

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – June 10, 2024

Council President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Buxton, Clause, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, and Wolfe were present. CM Baltzell was absent. Also present were Mayor Hazel, Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Law Director Moore and Auditor Shinn.

CM Gray made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

At 7:03 pm, CM Fleck made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employments, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0 Aye.

CM Sanford made a motion to accept the minutes from the 05-13-2024 meeting, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 3-0-3 Aye.

CM Gray made a motion to accept the minutes from the 05-20-2024 special meeting, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President King spoke about the Committee of the Whole that took place on 05-13-2024 to discuss the preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employments. CM Gray noted that the minutes had three Council Members who did not attend the meeting under the list of people who did attend the meeting. CM Gray made a motion to amend the minutes, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the amended minutes, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0-2 Aye.

President King also spoke about the Committee of the Whole that took place on 05-13-2024 to discuss chickens and bees within the City limits.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Rick Morales who is from Puerto Rico spoke about the March 14th 2024 tornado and how the company he works for is able to assist with additional costs that might not be covered while only using FEMA for any damage the tornado may have caused.

NEW BUSINESS: (First Reading)

39-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and the Driftwood RC Model Boat Club for the lease of the Eastview Park. Mayor Hazel noted that he believes this is a great event for the community. CM Wolfe noted that his family has attended the event many times and they have a great time and it was determined this event has been going on for thirty plus years. CM Gray noted he has family come up for the event and noted how popular it is for people out of town to attend. CM

Clausen made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

40-24-O: An Ordinance approving the Sale of Real Estate commonly known as the Public Works Building to the Celina City School District Board of Education, a political subdivision existing under the Laws of the State of Ohio, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for Sale of Real Estate. Mayor Hazel noted that this would be the best site for the school and it also works for the City because we will not have to do any land acquisition and noted that we are pleased to work with the school and he sees this as great for all parties involved and noted the school has already approved it through their board. President King noted why this may need an emergency clause and Mayor Hazel confirmed it should be passed and signed before June 30th, 2024. CM Clausen noted that the City knew the school was interested in the building and that this was a way to help the school and improve our facilities for the street department. CM Buxton noted that this was a three-year contract and that we do not have to leave the facility within the three years unless the other facility is done. CM Wolfe noted that this was a good deal for both parties and will make it more convenient and that school can then use the rear entrance when they take over the facilities. CM Buxton spoke about a little lot on the company and the Mayor confirmed it was not big enough to build a house on and CM Wolfe spoke about another small lot on the property. CM Fleck made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

41-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise and receive bids and enter into an agreement for the construction of a new restroom at the Bryson Park District and appropriating funds. Safety Service Director Hitchcock spoke about the bathroom placement on the plans and how it will match the bathroom by the splash pads. CM Clausen asked about an existing building on the plans that was then confirmed to be a shelter house. CM Wolfe asked about the sewer lines and if they would tie in anywhere and administration noted that are not sure which options is best yet. CM Buxton noted what kind of money was in the TIF to help pay for the bathroom. CM Sanford noted that with projects like these he thinks it would be ideal to add water refilling station and Mayor Hazel confirmed once some of the bigger projects are done, they ideally would like to add some. CM Clausen asked about any other planned restroom in Bryson Park and administration confirmed there would be another one by Buckeye Street in a year or two. CM Buxton asked about a bathroom Ordinance that was pulled off and asked if it was coming back because Westview needs a new restroom and Mayor Hazel confirmed it will be coming back once they make sure money from a reimbursement grant was placed into all of the correct accounts. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

42-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an amended agreement with the Celina Municipal Employees Representative Committee (“CMERC”) and declaring an emergency. Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted that that this MOU was discussed in executive session earlier that evening. CM Gray asked to confirmed if this was from CMER employees only and not Non-Union employees and administration confirmed that Non-Union employees follow the non-monetary issues of CMERC. CM Gray also asked why administration could not have entered into an MOU with police if they can now with CMERC and administration spoke about the differences being the police were in the

middle of a vote to switch representatives and if the City did an MOU it would have taken away their right to vote and would have committed an unfair labor practice as well. CM Wolfe made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

