

City of Trenton
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 1st, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

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Calvin Woodrey
Mayor
Ryan Perry Jennifer Harris Jennie Combs Dale Perry Cody Agee Sharon Montgomery
Vice Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

1. Council Member Sharon Montgomery.

ROLL CALL

Present: Perry, Agee, Montgomery, Combs, Perry (5)
Absent: Woodrey, Harris (2)

Motion –To excuse Mayor Woodrey and Council Member Harris for reasons known to City Council.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st _____ Perry _____ 2nd _____ Agee _____

YAYS: Perry, Agee, Montgomery, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Woodrey, Harris (2)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Butler County Auditor Nancy Nix.
 - a. Auditor Nix introduced herself to Council and the audience and those watching on Facebook Live, noting she was County Treasurer for 16 years and she was on Middletown City Council from 2002 – 2005. She provided literature for the Auditor’s office explaining what exactly their responsibilities are. She also discussed to 2020 decision (20% increase in property taxes for the assessment years 2017-2019) and the subsequent 2023 increase of up to 42% and the May summit held by the Butler County Commissioners and state representatives and hopefully there will be better resolution and information in the coming years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion –To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 Council Work Session and Regular Council meeting.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st _____ Agee _____ 2nd _____ Combs _____

YAYS: Perry, Agee, Combs, Perry (4)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: Montgomery (1)
ABSENT: Woodrey, Harris (2)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. None.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

1. Jason Fontleroy; Dayton Ohio
 - a. He wanted to speak about his encounter with the police department. He owns the vacant lot on bloomfield court and feels like he is being bullied. Police were there on bloomfield court and took his information and proceeded to let him leave. When he came back he found that some of his property was taken and the police told him they impounded it. He believes it was “theft” and the police department should not have taken any of his property. This time, the police came back and were told that he was chasing someone around with a hammer and now he’s been charged with a 2nd Degree Felony (F2). He cannot go away for 8 years – he has a daughter he has to take care of. Presented lot information to Council. He expressed that he is scared to work on his own property.
2. Kevin Grathwohl; Barrington Court
 - a. He expressed that he was watching the Work Session on Facebook Live. He asked Council to reach out to leadership (elected officials) in other communities and ask why they moved to full-time. Noted that everyone is moving to full time and he doesn’t believe that we should go back (from a 4 person shift to a 3 person shift). He expressed that he fully understands the impact that a 42% property tax increase will have on our residents. He appreciates the efforts currently being made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

LEGISLATION

1. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**
2. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**

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Finance Director – Matthew Mesisklis noted that he attended the Government Finance Officer’s Association (GFOA) annual conference in Portland and learned quite a bit. While he was there, he received notice that the City of Trenton received the annual GFOA Budget Presentation Award. This would be either year 4 or 5 of receiving this award.

AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL

Ms. Harris – Absent. No reports.

Ms. Montgomery – Appreciates everyone who works for the City who makes the City a perfect place for her to live. Expressed importance of Police and Fire and she enjoyed hearing Nancy Nix’s presentation. Expressed thanks to Chief Yater, and the fire department staff and to all City employees.

Ms. Combs – Mentioned the passing of Kenneth Achberger who was a Trenton fire employee and served as the Fire Chief as well.

Mr. Perry – Thanked Nancy Nix and Fire Department.

Mr. Agee – Thanked Vice Mayor Perry for conducting the meeting, and thanks to Chief Yater and Fire Department Staff for attending, and for Nancy Nix for coming and attending the meeting. Mentioned last year the State of Ohio passed legislation to limit special elections (they cost around \$20 Million). Even after passing, there will be another Special Election this August. Hopefully people get out and vote. For the August 8th 2023 Election, the Deadline to register to vote is July 10, 2023; Early in-person voting begins July 11, 2023; Absentee Voting by mail begins July 11, 2023; Military and Overseas Absentee Voting begins June 23, 2023; and Election Day is August 8, 2023. Hope everyone had a safe memorial day weekend. Remember those brave men and women who lost their lives. Also expressed appreciation for reading the two pieces of legislation out and not by title only.

Vice-Mayor Perry – Expressed thanks to Fire Department and everyone that spoke this evening. The levy passed 10 years ago and won’t last forever. Willing to put more General Fund revenue into the Fire Levy fund. Springfest is Saturday (Noon – 4pm). Looks to be hot but a sunny day.

Mayor Woodrey – Absent. No reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion - That the meeting be adjourned.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Agee 2nd Montgomery Time: 8:53PM

YAYS: Perry, Agee, Montgomery, Combs, Perry (5)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: Woodrey, Harris (2)