

## REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – March 24, 2025

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Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, Wolfe; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore

Start Time: President King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Presiding Officer: President King
- Council Members Present:
  - Baltzell
  - Buxton
  - Clausen
  - Fleck
  - Gray
  - Sanford
  - Wolfe
- Absent Members: None noted.

### 2. Acceptance of Agenda:

- Agenda Approval: CM Wolfe made a motion, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

### 3. Corrections and acceptance of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes Approval:
  - Previous Meeting: March 10th
  - Corrections Noted: Transition to a new format for capturing community thoughts and discussions.
- Discussion:
  - Introduction of a more detailed, transcript-like format for meeting minutes.
  - Aim to provide a comprehensive record of discussions without full transcription.
  - Example given to include who raised topics and specifics discussed.
- Action: Implementation of the new format to enhance clarity and completeness.
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye.

### 4. Committee Reports:

- None

### 5. Communications:

- None

### 6. Audience Communication:

- None

### 7. New Business:

#### a. Ordinance 9-25-O: Lease Agreement with War on the Shore 2

- Purpose: Authorize a lease between the City of Celina and War on the Shore 2 for Bryson Park District.
- Details:
  - Lease Terms: \$1 per annum plus current rental fees for amphitheater and shelter house usage.
  - Use: Annual one-day non-alcoholic event featuring powerlifting and food.
  - Additional Provisions: Reserved parking at Hot Water Hole for food trucks.
- Discussion:
  - CM Gray asked if there were any conflicts with that date and Mayor Hazel confirmed there were not.
  - CM Clausen noted it was a great use of the Amphitheater.

- CM Fleck mentioned it was a growing event with a favorable location.
- CM Buxton noted the waiver for damage and insurance liability.
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

b. Ordinance 10-25-O: Appropriation for Water Department Projects

- Purpose: Appropriating funds for critical water department infrastructure improvements.
- Total Estimated Cost: \$297,412.39
- Projects and Funding:
  1. Water Main Improvements:
    - Beaver Street, Mill Street to Sugar Street: \$45,000
    - Washington Street, Mill Street to Sugar Street: \$25,000
    - Blake Street, Mill Street to Sugar Street: \$25,000
    - Total: \$95,000
  2. Building Elevator Upgrades:
    - Removal and replacement of elevator components: \$144,000
  3. Water Tower SCADA Panel Replacement:
    - Replacement and communication upgrades: \$30,377.16
  4. Security Camera System Replacement:
    - Upgrades at multiple locations: \$28,032
- Discussion:
  - CM Fleck noted the waterline projects are directed to the main feed.
  - CM Fleck asked about the number of quotes that were received for the elevator and it was confirmed that one estimate from the company that works on those specific elevators.
  - CM Buxton asked if these were official numbers and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted this was to bid out and they are currently estimates.
  - CM Wolfe asked about Beaver St. and if it was in the budget and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted no because they will try to do it in house to save money.
  - CM Wolfe questioned the security camera and that they were not in the original budget and it was noted that was something that was unforeseen with the cameras going in and out.
  - CM Baltzell confirmed that all items in this Ordinance were not on the original budget and that was confirmed to be correct.
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

c. Ordinance 11-25-O: Elevator and Flooring Replacements

- Purpose: Appropriating funds for elevator hydraulic jack replacement at CMU Administration Building and flooring replacement in Police Department.
- Total Cost: \$48,928 (elevator) + \$16,354 (flooring) = \$65,282
- Funding Sources:
  - General Fund, Electric Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Park Recreation Fund.
- Discussion:
  - Mayor Hazel spoke about the elevator failure and explained how the building split works for these types of projects.
  - Mayor Hazel spoke about how the dispatchers were moved to this building the previous week.
  - CM Fleck noted the immediate need to have the elevator fixed and Mayor Hazel agreed.
- Outcome: CM Fleck 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 Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

d. Ordinance 12-25:O Appropriation of Donation Funds

- Purpose: Allocate monetary donations to respective city departments.
- Donations and Allocations:
  - Mercer Savings Bank: \$2,000 to Fire Department (Water and Dive Rescue Equipment)
  - Mercer Savings Bank: \$2,000 to Police Department (Security Cameras)
  - Celina Moose Lodge #1473: \$1,000 to Fire Department (Firefighter Training)
  - Community Dynamic Federal Credit Union: \$7,500 to Recreation Department
    - Baseball: \$1,000
    - Softball: \$1,000
    - Soccer: \$1,500
    - Football: \$4,000
- Amendments:
  - Correction of donation amount from Community Dynamic Federal Credit Union to \$7,500.
- Discussion:
  - CM Sanford noted how thankful the City was for all the donations and how they will be a big help.
- Outcome: CM Baltzell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**8. Old Business (Second Reading):**

a. Ordinance 7-25:O Lease Agreement with Ohio Marshallese Community, Inc.

- Purpose: Authorize a lease between the City of Salina and Ohio Marshallese Community, Inc. for Bryson Park District.
- Details:
  - Event: Independence Day celebration aligning with Marshall Islands' Independence Day on Memorial Day.
  - Activities: Cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, food items.
- Discussion:
  - Positive community engagement and cultural integration.
  - Scheduling considerations due to military programs on Memorial Day.
  - Past successful participation and public reception.
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**9. Administrator Reports:**

- a. Mayor Hazel spoke about the Mill St. project and how they have started installing water lines.
- b. Mayor Hazel noted the spring trash pickup will be in the newsletter and is looking forward to the City cleaning up.
- c. Mayor Hazel mentioned that the Bob Evans old property was for sale but the deed restrictions will still be in place.

**10. For the Good of the Order:**

- a. CM Sanford spoke about the recreation league sign-ups ending soon and also spoke about seasonal employment with the City of Celina may be an opportunity to help the City and make additional money.

b. CM Buxton asked about Echo St being approved for semis to go through and asked if there should be any concern about the pavement. Chief Wale noted he would check and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted he was not concerned with the pavement based on the weight of the semis. CM Fleck also noted that in those instances it should not damage the pavement with those semis in that area.

c. CM Buxton asked about 708 Echo Street being on the list for houses that have been notified about the junk in their yards and it was confirmed the engineer office sent out notices the previous week and they were more than likely on the list.

d. CM Buxton asked about possibly painting blue stripes on the street to support our police and first responders and Chief Wale noted he appreciates the thought but was concerned about the ODOT standards. CM Wolfe confirmed that something like that would need ODOT approval.

e. CM Gray spoke about a possible committee of the whole that would take about 30 minutes.

f. CM Gray noted the six interviews the fire department conducted and was happy to see that. CM Gray asked about the staffing at the police department and if there has been any progress and Chief Wale confirmed there were no lateral hires available at the moment but they have some interviews lined up and some trainees graduating soon as well.

g. Mayor Hazel spoke about the feasibility study for both the fire department and the wastewater departments and that they will need a committee to discuss the results at some point.

h. Mayor Hazel spoke about the UPS store not closing but confirmed that the HUB was closing and received confirmation that they gave their 45-day notice. Mayor Hazel pointed out that Council had nothing to do with the closing despite the unfortunate rumors.

i. President King noted that the Brush and Limb Picks up starts on

#### 11. Adjournment

- Time: 7:51 PM
- Next Meeting: To be scheduled following the completion of current action items and committee reports.



Michael F. DiDonato, Council Clerk

  
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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 3/24/2025, and were approved by Council 4/14/2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ Council Clerk