

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2024

Mayor Hurst led the council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present were: Council members: Mayor Hurst, Chris Horn, Kasey Metz, Sarah Gregory, Bob Cox, Scott Fogle, Don Dohrman; **Also present were:** Manager Jeff Sheridan and Law Director Lenee Brosh. **Absent:** None.

The invocation was given by Chris Horn.

EXCUSE FROM MEETING

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Christ Horn, to excuse Mayor Hurst from the April 9, 2024, regular council meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** Mayor Hurst **Absent:** None.

MINUTES

Don Dohrman made a motion, seconded by Sarah Gregory, to adopt the April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes and the April 23, 2024, Council Workshop minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None. **Minutes adopted.**

CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

Manager Sheridan received a Thank You card on behalf of Margie Penny for the street sign with Mr. Penny's name.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mike Craft asked if CM-24-22 on the Alternative Tax was omitted and not read previously wherein he was informed that it was not. He asked regarding CM-24-24 if Juneteenth would be an official day off for the Village wherein, he was told it would. He further questioned CM-24-25 regarding vacation being paid to the City Manager if other employees were allowed to do this. He was told that currently they are not, but are in the process of changing policies.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance CM-24-17

Ordinance CM-24-17 was introduced by council and read by title only by Law Director Lenee Brosh. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 93.30 THROUGH 93.35 REGULATION OF WEEDS AND GRASSES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON, OHIO. Scott Fogle wanted to clarify how the communication for this was going to go out to the Village residents. Manager Sheridan said that he would expect the notice to the public of this ordinance to go out through multiple outlets such as the website, Facebook and local newspaper. Once the community has been notified they can start earlier with imposing fines. It was also discussed about putting a short statement on the water bill on the front so as to not cause an extra charge of an additional page. A motion was made by Scott Fogle and seconded by Chris Horn to adopt *Ordinance CM-24-17*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** Bob Cox. **Absent:** None.

Resolution CM-24-22

Resolution CM-24-22 was introduced by council and read in full by Law Director Lenee Brosh. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION TO PROCEED UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE TAX DOCUMENT FORMAT PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 5705.281 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. A motion was made by Chris Horn and seconded by Kasey Metz to adopt *Resolution CM-24-22*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** Bob Cox. **Absent:** None.

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Resolution CM-24-23

Resolution CM-24-23 was introduced by council and read in full by Law Director Lenee Brosh. A RESOLUTION TO UPFIT A NEW 1 TON DUMP TRUCK FOR USE IN WATER DISTRIBUTION, SEWER DISTRIBUTION, AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT. Bob Cox asked why they were purchasing another new truck when one was just purchased. It was explained that this was the truck previously purchased, but needed to be upfitted for use with the Village. A motion was made by Don Dohrman and seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt *Resolution CM-24-23*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

Resolution CM-24-24

Resolution CM-24-24 was introduced by council and read in full by Law Director Lenee Brosh. AN RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH AS A RECOGNIZED MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY. Bob Cox asked why we needed another holiday as we already had Martin Luther King Day. He further stated what was the difference between the two and that there wasn't a single black person in the Village or working at the Village. Council then responded by saying that it should have been done previously to recognize this holiday. Bob Cox then stated that he resigned from the council. He stated that they didn't need him and every comment he made was knocked down. He said he was done and walked out of the meeting. Mayor Hurst thanked him for his service. A motion was made by Don Dohrman and seconded by Chris Horn to adopt *Resolution CM-24-24*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

Resolution CM-24-25

Resolution CM-24-25 was introduced by council and read in full by Law Director Lenee Brosh. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYOUT OF UNUSED VACATION TIME TO THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER, D. JEFFREY SHERIDAN. A motion was made by Sarah Gregory and seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt *Resolution CM-24-25*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

Ordinance CM-24-26

Ordinance CM-24-26 was introduced by council and read in full by Law Director Lenee Brosh. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.03 MEETING PLACE AND TIME OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON, OHIO. Mayor Hurst said that the second reading would be at the workshop. This will be voted on after the second reading of the ordinance.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Manager Sheridan stated that he received the National Fitness Council report and the \$200,000.00 funding was not successful. They are willing to continue to work with us as long as we are making progress.

Manager Sheridan talked about the traffic study. He has suggested that the Village pay 45%, the school pay 45% and the township pay 10%. He will request a proposal before doing this study.

Manager Sheridan stated that we had received \$14,000.00 in funding from Premier Health to help support three of the Village events including Third Thursdays, Fireworks on 4th of July and Rock the Hill.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Fogle said that he had reached out to a previous member of the Park Board. Manager Sheridan said that they need to budget money for this board in next year's budget. Don Dohrman suggested that they discuss this at the workshop about what would be required and expected of this board. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this board, please contact the city manager or a council member.

Scott Fogle asked about the vacant building legislation. Manager Sheridan said that he chose to delay that a month due to the length of the agenda.

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Manager Sheridan stated that the developers would be coming to the next workshop to give a presentation and answer any questions.

Kasey Metz asked how the Hamilton Street project is going. It was stated that nothing has been done as of yet. There will be no parking on the north side of the street until the 571 project is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah Gregory said that the first Third Thursday will take place on May 16, 2024 from 5-8 p.m. It will take place on Washington Street and not on 48 due to construction.

She also stated that LALA Sugarland will be having their grand opening on May 18 at 11:00 a.m. and will be starting with a ribbon cutting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Lynn Yount from 200 Cedar Drive talked about the RV situation again. She said that they were given approval for as long as there is a solid place for it. They have lived there for 60 years. She also stated that she had a written variance regarding the size wherein she was advised that a variance would not cover this aspect of the RV situation.

Scott Fogle said that he had done research on the RV Ordinance. He said he found that the discussion started July 22, 2014 and that Mr. Kline was the city manager at the time. This discussion went through the end of September. The size of the RV was changed from 20 feet to 30 feet. On October 14, 2024, the ordinance was revised. If the RV was longer than 30 feet, it was prohibited from being stored at a residence. The exception would be to store in a Village approved building on the property. He further stated that grandfathering and exceptions were discussed but were not decided on.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

Mr. Green asked if the mowing rules went for the Village as well because there were tall weeds by the retaining wall. He said the town looks the worst it has looked since he's lived here. He was told that they would look into this issue.

Mr. Craft stated that he had been coming to council meetings for a long time. He understood the frustration of Mr. Cox and other citizens being bullied, ridiculed and belittled by council. He said that he was told by one council member that he was not a good West Miltonian because he didn't attend the solar eclipse party in the park. He continued to talk about these issues. He also said that there is a Code of Conduct for members of the community to talk, but where is the council's Code of Conduct. Mayor Hurst thanked Mr. Craft for his comments and that they would talk later after they had calmed down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

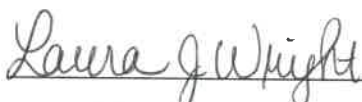
A motion was made by Chris Horn, seconded by Sarah Gregory, to move into executive session pursuant to Section 4.12(B)(5)(c) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sarah Gregory, seconded by Mayor Hurst, to end the executive session. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Sarah Gregory, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.



Laura J. Wright

Clerk of Council



Scott Hurst

Mayor