**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**March 21, 2022**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The March Council Meeting was held in the Municipal Building - Council Chambers. Those present were Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Sharon Lally, Jeanne Perkins and Christine Resnik. Russell Riffle was absent.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Shelton asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Ms. Lally stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of February 2022. Ms. Lally made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Ms. Resnik. All members present voted Aye.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Ms. Lally made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members present voted Aye. The February minutes were approved.

**Communications** – The Fairfax Police Department received a thank you letter from the Hacker Automotive Group thanking them for all they do for the community and their business. Signed by Greg and Tammy Hacker.

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**Committee Reports**

Ms. Lally attended a Zoom meeting with the Board of Health and let Council know that 2022 rates would stay the same, no increases. Ms. Resnik mentioned that construction should start soon on playground. The Parks Committee is starting to look at the next phase of the playground, to include tables/benches and additional playground equipment on the original site. The Committee is also looking at costs and how to finance it. Mr. Kessel stated the Planning Commission will begin to hold a series of meetings to review the Villages Zoning Codes and make necessary updates.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$6,023.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
February 2022. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Report. Ms. Lally made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Report, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

The Ordinance Under New Business supports the establishment of a process for the disbursement of settlement proceeds from opioid litigation to Ohio communities to help abate the opioid crisis.

The Village has received the electronic plans for the exterior door project for the municipal building. Large sets of paper plans will be dropped off so that they can be reviewed for a zoning permit from Mr. Perkins. They will then be delivered to the county building department for the permit review process.

No further update regarding scheduling/timing of the playground project. We are still expecting it to start 2-3 weeks from now, weather permitting.

At the April ECC meeting, Ms. Kaminer will have information and details on the rec center roof refurbishment project. This can be done through a cooperative purchasing contract. The plan will be to have an ordinance prepared for the April council meeting to approve the cost of the project through cooperative purchasing.

**Police Chief Report**

The Hamilton County Police Association meeting on March 10th went very well. Approximately 184 people attended the function. The Police Department is currently going through some remodeling to create a larger kitchen area for the Department. The new hire process to replace Officer Kaminsky is on-going and has been narrowed down to 2 candidates. Chief Bronson requested that the Personnel Committee provide dates to interview the 2 candidates, within the next couple of weeks. Chief Bronson stated that there were no 911 calls with any reference to Murray Rd. last month. This was a follow-up item from last month’s Council meeting when a resident had stated that he called 911. Still no update on when the Department might receive the 2 new cruisers on order. A 6-day traffic survey was performed along Murray Road. Average speed was 18 mph, the speed limit is 25. Averaged 616 vehicles per day. There was one 55 mph speed violator, but it was an officer going on an officer needs assistance run in the middle of the night.

**Fire Chief Report**

Fire Chief Mike Siefke was in attendance and re-introduced himself to Council. He will attend Council meetings going forward.

 **New Business:**

**Ordinance 05-2022**

Ordinance 05-2022 Approving Participation in the Region 2 Governance Structure Under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Ms. Lally made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Ms. Resnik. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Perkins. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 06-2022**

Ordinance 06-2022 Establishing the Permanent Maintenance Foreman of the Labor and Custodian Force as a Salaried Employee and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Ms. Lally made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Kessel. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 07-2022**

Ordinance 07-2022 Providing for the Employment of Legal Counsel. *First Reading*.

**Resolution R2-2022**

Resolution R2-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Positions of Chief of Police, Lieutenant, Sergeant and Patrol Officer of the Police Force. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye.

**Resolution R3-2022**

Resolution R3-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Full-Time Tax Clerk. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye

**Resolution R4-2022**

Resolution R4-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Tax Administrator. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye

**Resolution R5-2022**

Resolution R5-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Civilian Police Clerk. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Resnik made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Perkins. All present voted Aye

**Resolution R6-2022**

Resolution R6-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Village Administrator. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye

**Resolution R7-2022**

Resolution R7-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Village Fiscal Officer. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye

**Resolution R8-2022**

Resolution R8-2022 Modifying the Compensation for the Labor and Custodian Force. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to amend Section III of the Resolution to read, nine dollars and thirty cents ($9.30). Ms. Lally made a motion to amend the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Ernst. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye

**Old Business:**

None.

**Council Discussion:**

None.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments**

Ms. Diamond Moore, from the Madisonville Education & Assistance Center, (MEAC) was in attendance and spoke about the organization and the services they provide. MEAC provides both food distribution and financial assistance to families/residents that qualify. They are located at 4600 Erie Ave. within the Eastminster Presbyterian Church. The staff is available Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm. They can be contacted at 513 271-5501 or email at contact@meaccincinnati.org.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lally

Motion was seconded: Mr. Kessel

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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