

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:28 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President.

PRESENT: Anthony Lombardo, Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Mike Lampa, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, 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
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO ADD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TODAY'S AGENDA AFTER REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS/BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND BEFORE READING THE LEGISLATION TO DISCUSS HIRING AND COMPENSATION.

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

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023 – EMC SIGNS, AND THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023 AS WRITTEN.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None.

Reports/Communications from Depts/Boards/Commissions

Mrs. Kremer reported there was an error on Ordinance No. 2023-26 Contract to Remove Trees at City Park passed at the last meeting. The account number printed on the ordinance did not actually exist and the account number should be #405-81-5431. Council Rules allow the Clerk to make clerical corrections to ordinances with Council's confirmation, so she asked for a motion of acknowledgement regarding this correction.

MOTION: TO CONFIRM THE CORRECTION TO ORDINANCE NO. 2023-26.

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

Chief Reinholz said he was sorry to have missed the last Council Meeting were the Celebration of Life Awards and proclamations were given out based on the competency and professionalism of the medics. He reported that the Fire Department had been doing drills at the schools regarding evacuations, and training on EV vehicle battery fires. He also reported that the new Ford

Explorer had been delivered but would take a few more weeks to be upfitted with lights, etc. There would be an active shooter drill this summer with the Police Department and the County EMA.

Chief Reinholz reported that he had hired a grant writer to write an application for the federal FEMA SAFER grant (a federal grant for hiring FT firefighters) that would pay 100% of the salary and benefits for new full-time firefighters for three years. The departments always tried to apply for various grants to get free money. The SAFER grant used to pay 100%, 75% and 50% for three years so the Fire Department had not applied, but now it was 100% of the benefits and salary for all three years so the Fire Chief wanted to apply. The applications opened on February 13 and closed on March 17, 2023. He and Matt Miller worked out the annual cost for the wages, health care, pension, etc. for a fulltime firefighter. He said he wanted to apply for the SAFER grant to hire 6 FT firefighters because the call volume had increased 71% over the last three years (3,352 vs. 2,600). The system the Department had in the past was adequate, but it was not adequate any longer; the Department was really stretched and needed to do something. He explained that he had basically six people on duty (3 FT firefighter/paramedics and 3 PT firefighter/paramedics). The part-timers were great, but Streetsboro was their part-time job so overtime at their full-time job took priority for them.

The grant application wanted to know how many times a week was there a call off. Chief Reinholz said it was five times a week, not always for the whole 24 hour shift but maybe for 1 hour, 2 hours, or 10 hours and he had to find a way five times a week to fill in that time. He was looking for ways to get more people and have someone else pay for it, and the SAFER grant could do that. Even if the City applied, there was no guarantee the City would get the grant. The SAFER grant would pay for three years as a reimbursement per bi-weekly pay period after the first \$30,000, so there would be a lot of record keeping involved.

Chief Reinholz said to apply for this game-changer grant they had hired a professional grant writer who used to review the FEMA grants. He had been very successful at getting grants, but there was no guarantee. They had been working on gathering the data and writing the grant, but FEMA would want to know that if Streetsboro was awarded the grant Streetsboro would accept the grant and any costs associated with the grant. That's why he wanted to present this topic to City Council. If awarded, the City would have the grant for three years and then after three years the City was not obligated to keep the people, but if the City didn't keep them then the City would be back to the same staffing situation we are in now.

Mr. Ring said these firefighters under the grant would be in the union and the City would not be able to get rid of them (fire them) just because the grant expired. Chief Reinholz said often firefighters were reluctant to join a department that had a SAFER grant because they knew it was a three-year commitment. The annual cost for a firefighter was calculated to be \$128,907.37, so it would be about \$780,000 for six firefighter/medics for one year, and a total of about \$2,340,000 for six for three years that the federal government would be paying Streetsboro during the term of the grant. Mr. Ring was concerned that the City would not be able to come up with \$780,000+ after three years because the City didn't have it now to hire six FT firefighter/medics. Chief Reinholz said there would be options at that time 1) get rid of the firefighter/medics under the grant; 2) levy a public safety levy; or 3) find money in the budget. He said the City could reapply for the SAFER grant again when the grant ended, but Chief Reinholz was looking at \$2,340,000 of free federal money for a few years. Mr. Ring didn't want to have to go to the voters and say "we need a public safety levy or we're going to have to fire six people." He said that could be decided later, but he was pessimistic.

