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HEATH CITY COUNCIL

Oct.16, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order Oct. 2, 2023 at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Invocation delivered by Porter. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Roberts, Kelley, Moretti, Porter, Morrow, Crabill, Cole. D. Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Oct. 2, 2023. Second by Crabill. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. **Minutes Approved**. Mayor Johns, J. Morrow Auditor, and D. Morrison in attendance.

Visitors:

Alita Kay 6885 Canyon Road. She had questions about Ord. 79-2023 and Ord. 80-2023. The mayor and Jared responded to her questions and the Chair suggested for her to stay for The Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. that is on Ord. 79-2023 and Ord. 80-2023.

Petitions & Communications:

Memo from Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on Thursday, September 28, 2023. In regard to Ordinance 79-2023, the Commission recommends that Council approves the Ordinance as drafted.

In regard to Ordinance 80-2023, the Commission recommends that you approve the amended Ordinance.

Motion by Crabill to receive and file communications. Second by Porter. All in favor "aye"
Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Budget: J. Crabill met this evening at 6:58 p.m. The following were discussed:

Auditor Jay Morrow presented the Finance Agenda.

Approval of minutes: September 18, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion by Porter to approve the minutes - Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote- All Favor "Aye" Vote – Minutes approved.

Legislative Request:

- 1). An ordinance appropriating \$482.00 from the General Fund to Fire Levy 1 Fund – Minor Equipment
- 2). A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an OPWC application to replace a water line on Franklin Ave. .
- 3). An ordinance amending Heath Codified Ordinances section 183.03, headed "Definitions," by amending subsection (11)(N) to change the age of individuals whose income is exempt income from under age 16 to under age 18
- 4). An ordinance amending Heath Codified Ordinances section 183.10, headed "Penalty, Interest, Fees, and Charges," by amending subsection (C)(4) to reduce the penalty for failing to timely file returns repealing section 183.10as to subsection (C)
- 5). Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor

Other Items: Approve YTD/MTD Fund Report as to form. Porter motion to approve YTD Fund Report Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. Approved

Tax Administrator Bev Shepherd: The late filing reduction to a maximum of \$25.00 starts with tax year 2023, which will be filed early 2024. The 18 years old filing requirements vs. 16 years old does start with tax year 2024, which will be filed early 2025.

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Public Services: D. Morrow met Sept. 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Public Service Committee meeting was called to order on September 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Utilities Director John Geller first discussed water. He presented a Resolution concerning the OPWC grant for the Frankin Avenue waterline. This would possibly increase the line from 8" to 12". This grant will be awarded in July 2024. The pump for Well #10 is scheduled for delivery in December 2023 or January 2024, hopefully.

Wastewater: The new Vac- Truck has arrived. Training has started. Also, the unit is needed by other departments, a wastewater representative should be present. A discussion about wastewater reuse and reclamation. A drawing was presented for the possible reclamation area. Great advantage to the city. The possibility of sewer service to Betty Avenue, Ethel Avenue and Hazel Avenue. This could tie in the Dorsey Mill and Franklin Avenue project. Once again, no delinquents. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Public Safety: A. Porter will meet Oct. 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Streets & Drainage: J. Roberts met this evening at 6:38 p.m.

Superintendent of Parks & Streets Bob Geller first discussed 2023 Paving Program which is essentially done with a few details and minor issues to finalize. The Street Building, we are going to have to switch to a different contractor. Paper work is being processed with that switch. We still anticipate that project will be done by the end of the year. Leaf pickup is scheduled for Nov. 13th and 14th with possible updates either earlier or later depending upon when the leaves fall. Final discussion was on a guardrail at the intersection of Harris Avenue and Parkview Drive. This will be looked into by Bob for additional information on this. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Community Development & Zoning: P. Moretti will meet Oct. 9, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House: D. Cole met this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Called to order: 5:30

1.) **Inclusive Playground** – Playground is to be delivered October 10 and will hopefully be installed that week. We have previously received donations for this project in the amount of \$10,000 from Newark/Heath Rotary and \$500 from First Federal. Jan Wilkin reported that the Licking County Foundation has notified the city that they will be giving \$20,000 toward the inclusive playground.

2.) **Pool Report & 2024 Membership Rates** – The Pool Report was presented for the period of 1-1-23 to 9-26-23 comparing it to the same period for 2022. Overall, after all income and expenses to date have been tabulated, we have a net loss of \$85,441.74 compared to a loss of \$124,115.27 for last year. We anticipate the loss for this year to be higher as we are still receiving expenses for the year. A projection for expenses for 2024 as compared to 2023 was also discussed. Research has been done to compare staff salaries to other pools and we will be increasing salaries approximately \$3 - \$4 per hour to be able to attract staff for the upcoming season. We anticipate Personnel costs to increase approximately \$311,392 compared to 2019 which was the last year we were fully open. A chart was also provided with recommended increases in our fee structure.

3). **Pool Parking Lot** – The pool parking lot has been sealed but will have to be redone as they did not remove the dumpsters.

4). **Paving Hill on Walking Path at Geller Park** – Bob reported that this has been paved and looks great.

5). **Other Items:** Bourbon & Jazz Event at the Davis Shai House – Jarod Lane attended the event and reported that it was a nice event with good music and that there were probably 50-60 people in attendance.

