

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – January 8, 2024

Council President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:01 pm. Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford and Wolf were present. Also present were Mayor Hazel, Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Law Director Moore and Auditor Shinn.

CM Fleck made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0-3 Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President King discussed the Committee of the Whole that took place on December 18th, 2023 at 6:00 pm about the CRA.

President King discussed the Committee of the Whole that took place on December 18th, 2023 at 6:45 pm about the 2024 budget. CM Fleck made a motion to correct the minutes, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-3 Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hazel spoke about the audit and how he attempted to get Clemons & Nelson to come to this meeting with the rep who conducted the audit but they were not available for this meeting and should be for the next meeting. Mayor Hazel spoke about management training that will be conducted based on the audit's findings and well as some possible personnel changes.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Jim Steltzer who resides at 4611 Saint Anthony Road expressed his frustrations with the results of the audit and then spoke about a newspaper article from December 30th, 2023 talking about how we live in a low crime and safe town area and noted Chief Wale was not quoted in the article and Chief Wale explained that he was sick and that is why he has not quoted. Jim stated the Mayor know what he needs to do with the Audit.

NEW BUSINESS: (First Reading)

1-24-O: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 28-81-O to include Tax Exemption for the construction of residential structures and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen asked if the money is broken down and if it is based of materials bought or labor or if there is any stipulation at all and Mayor Hazel noted the \$2,500 was for the remodeling aspect and not the construction. Law Director Moore noted that this is a local stipulation to add the dollar amount. CM Fleck mentioned how it is a great incentive in older neighborhoods to remodel your home. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance to a second reading, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

2-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and Boardwalk Grill, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, for the use of West Bank Road in front of the Boardwalk Grill, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel spoke about lease agreements that were being signed that

night including the Small-Town Pride lease agreement. CM Baltzell asked about the F-2 permit for beer sales and Jim Edmunds spoke about the F-2 permit and that they need it because they are using a beer truck and the company is not a part of the DORA. CM Fleck asked about having the same streets blocked off as last year and asked Chief Wale if there were any complaints or problems and Chief Wale confirmed there were not any the year before. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

3-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and Boardwalk Grill, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, for the use of West Bank Road in front of the Boardwalk Grill, LLC and declaring an emergency. Jim Edmunds spoke about the event from last year. CM Baltzell asked about the F-2 permit for this event and Jim explained how they enclose the area to make sure people cannot drink past certain points. CM Baltzell also asked about police presence and Chief Wale confirmed they had three officers there last year but two would work for this event and there were no problems that arose last year during the event. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

4-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Avanulo Consulting, LLC for organizational and management training, appropriating funds, and declaring an emergency. Dave Cahill spoke about the program and how it would benefit the City and how it is a 39-week program that would be starting shortly at the City if the Ordinance is approved. CM Clausen confirmed that they will be working with administration as well department supervisors. CM Clausen also asked if there are goals for certain dates throughout the program and Dave spoke about some bench marks at the 12-week point. CM Gray asked how failures to meet the deadlines and goals are handled and Dave spoke about how each individual will have a date set and that will help them motivate and meet these goals quicker, he also mentioned that he does not believe they will run into that problem because the measures they take. CM Clausen asked for a success story with this program and Dave explained one from California that he participated in. CM Gray asked if he has ever dealt with a municipality and Dave noted that he has not but he has worked with the Mercer County Sheriff office in the past. CM Buxton made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

5-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise and receive bids and enter into an agreement for the Pond Street Waterline Installation Project, appropriating funds, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel spoke about how Pond Street does not exist yet but it will be by the new grade school. Mayor Hazel noted that the street is being reconstructed using a grant through the state and the matching funds will be through the school and that the City is doing the waterline. CM Fleck noted that some of the road is already widened and Mayor Hazel confirmed that is correct and they will be widening the south side as well for buses. CM Clausen asked when that will be started and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted we are trying to do it in house but we may have to bid it out to complete it on time which is why they are bringing the Ordinance to bid it but the money needs to be appropriated either way and noted why we need this to be an emergency. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

6-24-O: An Ordinance appropriating funds and amending various categories within Ordinance 48- 23-O as the First Supplement to the 2024 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Auditor Shinn explained how this is to create a line item and what its purpose is for and why we need it. CM Clausen asked exactly what the funds can be used for and Auditor Shinn explained that the surplus funds can be used on supplies, staffing, training, etc. CM Clausen asked if they have an idea of what to spend them on yet and Auditor Shinn confirmed they have a plan which is why they created the surplus. CM Baltzell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

