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT & T's TARRIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 1-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause of Ordinance 1-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 1-25; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Resolution 25-1

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO COOPERATE IN THE PARK DISTRICT OF OTTAWA COUNTY 2025 PARKS AND TRAILS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Resolution 25-1; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Resolution 25-1; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

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

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Resolution 25-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION

No action taken – Resolution 25-2 will be moved to second reading on January 28, 2025, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – Nothing to present

Mr. Robinson – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – City workers are doing a good job

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – It will be an exciting time to be a City Councilman and citizens in the next couple of years. We are going to see massive changes in town; all for the good.

Personal Thank You to Mr. Christman for the work he did on the grant.

Mrs. King – Happy New Year

Mrs. Gillman – Stay safe in the cold weather.

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 6:24 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council