11-24-R: A Resolution opposing Dominion Energy Ohio's proposed 30% rate increase and requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny Dominion Energy Ohio's request for the same and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel spoke about the egregious increase and to give the residents a voice in the matter is why we wanted to bring this Resolution. Mayor Hazel spoke about the cost that would affect the citizens and how hard it has been to lock into a good rate. CM Clausen noted that is an increase in the distribution and it would mainly affect the residents. Mayor Hazel explained that the distributors usually ask for a high increase and it gets brought down some before they are implemented. Mayor Hazel noted that the resolution has a deadline for comments and that is why we are bringing it up now. CM Sanford noted he appreciates the City bringing this up and also spoke about the apples-to-apples website to order gas with a different supplier and Mayor Hazel spoke about the variable prices and how they can vary. CM Sanford made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

OLD BUSINESS (Second Reading):

35-24-O: An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Right-of-Way Easement on West Bank Road situated within the City of Celina, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. CM Buxton asked about the map and what is being vacated and Mayor Hazel explained it in detail. Mayor Hazel explained why we need to vacate it and how it will be beneficial for both parties. CM Fleck made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

37-24-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to award the construction of the pickleball courts fence to Hess Fencing LLC, to appropriate money from the General Fund for deposit in the Park Capital Fund, to transfer funds, and declare an emergency. CM Gray asked why this needed suspended and Mayor Hazel noted it was so we could place the order for the fencing. CM Wolfe made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

OLD BUSINESS (Third Reading):

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Hazel spoke about a letter he received about the chicken and bees and noted they can talk about that during the Committee of the Whole that has been scheduled.

Mayor Hazel spoke about the investigation process that needs to be done in order to arrest someone and it cannot only be off of a tip from a constituent and spoke a little about the process.

Mayor Hazel spoke about a possible petition to stop mosquito spraying within the City of Celina and Mayor Hazel noted that they only spray when they get complaints from the citizens. CM Wolfe spoke about his previous experience with the City and what they use to spray mosquitos and why it is effective

and also how 8 pm to midnight is the best possible time to spray mosquitos according to the EPA. CM Clausen asked how many times you can spray a year and CM Wolfe noted that they would usually spray twice a year but could spray more times if needed. Mayor Hazel noted they we have had some years where the City has not sprayed at all.

Mayor Hazel also spoke about the grass height that it has to meet before the City would be able to enforce anything and it is usually orchestrated through complaints. President King asked about the repeat offenders and administration spoke about the possible graduating steps depending on the situation and noted that there is a five-day grace period for when they receive the letter about their yard.

Mayor Hazel spoke about the Concert in the Park event and noted some of the spots that they did not fill yet and why the had to wait to fill in some of the cement at Bryson Park.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Gray asked about the sewer smoke results and administration noted we will be getting a final report from the second round of tests and that we will get it to them once we have it.

CM Buxton asked about rabbits within the City of Celina and Law Director Moore noted that you are allowed to have rabbits within the City as they are not a part of the prohibited animals according to Celina Ordinance 505.14.

CM Sanford spoke about the mosquito spray and noted that we have had two different responses to that. CM Sanford asked if we are able to give more of a notice and Mayor Hazel noted that it is weather dependent and they found out 48 hours seems to be the best practice. CM Sanford asked if we can push it out later and CM Wolfe noted that 8 pm to midnight is when the mosquitos are most active.

Mayor Hazel spoke about the recycling process and how people are able to do that and that it is not very cost efficient because people will dump non recyclables.

President King spoke about the admin reports and thanked the police officers for their fine work and catching crimes as they are committed.

President King adjourned the meeting at 8:51 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 6/10/2024, and were approved by Council 6/24/2024.

_____ Council Clerk