1-24-R: A Resolution authorizing the sale by internet auction during calendar year 2024 of municipally owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D). CM Clausen asked about a list of items that were sold and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted that will get that list and noted that the premium stayed the same. CM Buxton asked if we know how much was made off of the auctions and where the money goes and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted that the money goes to whichever department sold the item and he will get that number for Council. CM Clausen asked if we ever buy anything from the website and Chief Wale noted that we bought lockers one time and they have worked out well for the police department. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

2-24-R: A Resolution accepting a donation from Princess Sue Hess to the Celina Police Department and declaring an emergency. CM Wolfe asked what has been purchased with the funds and Chief Wale noted they have bought an electric bike with the money. CM Clausen thanked Princess Sue Hess for her continued donations and how much the City appreciates it. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

3-24-R: A Resolution of support for House Bill 245 to amend sections 2907.39 and 4301.25 of the Ohio Revised Code to prohibit adult cabaret performances in locations other than adult cabarets, and declaring an emergency. CM Buxton noted that they had just received this Resolution that night and had not had a chance to read the house bill, CM Buxton made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion failed with a roll call vote 3-4 Aye. CM Fleck noted that whether this gets passed or not it will likely not have any bearing on the Small-Town Pride for this year. CM Clausen noted that this is just a resolution and it just states that the City is in support of House Bill 245 and we are in agreement with what the bill is supposed to do which is to protect kids. CM Buxton noted that the bill is in committee and may get changed numerous times before passage if it ever passes and that we may support something now but the final bill may be different. CM Wolfe noted that we got the resolution today and believes there has not been enough adequate time to review this. CM Fleck spoke about how it all depends on if the House Bill 245 passes or not. President King asked the Law Director is this Resolution states our support of the bill as it is currently written and Law Director Moore noted that he did not draft this resolution but confirmed it is not a law that we are passing and noted that the City has passed similar resolutions in the past in support of local levies. CM Sanford noted that he believes this is how the majority of the City feels. CM Fleck asked if this bill changes and we had support in it would this tie our hands in anyway later and Law Director Moore noted that this would not make the city liable in any way because we are

not passing or enacting any laws. House Bills are subject to change numerous times before passage. CM Clausen made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye.

OLD BUSINESS (Second Reading):

None.

OLD BUSINESS (Third Reading):

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Hazel spoke about how he believes a personnel and finance meeting is needed either before or on the date of the next council meeting. CM Clausen asked if a half hour would be enough time and Mayor Hazel confirmed he could make that work. CM Clausen made sure other members of the committee were available and made a personnel and finance committee meeting for January 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm and Mayor Hazel stated that it would be about the strength ordinance and an adjustment to that.

Law Director Moore went over laws and deadlines that new council members should be aware of as well as a yearly roll up report that had information about the court's statistics of 2023. CM Clausen asked if these are Judge Speelman's results and Law Director Moore confirmed that was correct and explained the felony cases and difference in numbers based on judges in different positions. CM Clausen noted that he has never seen a report like this and did not know what to make of it or what to do exactly with the information and Auditor Shinn confirmed that she received the report but has not reviewed it yet.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President King spoke about the 2024 council meeting schedule and noted that May 27th is on Memorial Day and there is a meeting scheduled that day and that council will cancel that meeting but can have another meeting if it is needed throughout the month and noted that there will be one meeting in December which will be the third Monday of the month.

CM Buxton spoke about some of the street projects like Barnsbury and Yorkshire and asked if Canterbury was a part if the project and it was confirmed that it is Barnsbury up to Canterbury but does not include Canterbury.

CM Fleck noted a power outage that happened over the weekend and which pole was out and Safety Service Director Hitchcock confirmed it was from a crash but he will double check and get more information.

CM Clausen noted a new addition to the activity report and changes with the police departments reporting and Chief Wale explained that with the new software that are able to pull more detailed reports quicker than before. Chief Wale noted that the snapshot was just about two weeks' time and CM Clausen asked about the business checks and Chief Wale explained that the night shift goes and checks and makes sure business doors are locked when they have free time and will contact the owner if it is unlocked. Chief Wale noted some of the reports he is now able to run.

CM Gray asked about the mapping and crash reports and asked if there were any incidents during school hours and for Meadowview and Meyer Road and Chief Wale noted he can but it only goes back to December 12th 2023 when they put in the new system. CM Gray also noted it will be interesting to see if there are more crashes when we shut streets down for events and Chief Wale noted they will be able to track that with the new system.

CM Buxton asked about the EV charging stations and noted this is the most they have been used and Mayor Hazel mentioned he believes these are outside users and Mayor Hazel noted this is our third year of a five-year commitment.

President King adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. DiDonato, Clerk of Council



Michael F. DiDonato, Council Clerk



Jason D. King, Council President

I, Michael F. DiDonato, Clerk of Council of the City of Celina, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of 1/8/2024, and were approved by Council 1/22/2024.

_____ Council Clerk