

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 8:21 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council Vice President. Council considered going into executive session early in the Council Meeting to give time for Mr. Michniak to arrive because they would need six people to pass emergency legislation tonight.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Marianne Glenn, Anthony Lombardo, Lisa McDaniel

ABSENT: Jennifer Wagner, Steve Michniak [joined at 8:35 p.m.]

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
David Nott, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Robert Reinholz, Fire Chief
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Sal Ruffo, Parks and Recreation Crew Leader
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MS. WAGNER AND MR. MICHNIAK.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2024 – 2025 TAX BUDGET AND THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2024 AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

Mark Curtis, Twinsburg, introduced himself. He was running for State Representative, 35th House District, which included Streetsboro. He wanted to introduce himself to the Streetsboro officials and learn more about Streetsboro and its needs and concerns. He said he'd lived in Twinsburg for over 20 years and spent the last 10 years serving on the School Board and had served on the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Board of Education. He'd been in education for nearly 30 years and felt this was the next iteration of his experience and wanted to be a good representative in Columbus. Mr. Hannan said Carmen Laudato, a former Streetsboro Council Member who was running for County Commissioner, had spoken highly of Mr. Curtis.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz said the two-week activity log had been sent out. Walmart had a Safety Fair last Saturday that the Fire Department attended and helped with car seat safety. Woodside Lake Park had a nice fireworks show last Saturday and the Fire Department was there. One of the hotels in town was being remodeled and the department took the opportunity with no customers there to train regarding laying hose and using the standpipe in the building. Chief Reinholz also reported about the near drowning of a child that was saved and she has successfully recovered.

Chief Wain reported that they had started work on raising the police station to fix the cracked walls for the portion of the building that was sinking. She also reported that Sgt. Siedlecki had

graduated from advanced supervisory training/Police Executive Leadership. Sgt. Graham would be the next one to go and then Sgt. Siedlecki would go to the 10-week senior leadership training at the National Academy at Quantico. At the next Council meeting, they hoped to present Life Saving Awards to the two citizens at the scene and also Officer Martinez who helped save the child who almost drowned. She had been underwater for about 4.5 minutes but was now doing very well without deficit. Chief Wain reminded everyone to be very vigilant with children around water; drowning is very quiet, not splashy like in the movies. Mr. Hannan mentioned that he had seen something online about the best color swimsuit to wear in clear pool water or in lake water to be better seen if you go under.

[Mr. Michniak joined the meeting at 8:34 p.m.]

Mr. Hannan thanked Mr. Ruffo and the Parks staff for all the work they do to keep the parks looking nice. Mr. Ruffo reported that the Brew & BBQ Bash was coming up soon and would be a big event in City Park this summer. Everyone was getting used to the new Community Center and they had had their first wedding rental that had gone well. The senior citizens were enjoying the Senior Center, but they had lost two long term Senior Center attendees this week. The Locks of Love arch was in and would be installed soon. The baseball season was wrapping up; there had been 7 or 8 big tournaments that brought a lot of visitors to Streetsboro. They had begun clearing some brush and vines at Floyd North Bicentennial Park to prepare for the construction work to begin there soon.

Mr. O'Malia reported that he had sent out a departmental update last Friday for Council to review.

Mr. Czekaj reported the City Center was coming along: the splashpad plumbing work was about 50% complete; the bathroom was about 80% complete, the City Hall building would be presented at the next Council Meeting; paving had started for Page Road, Bartlett Road and Elliman Road; First Energy was doing a big project along their easement which ran along Ravenna Road up to SR 303 and through Stonegate that would last through December.

Matt Miller reported that the State Auditors had sent out the Fraud Questionnaire to the Council Members and they should return those questionnaires as soon as possible. [Mr. Michniak took over chairing the meeting.]

MOTION: TO ADD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AT THE END OF THE COUNCIL MEETING PER THE MAYOR'S REQUEST.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mrs. Glenn. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried 6-0.**

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULE OF THREE READINGS FOR T-7624, T-7625, T-7626, T-7627, T-7628, AND T-7629.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7624 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MEET THE PORTAGE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION SUBMISSION DEADLINE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-97.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7625 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED SUPPLIER TO SUPPLY NATURAL GAS TO ELIGIBLE COSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3.75/Mcf FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AND IF THAT RATE IS NOT AVAILABLE, \$3.75 Mcf FOR TWELVE MONTHS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACT.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-98.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7626 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH MAS CONSTRUCTION AND VARIOUS OTHER VENDORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION TO IMMEDIATELY PROGRESS.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-99.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7627 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DWA RECREATION TO PURCHASE TWO MEMORIAL BENCHES FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,825.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-100.

Moved by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mrs. Glenn. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7628 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN

ESTABLISHING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AREAS IN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ENSURE IMMEDIATE LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

The Clerk mentioned that there was an error on the ordinance the Council Members had in the packet. The account number listed in Section 2 should be #101-44-5338.

MOTION: TO AMEND T-7628 TO CORRECT THE ACCOUNT NUMBER TO #101-44-5338.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-101 AS AMENDED.

Moved by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mrs. Glenn. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-7629 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE TRADE-IN OF TWO USED CITY VEHICLES AS PART OF A PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY FORD AURORA FOR A HEAVY-DUTY FORD F-450 CHASSIS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AS A SIGN TRUCK, AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-135 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE OF THE TRUCK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-102.

Moved by Mrs. Glenn, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading

T-7630 AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS, APPROVALS AND CERTIFICATES RELATED TO SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES.

Clerk read by title as directed for first reading as amended in tonight's Service Committee Meeting.

T-7631 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1165 OF TITLE FIVE, PART ELEVEN (PLANNING AND ZONING CODE) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO GUARANTEE THE PERFORANCE OF A BUILDER THROUGH THE REQUIEMENT OF A SURETY BOND.

Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

None.

Mayor’s Report

None.

President of Council’s Comments

Mr. Michniak apologized for not being at the meetings tonight on time, but he had been called to his other job. He also reported some news he had heard tonight: that David Benjamin, local attorney, had passed away tonight. He was a very nice guy, helped with some labor negotiations for Streetsboro, was very knowledgeable about local government and always willing to help young attorneys, and he will be greatly missed.

Council Members’ Comments

Mr. Lombardo thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and the bystanders who assisted with the near drowning recently. He said most people don’t appreciate the safety services until they need them for themselves or a loved one.

Mrs. McDaniel said she was looking forward to the Do It for James Foundation Walk/Run Day of Fun on Saturday, July 20, 2024. She had been able to talk with Mrs. Woods and felt this was a great cause to support in our community.

Mr. Hannan reminded everyone he would be absent from the next Council Meeting because he would be out of town for military leave, but he should be back to attend the July 29, 2024 Nuisance Properties Work Session.

Announcements

Streetsboro Family Days is July 26-28, 2024 at City Park.

There will be a Special Service Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024, starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION: TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. McDaniel. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried 6-0 and the meeting recessed at 8:48 p.m.** The department heads were dismissed for the evening.

MOTION: TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mr. Ring, this meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Steve Michniak, Council President