Adjourned: 6:38

Planning Commission: J. Crabill met Sept. 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

3 Items on Agenda:

- 1). Lot Split 2-2023 – Lot 211 Forest Hills. N.E. Corner of the cul-de-sac on Aspen Court. Approved.
- 2). Linnview Crossing Phase 2- Variance request – vertical curve percentage – Approved
- 3). Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. re: Ordinance 79-2023 and ordinance 80-2023

Other Items:

Ord.79-2023, the Commission recommends that Council approves the Ordinance as drafted.

Ord. 80-2023, the Commission recommends to council that you approve the amended Ordinance.

Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.,

Ordinances on First Read:

Ord.81-2023 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$2,652.43 within the General Fund to Fire Levy 1 Fund – Other Equipment- **Held Second Read**

Ord.82-2023 Authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to City of Heath – Heath City School District Central Parkway Cooperative Agreement between the City of Heath, Ohio, and the Heath School District amending the City of Heath – Heath City School District Central Parkway Cooperative Agreement, entered into as of August 20, 2018 – **Held Second Read**

Ord.83-2023 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$60,000 within the Capital Improvement Fund to police – Vehicles – Motion by Porter to waive the second read of Ord. 83-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive the second read approved. Motion by Porter to adopt Ord.83-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.83-2023 Adopted**

Ord.84-2023 An ordinance approving a memorandum of agreement to amend the collective bargaining agreement between the City and F.O.P. Lodge 127 and the Ohio Labor Council to complete a wage scale adjustment for the Sergeants and Officers – Motion by Porter to waive the second read of Ord.84-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive the second read approved. Motion by Porter to adopt Ord.84-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.84-2023 Adopted**

Ordinances on Second Read:

Ord.76-2023 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$17,000 within the Capital Improvement Fund to Building – Service Building Repair for removal of old carpet and pews in Council Chambers and purchase of carpet squares and chairs – Motion by Moretti to adopt Ord.76-2023. Second by Morrow. Comments or discussions - President Tim Kelley. Looks Great! Roll Call Vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord. 76-2023 Adopted**

Ord.77-2023 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$8,000 within the General Fund to Income Tax – Other Service to contract with CMI for lifetime access – Motion by Crabill to adopt Ord.77-2023. Second by Cole. Roll Call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.77-2023 Adopted**

Resolutions First Read:

Res.2023-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required – **Held Second Read**

Res.2023-18 Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor – Motion by Crabill to waive the second read of Res.2023-16. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive the second read approved. Motion by Crabill to adopt Res.2023-18. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Res.2023-18 Adopted.**

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor – Welcome visitors! I would like to Thank, The Licking County Foundation for their \$20,090.00 donation towards helping ensure the playground equipment at Geller Park is more inclusive and more accessible to kids that have physical differences than others. I think it is a great thing making our playground in Heath utilized by children with challenges of various types. Bob, Thank You for helping to spearhead this. Licking County generous donation as well as donations from The Newark/Heath Rotary and also First Federal Savings is helping offset the cost to the city for making this improvement for the playground equipment at Geller Park. We are very appreciative of that! I also want to thank city council for waiving and passing tonight Ord.84-2023. We live in what seems to be strange times. As we look to attract and try to hire individuals in our safety forces. We have talked about how important this is and for this measure to work because if it doesn't, I don't know what else we can do. I am looking at some

of you here tonight members of The Police Department and want you to know we have taken a pretty important step here. We know all of you inside of The Police Department know how great this community is in Heath and how much support this community gives you. I am always proud to see how much support you guys all get from our community. Our Police Department is an excellent place for Law Enforcement Officers to work. Those of you who are in our department can help amplify that fact and help us staff our Police Department at the level that we want it to be. Again... Thank council for stepping up and doing this but the work is not over. Any effort that we can engage individually or together to make sure people know how great of a place this is to work in.

Auditor J. Morrow – Welcome guests!

P. Moretti – Welcome guests!

D. Morrow – Welcome guests!

Porter – Welcome guests! Update on The Boys Heath Golf Team. 2 seniors qualified to District Tournament Sectionals. Senior Riley Baum and Senior Keenan Kelly. They play on Wednesday in The Districts for a chance for the State Meet. Congratulations to both of them. Looking forward to Wednesday to see what this brings!

D. Cole – Welcome guests! In the interest of everyone's time knowing we have a Public Hearing to move forward to next That is all I have for my report.

J. Roberts– Welcome everyone. I wanted to let council and the mayor know, I will not be here on Oct. 16, 2023. I have surgery on the 13th and if I am physically able to be out, I will be at another location.

J. Crabill – Welcome visitors!

Jared Lane – Welcome guests!

Chief Haren – Thank you for waiving and passing Ord. 83 and Ord. 84 this evening. Also like to thank the Heath City Schools and the North Fork Local School. The Heath Football Team and the Utica Football Team for taking the measures they did for the fund raising for the Moone Family. It meant a lot to The Moone Family and to us. They very much appreciate it.

Motion by Crabill - Adjourn – Second by Cole – All in Favor “Aye” Meeting Adjourned



Clerk of Council



President of Council