Mr. Lombardo was familiar with this grant because he worked for a fire department. He said a lot of fire departments hired individuals with the understanding that they would put in the three years and then possibly have to seek other employment; he said this was common. He said not only did it help the communities get full-timers, but it helped those individuals build their resume

and get better at their job and once the grant was done, they would have a resume they could use to go to another department. Mr. Lombardo supported using this free money and allowing the firefighters hired under this grant to get the experience they need with the understanding that after three years the job was not guaranteed.

Mr. Lampa commented that this was free money for three years, and the staff was needed because the call volume had increased so much, so the City should go for this grant. He commented that he felt the City would have to go for a safety levy anyway because the City needed to be safe and couldn't operate with the same staffing levels with a 71% increase in calls.

Mayor Broska had talked with the Fire Chief and thought he was going to apply for three FT firefighter/medics with the SAFER grant, not six. There had been a recent retirement from the department, but that salary was already in the budget and that position would be replaced. Mayor Broska emphasized that he was not in favor of asking for six FT firefighter/medics with the SAFER grant, not at \$780,000/year. He said the City would have to generate many more millions of dollars in income tax revenue to afford this expense. He said he would be more willing to apply for three firefighter/medics with the SAFER grant because the City may have a chance of coming up with \$385,000/year to maintain the three people after three years, and not commit to six people. He agreed the City may have to go after a safety level at some point in time. He said if the City got the grant for three firefighter/medics and could not afford them after three years, it would be an issue to have to let them go.

Mr. Michniak asked the Law Director to clarify what issues would need to be considered regarding the collective bargain agreements and union contract, whether it was three or six people. He was concerned that the budget would be even tighter in three years with a national economic recession coming, so he wanted to know about any legal issues regarding letting these people go after three years, or would the City be forced to fund those positions. Mr. Beni suggested exploring the possibility of entering a three-year contract with the firefighters. Mr. Michniak asked Mr. Beni to explore the options and let Council know about the worst case scenario before Council would vote on the final acceptance of the grant (if it was awarded).

Ms. Wagner commented that all the safety forces (police, fire, dispatchers) needed staff with the increased call volume. Chief Reinholz was only aware of grant money for fire and EMS; and he knew that cities had let union people go because it was management's right to let people go when they didn't have the money.

Chief Reinholz explained that this request was based on the way the department was set up. He knew a year in advance the vacation times for his three full-timers. The part-timers were on a 28 day cycle and he didn't know today how many people he would have on June 1. He knew he'd have three people, but he needed to run six people. The call volume had increased and there were more doubles and triples that came in at the same time. The Chief even filled in shifts himself to make sure they were covered. He had wanted to submit the grant application for six firefighter/medics so he would have seven full-timers and even with vacations he would be able to open every day with five, plus whatever part-timers could work. He emphasized that he got five call offs per week and had to figure out how to fill the spots. He said Council needed to decide the level of service they wanted and he would do the best he could to make it work.

Mr. Hannan agreed the Fire Department needed people, and if there was money available the City should take advantage of that. Mr. Ring said the City needed to put its ducks in a row first; if the City would put a safety levy on the ballot, it should do that first to have the funding secured for after the three years expired because he didn't want to get caught in three years with a \$780,000+ bill that the City couldn't afford. The deadline to submit this grant application was March 17, 2023.

Mrs. Field said she was slightly uncomfortable with this because if staff was needed now and then in three years, after the City was used to having the additional staff, the City would have to let the people go, the services would be affected. Mrs. Field agreed with Mr. Ring that the City really ought to proactively consider what would happen at the end of three years, and needed to make a plan now so it could be implemented in three years to keep some if not all three. She appreciated Chief Reinholz looking to get free money, but she was feeling rushed and uncomfortable that there was not a plan for the end of the grant period. Maybe a levy should be considered, but she wasn't sure. Mr. Hannan agreed a safety levy may be something to talk about, especially with the need for dispatchers and other safety officers.

Mr. Lombardo commented that the good thing about this grant was that if the City got it, the City would have three years to plan and if the City didn't put on a levy, the ones hired under the grant would understand that they would be let go. He said it didn't matter if the grant application was for six or three people because, if there weren't enough funds after three years, the City could let all of them go. He said Bedford just did it. Mr. Ring was concerned the services would suffer if the people were let go, but Mr. Lombardo said the services were suffering now and they could be improved with free money for three years and make plans for what to do in three years. Ms. Wagner commented that crime or the need for emergency services had never gone down over time. She said six new staff members would be great, but how would the City sustain that in the future. Mr. Ring agreed the City would like 10 more police officers and 10 more firefighter/medics, but one of City Council's main responsibilities was fiduciary to the citizens of Streetsboro and Council had to look at that first. Mrs. Field noted that at least two Police Chiefs prior to Chief Wain had mentioned the need for an additional dispatcher, so it had been an issue for a while and there were a lot of safety issues that needed considered. Ms. Wagner said the volume of calls for most of the local departments was too much for one dispatcher by themselves to handle and they were moving to two dispatchers per shift.

