**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**October 17, 2022**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The October Council Meeting was held in the Municipal Building - Council Chambers. Those present were Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Christine Resnik, Russell Riffle and Sharon Lally. Jeanne Perkins 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 September 2022. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Mr. Kessel. All members present voted Aye.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Ms. Lally made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All members present voted Aye. The September minutes were approved.

**Communications**

None

**Michelle Balz, Hamilton County**

Michelle is with Hamilton County R3source, the Solid Waste Division for Hamilton County. Their mission is to reduce how much waste goes to the landfill. Ms. Balz spoke about their Plan and various initiatives going forward in order to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. They will work with any entity in the county that creates waste. The biggest program that R3source has is the Residential Recycling Incentive Grant. The Village of Fairfax participates in this grant and received approximately $2,500 for 2021.

**Committee Reports**

The next Planning Committee will be Wednesday, November 2nd to continue the review and update of the Zoning Code. A search is underway to find a replacement for Mr. Erickson, who resigned from the committee. Parks Committee - While discussing the new playground, Mr. Ernst asked if anything could be done to improve the safety of the taller slide at the new playground. Ms. Kaminer will look into any potential solutions.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$3,496.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
September 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**

2022 Street Project: Ford Development is finishing up curb work on Oriole Court where it was dug up for water line replacement. The lines have been tested and have been approved by GCWW. Duke Energy has two more residents on Chickadee to upgrade their gas connections and that street will be ready for repaving. Once all of the utility companies are out of the way, Ford will schedule with JK Meurer to do the milling and repaving of those streets.

Park Area: We are working with Kleem to come up with a custom sign for the new playground area that will include rules such as park closed at dusk, no smoking near the turf areas, no climbing on outside of towers, etc. Mr. Huskey is working with the concrete contractor to hopefully get the remaining walkway and steps in this year, possibly.

The turf invoice has not been paid due to the one area of turf not yet fixed by the turf company. Forever Lawn of Ohio is not local and has us on the list to repair that area soon. The final inspection of the playground is still outstanding, so until that is complete, that final invoice will also be held.

Ms. Kaminer checked the NatureWorks website today and still no postings or information about awards for Round 28 of funding for the proposed play items we have planned for the east side of Ziegler Park.

**Police Chief Report**

Speed sign on Watterson was put up on 9/14. Average speed was 19 MPH, with fastest recorded speed being 36 mph. Camera system for the park area is on backorder. The Department continues to meet with GBS Filebound personnel to implement new software. Chief Bronson attended a meeting with Hamilton County regarding ecitations, which are electronic tickets. Hamilton County is the only county in Ohio that does not use ecitations. There is no estimate as to when this may be implemented. The Center for Exploited and Missing Children’s Unit was in Fairfax Office to do research and investigate a cold case of 2 missing boys from 1964. No new information was discovered. The Police Department is looking into the Divert Program, which is through Women Helping Women. This is a program to assist with domestic violence.

**Fire Chief Report**

The Department had 21 calls for the month of September. There were 16 EMS and 8 fire related. The Department hosted a successful Chili cookoff on 10/15. The Department did several demonstrations for those in attendance and there is talk of expanding the event next year.

 **New Business:**

**Ordinance 22-2022**

Ordinance No. 22-2022 To Provide for the Current Expenditures and Other Expenses of the Village of Fairfax, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022 with a Transfer of Funds from Computer Fund – Mayors Court, