

City of Trenton
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 6th, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PRAYER

Councilwoman Montgomery led us in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Clerk Laura Daley took roll call; all members of Council were present with the exception of Vice Mayor Perry. A motion to excuse Vice Mayor Perry was made by Councilman Agee and seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing in of Personnel Board member - Diane Herbel
Mayor Calvin Woodrey swore in Diane Herbel to the Personnel Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 9th, 2023 Special Council Meeting.
2. Minutes of the March 16th, 2023 Council Work Session.
3. Minutes of the March 16th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes listed above was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. February fund balances.
2. ARPA running totals.

Finance Director Matthew Mesisklis reviewed the correspondence items briefly as this was already discussed in detail at the Council work session, explaining that the cost for the water meters and pagers were included on the ARPA expenditures list and that the March fund balances will represent our funds with the first half tax collections but that there were not much change on this February report.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE APPROXIMATELY 28.96 ACRES, PART OF LOT 3874, CURRENT PARCEL NUMBER R8600-064-000-011 LOCATED AS AN EXTENSION OF W. ARLINGTON DRIVE IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO.
Mayor Calvin Woodrey opened the for portion of the public hearing; he stated the floor was open for anyone who wanted to speak for the Re-zoning of W. Alington Dr. Todd Hall with Todd homes came up and gave a presentation. The pdf of the power point is attached here to. He then closed the for portion of the public hearing. He opened the floor to anyone who was against the re-zoning. Wanda Moyer – 606 West Aberdeen asked if these new home will actually have yards? She stated she like the wildlife and quiet neighborhood she was used to. She asked why they needed a through street and why it couldn't just stay R-1? Mr. Hall spent some time reviewing the drawings with her answering as many questions as he could for her. The mayor then closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A MOTION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BUCKEYE STATE PIPE & SUPPLY CO. TO PURCHASE FORTY (40) REMOTE WATER SHUT-OFF METERS FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$30,134.00), AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.
A motion to authorize was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
3. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH 4A COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING 11 800MGHZ PAGER SYSTEMS AT THE CITY FIRE STATION. IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,00.00) AND APPLIED TO THE GENERAL FUND LIST OF ARPA EXPENDITURES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.
A motion to authorize was made by Councilman Perry, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

LEGISLATION

1. AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE APPROXIMATELY 28.96 ACRES, PART OF LOT 3874, CURRENT PARCEL NUMBER R8600-064-000-011 LOCATED AS AN EXTENSION OF W. ARLINGTON DRIVE IN THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO.

(Second Reading, Public Hearing)

A motion to read this Ordinance by title only was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by a second by Councilman Perry. Roll call was taken; 4 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent, 1 abstain. City attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance by title only.

A motion was made to adopt by Councilman Perry, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 4 ayes, 1 nays, 1 absent, 1 abstain.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT, MODIFY, OR REJECT THE FINAL RE-PLAT OF LOTS 4787, 4788, 4789, 47900, 4791, 4792 and 4794 INSCLUSIVE, MAPLE VIEW SECTION 4B, PLAT ENVELOPE 9362, PAGE 1714-1715, PART OF LOT 1029 & PART OF LOT 1030, SECTIONS 31 AND SECTIONS 32, TOWN 2, RANGE 4, CONGRESS LANDS WEST OF THE MIAMI RIVER, CITY OF TRENTON, BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**

A motion to read by title only for this item failed. City Attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance in full, a motion to suspend the required two readings also failed so this will be up for a second reading on April 20th.

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1490, CONTROL OF EXCESSIVELY TALL GRASS AND NOXIOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TRENTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**

A motion to read this item by title only was made by Councilwoman Combs, followed by a second by councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. City Attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance by title only, a motion to suspend the required two readings was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by a second by Councilwoman Combs. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Combs and seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

4. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN 3.961 +/- ACRES OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED IN FEE BY PROESCHEL FAMILY FARMS, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC STREET, CONSTRUCTING A SEWER, AND TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**

A motion to read this item by title only was made by Councilwoman Combs, followed by a second by councilwoman Harris. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. City Attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance by title only, a motion to suspend the required two readings was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by a second by Councilman Perry. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

*A motion to read items 5 and 6 under legislation by title only was made by Councilwoman Harris, followed by a second by Councilwoman Montgomery. Roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING

THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS. **(First Reading)**

City attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance by title only. The next reading will be at the April 20th Council meeting.

6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS. **(First Reading)**

City attorney Nick Ziepfel read this ordinance by title only. The next reading will be at the April 20th Council meeting.

REPORTS

City Attorney Nick Ziepfel stated he would miss the Clerk of Council but congratulated her on her new endeavors.

Finance Director Matthew Mesisklis congratulated Laura on her new position and professional growth. He then reported that to date he recycled 18 lbs. of small electronics and batteries from the pails in the finance hallway and reminded people that the recycle bins were for use of the public and encouraged them to use them.

Assistant City Manager Nicole Ard congratulated Laura.

Council Clerk Laura Daley thanked Council for the opportunities over the last decade and stated how much she enjoyed working for Council and how much she would miss them.

AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Harris Thanked Laura for her service and stated it would be hard to replace her. She then thanked Diane for volunteering to serve on the personnel board. She thanked Mr. Perkins for all his hard work on obtaining grants for the fire department. She then reminded everyone of the Community easter egg hunt this Saturday and wished everyone a Blessed Easter.

Councilwoman Combs stated that Laura would be missed and that Council truly appreciated all that she did for them over the years. She too reminded everyone to come out for the egg hunt at the park on Saturday.

Councilman Perry Thanked Diane and Mr. Perkins, he then thanked Todd Hall for the presentation on the PUD requirements. He finished by thanking Laura for her service stating he truly appreciated everything she had done.

Councilman Agee thanked everyone in the audience for staying for the entire meeting, stating it shows integrity that these items Council is deciding upon are truly important to those that showed up. He wished Mike McSorley a Happy Birthday. He then commented on Public works that an error had been made and he was truly impressed by the fact that a public apology letter was sent to all those affected with an attempt to make it right. He finished by asking Laura if there was a number that could change her mind from leaving? He then went on to thank her for how helpful of an employee she was and hated to see her go.

Councilwoman Montgomery stated she was just sitting up there looking out on all of these beautiful people in the audience including her neighbor, she discussed how truly blessed she felt and how lucky she was to be a part of such a wonderful and caring neighborhood and community. She explained that she took an oath and had to abstain from voting on the re-zoning of her neighborhood but felt that the people she sat up here with are wonderful people and would not vote for something that would hurt anyone. She then reminded everyone of the Sunrise Easter service at the foot of the cross on Easter morning at 7:30 am at Butler County memorial park. She explained how absolutely gorgeous of a service this is and invited the community to join her

at the service. She then stated that her husband's birthday is Tuesday and that everyday she has with him is a blessing.

Mayor Woodrey stated that Vice Mayor Perry was not feeling well but asked that he tell everyone Happy Easter for him. He stated that the administration building including the tax department would be closed for the Good Friday Holiday, he then stated that the tax department would have extended hours on April 17th and 18th. He then said that as of April 4th Phones down while driving. It is now a primary offense if you are seen holding a phone and you can be pulled over and sited if seen holding a phone while operating a motor vehicle. He then went onto thank Laura for being an exceptional employee and wished her well in her future endeavors even though he was sad to see her go and that the future clerk had very big shoes to fill. He then stated to ACM Ard that Council would like to appoint her as the interim Council Clerk and asked that she let CM Nichols know that Council would need an executive session on April 20th to discuss their plan to fill the Clerk's position. He then finished by wishing everyone a Happy Easter and stated if anyone planned to travel over the hills and through the woods this Easter holiday to be safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Agee made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second by Councilwoman Harris, roll call was taken; 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. The April 6th regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.