Mr. Lampa agreed with Mr. Lombardo. Mr. Lampa understood the Council Members were elected to run the City's budget, but he also felt they had an obligation to keep the citizens protected and he didn't want to turn down free money, and there would be three years to figure out what to do when the grant expired. Mr. Ring equated this situation to people who took balloon mortgages in the early 2000s thinking they had time to work out how to pay that mortgage and then had not figured out how to pay the bill when it came due, so he worried the City wouldn't be able to come up with the money in three years to keep the staff. He said the City needed to start having discussions regarding a safety levy or cutting something else out of the budget; he had a problem with doing things reactively instead of proactively, and he wanted to be able to know that when the grants expired the City would be able to continue that level of service and not have to worry whether it could or not. He wasn't saying to not accept this grant, but if the City was to accept the grant it should do it responsibly and make efforts to figure out how to keep the staffing levels increased. Mr. Lampa agreed and added that the current staff was going to get burned out and leave with the heavy work load, which would make staffing even worse. Mr. Ring said everyone agreed the City needed to increase the safety services, but needed to determine the manner in which to do it.

Mayor Broska said he didn't have a problem starting with three, but didn't think the City could come up \$780,000+ in three years. There was a need for firefighter/medics, police officers, dispatchers, Service Department staff, but the City needed to have a plan in place before acting. There was an immediate need, so he suggested going for three with the SAFER grant and then go from there, but it was not a good idea to go for six and take on a commitment of \$780,000+. If the City received the SAFER grant and hired three people, Council would need to have a discussion on what to do for the future; the administration could provide the figures for the expected costs for additional employees. Mayor Broska said he'd also like to have at least four more patrolmen on the road. He said this was not about not wanting to keep the citizens safe, but the emergency calls were not going unanswered; Streetsboro received mutual aid and it

provided mutual aid. The Fire Department was averaging 9 calls a day and it was frustrating when more than one came in at the same time.

Mr. Lampa said what he wanted to see for discussing the future was the staffing model for the police, fire and dispatch, and what it was five years ago. Mayor Broska said, it's probably very similar. Mr. Lampa was concerned that the City population had grown over the last five years, but the staffing had not. Mayor Broska noted that five years ago the Fire Department didn't have the same problem of getting the part-timers to work that there was now. There were so many jobs available for full-time firefighters that the part-timers move on to a full-time job somewhere very quickly. He said each full-time firefighter and full-time police officer was over \$130,000/year and the City still had to have dump trucks, waterlines, and other staff to run the City. Mr. Lampa said there was staff added to other departments (Zoning Inspector, Building and Zoning staff) but not concentrating on the safety forces, and there were only four officers on the roads on the weekends when there were more safety issues. Mayor Broska noted there were times when there were more than five officers; Council got the Police Department report every week that listed the staffing.

Mr. Hannan wondered if asking for three in the SAFER grant would be more likely to be awarded than asking for six. Chief Reinholz answered that they look at the NFPA standards regarding how many people were on scene in a certain time period and if adding people would get the department closer to meeting those standards/benchmarks. Chief Reinholz that all the major cities provided staffing by using SAFER grants.

Mr. Michniak thought with the deadline coming up on March 17, 2023, it wouldn't hurt to apply for three firefighter/medics because the City didn't have to actually accept them until maybe June or July. He said the next Council meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2023 so Council should give the Fire Chief some direction tonight. Chief Reinholz had already hired a grant writer, so Mr. Michniak suggested letting him prepare the grant for three (since the Mayor would probably veto six and therefore the City would run out of time and not be able to apply for any) and then on March 13, 2023 Council could to decide to let him apply for it or not.

Chief Reinholz said the reason he wanted to apply for the SAFER grant this year, and had not applied in previous years, was because the grant used to offer 100% of the salary the first year, 75% the second year, and 50% the third year, but now it was 100% of the salary for all three years and they were including pay and health insurances increases over those three years; overtime was not covered by the grant. He clarified that what SAFER needed was a commitment by the City government that they would accept the grant. The application form was almost completed already. Mr. Michniak supported applying for three firefighter/medics because he agreed with Mr. Ring and didn't want to have the large, expensive commitment of six (\$780,000+) as the country was going into a recession.

Mr. Lombardo argued that applying for six was over \$2 million of free money over three years and if the City could not afford all six after three years those people would understand and move on and go to other jobs; this was common practice for a lot of communities. The firefighters appreciated the experience and moved on to another job. He didn't understand what the big deal was; it was free money and it happened everywhere, Bedford and Maple Heights just did it.

Mrs. Field commented that not only will the Fire Department need more staffing, but so will the police officers and the dispatchers, so if the City had six firefighter/medics the City would be placed in a position to have to decide, if the City had the financial ability to keep three of the six, should the City keep all three or give the police department an officer or two or a dispatcher or two. And what ramifications would there be from the unions? She wanted to be able to give all the departments more staffing, but the City needed to be financially responsible about it. Mr. Lombardo didn't understand why Streetsboro wouldn't want to take the free money and spend

the three years working on ways to afford to keep the new firefighter/medics; he said it happened all the time in other communities, even those with unions.

Mr. Hannan said the City would get used to the level of service after three years and wouldn't really be able to let these people go and go back to the old level of service, so the City would have to come up with the money, which wasn't clear now how that could be done. Mr. Hannan was willing to discuss a safety levy, but felt that if the City brought on six people, it would almost force the citizens to support a safety levy or else the City would have to decrease the staffing by six people and reduce the service level, which no one would want. Other agreed with that observation.

This discussion had gone on for a while so there was a proposal to schedule a special meeting next Monday to be able to discuss this topic more in depth. Mrs. Field asked, if the application was submitted for six and then if it was awarded, could the City only accept three. Chief Reinholz said once the City got the award certification the City would have 180 days to hire; if the application was for six people, they would expect the City to hire six people. If the City only hired three, it wasn't being honest with the government on what the City had wanted, and could ruin the City's chances for future grants.

Mr. Ring asked if it changed the odds of getting the grant if the City applied for three or six. Chief Reinholz answer that the way it affect the odds was how many the department could put on scene. NFPA wanted the departments to put 13-14 people on scene within 10 minutes, including mutual aid. Sometimes Streetsboro was on scene without mutual aid with only six people. With the grant application for six, the City had a good change of getting the grant because it would boost the number on scene; NFPA wanted the departments to run a four man engine company, which Streetsboro could not do. Streetsboro was unique because it was a combination (full-time and part-time) fire department. The system had worked perfectly up until the last couple of years with the call volume increase, and 20% of the time there were two calls together and sometimes three calls at the same time. Everyone responded to calls except the secretary, even the Chief and the Fire Prevention officer. Chief Reinholz wanted each call to get the best possible care so the ambulance went out with two people and usually the command car with another person, which was 2/3 of the department. He said they had moved people around to try to meet the needs, but last year "broke the back." He had wanted to apply for six people because then he could cover the shifts and have six people to respond to calls. It was very difficult now because five times a weeks he got requests off for people that could not come in.

Mr. Ring said if it was free money the City should apply for 10-12 people, and then let them go after three years, but there were many repercussions (financial, service level, etc.) to consider for when the grants expired. Chief Reinholz said the City had to be realistic and apply for what it needed not just wanted. As Fire Chief he was trying to explain the needs of the department to Council. He understood it was Council's fiscal responsibility to decide what to do with the City's money, but there were cities all across the country (Elyria, Bedford, etc.) who let the SAFER grant people go after three years because those people knew it was a three year contract, and the union had no say in it.

Mr. Ring suggested a special Safety Committee Meeting next Monday to allow Mr. Beni time to get information together on the repercussions and legalities of this, and to allow the Chief to get Council the grant information so Council would have the information to work with instead of continuing to discuss this now, then he realized that Council could get that information by the next regular Safety Committee Meeting on March 13 and still make a decision in time to meet the March 17, 2023 deadline. Chief Reinholz clarified that he didn't really need legislation, but he did need a mutual understanding that Council would accept the grant if it was awarded. He did need to know now how many firefighter/medics to apply for because he couldn't have the grant writer rewrite the application in a couple days if the number changed. He had planned to have the grant writer attend tonight, but he was out of town.

The SAFER grant was available every year. Each grant award was for three years. There was no guarantee a grant would be awarded for each application. At the end of three years, the City could apply for another SAFER grant to retain the people that had been previously hired under the SAFER grant, or to hire new people, but the grant could not be used to pay for currently employed staff; but there were no guarantees.

Mr. Lombardo agreed with Mr. Ring that Council needed information from the Law Director to make an informed decision.

Council considered scheduling a Special Safety Committee Meeting next Monday to discuss this issue further, but some members could not attend. Mr. Michniak said it had been made clear the Mayor would not support applying for or accepting a grant for 6 FT firefighters because the City would not be able to fund \$780,000+ in three years, so there was no use in doing so if the Mayor would just veto the legislation and then no grant application would be submitted. Council suggested writing the grant application for 3 new FT firefighters and discuss the issue at the March 13, 2023 Safety Committee Meeting. Mr. Michniak thought the grant application, due by March 17, 2023, would need some kind of Council action (legislation or a motion to send a letter of approval saying the City would accept the grant should it be awarded) so he wanted to include the topic on the March 13, 2023 Safety Committee and Regular Council agendas in a motion.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS SAFER GRANT ISSUE TO THE MARCH 13, 2023 SAFETY COMMITTEE AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Chief Wain reported that Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. is a Dine to Donate event at Dairy Queen to support the School Resource Officer program. There would be some “celebrity” servers helping that night: the Mayor, Chief Wain, SRO Kyle French, a Councilman or two, and some school administrators. Dairy Queen had become a great partner with the Police Department.

Mr. O’Malia reported that only 30 out of 100 Ohio college kids graduate within 6 years, so the other 70 were likely to move back home. On March 7, 2023 he would speak to the Streetsboro high school students about the great career opportunities in our own backyard, including all the manufacturing businesses that offered tuition reimbursement because not graduating was not always because they weren’t bright, it may just be financial. High schools often hosted colleges and the military to recruit the students, but for the first time ever there would be a Career Fair at the high school to recruit people to the industrial companies, which the City depended on for its income tax base, on March 15, 2023 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

MOTION: TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER HIRING AND COMPENSATION.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Michniak. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried and the meeting recessed at 8:27 p.m.**

MOTION: TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Ring. Upon voice vote, **motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m.**

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-7388

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-185, THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE. [#3]

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-37.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7389 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF STREETSBORO FOR PAYMENT OF THE 2022 REVENUE SHARING TO THE STREETSBORO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO IMMEDIATELY MEET THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-38.

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

T-7390 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH OLD HICKORY BUILDINGS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A STORAGE SHED NECESSARY TO HOUSE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AT STREETSBORO CITY PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-39.

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

T-7391 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PERFORMANCE BASED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DIRECTION HOME AKRON

CANTON TO ACCEPT AN AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE AGREEMENT.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

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

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-40.

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

T-7392 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT OF ANDREI NOVA AS A FULL-TIME ZONING INSPECTOR, ESTABLISHING HIS COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-41.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7393 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH DELL TECHNOLOGIES FOR PURCHASE OF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FOR COMPUTERS, MONITORS, SOFTWARE AND RELATED HARDWARE FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO TIME SENSITIVE PROPOSAL.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7394 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY DBA BOBCAT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN E60 R2-SERIES BOBCAT COMPACT EXCAVATOR, PLATE COMPACTOR, AUGER DRIVE UNIT AND COUNTER WEIGHT FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRADE IN ONE CITY OWNED NEW HOLLAND E80 EXCAVATOR WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7396 A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

T-7397 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON REUTERS dba WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION TO UTILIZE THE CITIZEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ANALYSIS AND REPORTING SYSTEM (CLEAR) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-45.

Moved by Ms. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon roll call, **motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading

T-7395

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 143.12 AND 143.13 OF TITLE FIVE, PART ONE (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES AND OTHER MONEYS AND PROPERTY BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk read by title as directed for first reading.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

None.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Broska had given the State of the City report to the Chamber of Commerce on February 15, 2023 and it was available on You Tube. Mayor Broska thanked Jim Boardwine and his high school students for producing the video for the public and for City Council Members to view.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Hannan had enjoyed the State of the City presentation at the Chamber luncheon and liked seeing all the achievements of the City highlighted.

Council Members' Comments

Everyone wished happy birthday to Julie Field and Jen Wagner who both had birthdays in the last four days. Mr. Ring noted a second error on Ord. No. 2023-26 that had an account number corrected earlier tonight. The date of receipt from the Mayor had been marked by the Clerk as "2-14-25" and would be corrected to read "2-14-23."

Mr. Lombardo said the State of the City speech by the Mayor two weeks ago was awesome. He also said he appreciated the conversation had earlier tonight where everyone could present their varying thoughts and the group could come up with a plan. He said he would be at the Dine to Donate event at Dairy Queen tomorrow.

Announcements

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 12, 2023.

There will be a Safety Committee, a Service Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, Council President