

Regular Council

November 4,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jarvis presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Council President Wynn Kearns, Keith Bacin, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, Assistant Finance Director Rachel Fagan, and Chief Troy Weaver.

Residents and other guests: Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road; Nick Robles of 167 Kimberwick, Rodney Earick of 121 Woodside, Alexandria Hildebrand of 11 Salem Road, Denise and Michael Benson of 216 Breton Dr. and Roger and Kimberly Sterry of 530 Highridge Rd.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse
Councilman O'Brien.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Motion by KEARNS to recommend
the appointment of Michael Benson
to fill the vacant Council position created
by the resignation of Aaron Hoptry.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to recommend
the appointment of Rodney Earick
to fill the vacant Council position created
by the resignation of Adam Gongwer.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

SWEARING IN

Mayor Jarvis swore in newly appointed Councilman Michael Benson.

Mayor Jarvis swore in newly appointed Councilman Rodney Earick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bacin noted the Old Business had wrong terminology; "moot" not mute.

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of October 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Abstains: 2 (Benson and Earick).

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of October 29, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Abstains: 2 (Benson and Earick).

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:55 p.m. Seconded by BACIN

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Jarvis requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

Alexandria Hildebrandt of 11 Salem Road asked for assistance regarding slowing down speeding vehicles on Steam Corners Rd inside the Village limits. Ms. Hildebrandt stated it is obvious that no one is driving 35 miles per hour. Chief Weaver noted that there are two areas that are known to have speedy driver issues, Salem Road and Darby Drive. Chief Weaver explained the predicament due to the layout of the land and obstructed from installing portable solar powered speed limit signs; it would require temporary placement on private property. Councilman Bacin suggested running radar occasionally, deterring the speeding. Council President Kearns noted that area is known for speeding because of the directional pathways in and out of the Village.

B.J. Price of Skate Ohio spoke to Council about his efforts applied to updated Lexington's skate park on Plymouth Street. He just completed a new skate park at Veteran's Park in Shelby, Ohio. The proposed updated skate park would require tons of publicity to open doors for people to make donations.

Roger Sterry who has a business at 274 East Main Street asked that Lexington officials and others join him in Lexington becoming a tulip city. Mr. Sterry also requested to review and update the sign ordinance. Mr. Sterry compared the signs he had to remove to real estate signs. The Village had him take down his smaller signs in front of his building. Mr. Sterry believed his signs were done in good taste but agreed to remove them; hoping Council would review the ordinance. Mr. Sterry's multiple signs were beneficial and done in good taste; especially since it was helping commerce for the Village. Mr. Sterry believes it would be easy to relax the ordinance; as long as the criteria is in good taste, pleasing and promotes commerce. Mayor Jarvis stated that Planning Commission is currently reviewing/updating our zoning ordinances, and he encouraged Mr. Sterry to attend November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Kearns announced the update Standing Committee members:

Finance: Mr. Little [chair], Mr. Bacin, and Mr. O'Brien

Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Earick [chair], Mr. Bacin, and Mr. Benson

Public Utilities: Mr. Wise [chair], Mr. Earick, and Mr. Little

Rules & Personnel: Mr. Bacin [chair], Mr. Benson, and Mr. O'Brien

Safety Service: Mr. O'Brien [chair], Mr. Earick, and Mr. Wise

Streets & Sidewalks: Mr. Benson [chair], Mr. Little, and Mr. Wise

FINANCE REPORT

Report will be given at November 18th meeting. Mr. Them reported that he is currenting working on the 2025 operating budget and will require finance committee to meet sometimes in December at 6:00 p.m. before Council meeting. Councilman Little reported he reviewed and approved October's checks and balances.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Peter Them:

Mr. Them is currently working on the 2025 operating budget in hopes of completing it by the end of the year.

Councilman Little asked if Highridge Road will be paved before the end of October. Mr. Them replied to Paul Getz telling him he will be paving November 13th.

Councilman Bacin complimented the Street Department's picking up the leaves.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Mayor Jarvis reported Kimmy's Cucina has purchased Rite Aid's liquor license which they plan to use primarily for wine sales. This first must be approved by this board.

Motion by LITTLE to approve Kimmy Cucina's purchase of liquor license.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Chief Weaver welcomed Rodney and Michael to Council.

Drug take back last month brought in 16 pounds; we were the third highest in the county.

There were no issues with Trick/Treat or the Haunted Hallways.

Councilman Little congratulated Chief Weaver on Lexington and the "Safest Municipality in the State" as commended by F.B.I.

Councilman Bacin asked about the parked car at Swigart Field. It has been parked there for several days. Mr. Ward noted the owner of the vehicle is in the hospital.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin:

Early voting ended Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Two locations are available for early voting. Otherwise polls open at 6:30 A.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 24-42 by Mr. O'Brien

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAYLEE A. BIGLIN AS A FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by KEARNS to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Chief Weaver reported this is the 11th officer hired. We have allotted 12 officers. Ms. Biglin will start on or around the 18th of November.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-43 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER FOR THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE UNALLOCATED FUNDS.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by WISE.

DISCUSSION: Making funds available for possible purchase of land.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

Motion by LITTLE to adjourn to
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of real property.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Mayor Jarvis requested Attorney Studenmund, Finance Assistant Fagan, Chief Weaver, and Administrator Them to attend the Executive Session.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion by LITTLE to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:39 p.m.

Motion by KEARNS authorizing the mayor
to negotiate a purchase price and execute a purchase
Agreement for the Village's purchase of real property.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor