

This City Council Organizational Meeting was called to order on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Broska. Mrs. McDaniel gave an invocation and then Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Jon Hannan, Lisa McDaniel, Jennifer Wagner, Anthony Lombardo, Marianne Glenn, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Tricia Wain, Police Chief
Kevin Grimm, Fire Captain
Kara Dolansky, Asst. 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
Dan D'Agostino, Residential Building Official
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

Nominations and Election of President of Council

Mayor Broska opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Mr. Ring nominated Steve Michniak and Mr. Lombardo seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Upon voice vote to elect Steve Michniak as Council President for 2024, **motion carried**. Mayor Broska turned the meeting over to Mr. Michniak.

Nominations and Election of Vice-President of Council

Mr. Michniak opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice President. Mr. Ring nominated Jon Hannan and Mr. Lombardo seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Upon voice vote to elect Jon Hannan as Council Vice president for 2024, **motion carried**.

Committee Assignments

Mr. Michniak listed his committee assignments and took volunteers for the unassigned positions:

Safety Committee Chair	Jennifer Wagner
Safety Committee Vice-Chair	Marianne Glenn
Service Committee Chair	Tony Lombardo
Service Committee Vice-Chair	Jon Hannan
Finance Committee Chair	Justin Ring
Finance Committee Vice-Chair	Steve Michniak
Firefighter's Dependents Fund Board (2)	Tony Lombardo
	Justin Ring
Streetsboro VCB Council Representative	Jennifer Wagner
Streetsboro VCB Council Alternate Rep.	Lisa McDaniel
Parks and Recreation Liaison	Jon Hannan
Senior Center Liaison	Lisa McDaniel
School Board Liaison	Jon Hannan
Youth Sports Organizations Liaison	Tony Lombardo
Rubbish/Trash & Recycling Contact Person	Tony Lombardo
Technology/Social Media/Internet Contact Person	Jon Hannan

Amendment of Council Rules

Mr. Michniak asked if there were any thoughts on any changes to the Council Rules. There was some discussion about possibly changing Council Rules regarding a Council Member being allowed to participate and vote in meetings electronically, i.e. via Zoom, when they were unavailable to attend a meeting in person. It was explained that the State had allowed it for a short time during the COVID-19 pandemic, but that authorization had expired and electronically voting was prohibited by the State.

Mr. Hannan brought up an issue that was not addressed in Council Rules regarding when an elected official who was a member of the National Guard or the Reserves was deployed and would be absent for a length of time: Should that person have to resign? Would there be a temporary appointment to fill the seat until the person returned? Mr. Michniak commented that there was a federal law that prevented an employer from firing, demoting, or withholding promotions or bonuses the soldier would have otherwise gotten if they were not serving. The Clerk noted that there was a question on whether elected officials were “employees” and if that federal law would apply to them. Mr. Michniak wanted to come up with a way to support the deployed soldier. Mr. Ring noted the City could not remove an elected official; the Charter spelled out the limited reasons City Council could remove an elected official, including unexcused absences, but serving would be an excused absence. Mr. Hannan agreed the deployed service member could volunteer to resign his position, but he wanted to know what the options might be if the person did not want to resign, but still not hamper the business of the City by only having six people on Council. Mr. Hannan felt this issue needed clarification for all the City elected official because the Charter stated that the Mayor could be a member of the National Guard too. He suggested it be added to the discussions during the next Charter Review Commission meetings.

There were no Council Rules amendments suggested tonight by anyone in the room. Council could bring up Council Rule changes at future meetings if there were any other ideas to be addressed.

Announcements

The Service Committee Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Hannan, this meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Steve Michniak, President of Council