

## Regular Council

November 17,

22

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

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Robert Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little and Jeff O'Brien.

Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive. Robert Heckathorn of 150 Sherwood Drive. Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road. Corey, Kameron, Ben Layton of Troop 152, and Heather Layton of 1973 Bellwood Drive.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse  
Councilman Wise.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

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

Motion carried.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes  
of October 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yea: 4; Nays: 0; Abstain: 2 (Alleshouse, Jarvis).

Motion carried.

### **FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment  
for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor White 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.

Mr. Robert Heckathorn of Sherwood Drive complained about the 'fiasco' the Village is experiencing with removing leaves from the curb lawns. Mr. Heckathorn noted the Village has been collecting leaves for two weeks; and no one has been down Sherwood Drive. Mr. Smallstey said he received same amount of compliments versus complaints. Mr. Smallstey recommends letting the Street Supervisor continue doing his job as best as he sees fit. It was noted we were running on one leaf machine for a week; the other broke down. Mr. Smallstey also wanted it be noted that the street department has been helping with the water leak on the square; and still gathering leaves.

Mr. Keith Bacin of Cedarwood Drive applauded the Street Department for wonderful leaf pickup practice. Mr. Bacin has noticed the Village has been seeking Parks employee for over a month. He suggested reviewing the pay scale and changing to make a little more appealing. Mr. Bacin reminded Council that the Police Department was just experiencing the same problems attracting new employees until they were offered more money.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Committee met before Council; Ordinance tonight in reference to that meeting. Bills have been checked and approved for October.

SAFETY SERVICE: Committee met before Council. Appropriations for tonight's session have been adjust for this meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Minutes from last meeting are approved. Met with Veolia, [previous Suez] regarding the new meter installations.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: We will have joint meeting with Planning Commission on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

No report. Mayor White reported income tax collection is up 10.9% more than 2021 amount.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrative Director Andrew Smallstey:

The water break at Village Square is turned off; not repaired but shut off only. A new valve was installed on Plymouth Street. A delay was experienced to allow time for parts to come in. We will repair the leak permanently in spring.

The aeration basin diffuser replacement project is nearing completion at the wastewater plant. Previously done in 2014 and 2018. The membranes were replaced in all the laterals with one area that has developed a malfunction. Pelton representatives have arranged for the installation company to return for necessary repairs and final payment will be held back until completed.

Fire extinguisher, egress lighting, sprinkler system, and range hood have been inspected in all village buildings for 2022. All is in compliance; one egress light has been ordered for replacement at the Depot.

ODOT approved 100% funding on the abbreviated safety funding application for the safety study for East Main Street. Approval for \$500,000.00 worth of funding with Village responsible for overages only.

Light Up Lexington is set for November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will hold regular program with High School Choir and the Symphonic Band. LUL posters awards will be issued at Senior Depot.

Councilman Kearns asked if property across the street will be taken into consideration to use during Light Up Lexington. Mr. Smallstey confirmed he has.

### **Mayor's Report**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Liquor license name change for new owners of Buck's Restaurant. No requests were heard for hearing.

Mayor attended ribbon cutting at Dog Park in Bellville and grand opening for Buck's Restaurant.

Mayor White will be serving on Richland County Transit Board, \$2.7 million was granted for round-a-bout located at Home Road and Lexington Springmill.

CIC met last week to approve more monies for upgrade across the street. (fence, paving, lights, etc.)

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

No report.

### **PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer:

Last day to vote is tomorrow.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE 22-29 by Mr. Kearns  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

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

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

DISCUSSION: Applications will be accepted early December/January.

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

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 22-30 by Mr. Little  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR NOVEMBER FOR ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL FUNDS, AND SECURITY FUNDS.

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: All part of the budget.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No comments.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilman O'Brien read the following letter given to the Village:

*“One of your staff kindly helped me at the gas station next to the municipal building recently. His name was Robert and he saved the day for me. Please give this man a raise and a few weeks of extra paid vacation”*

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor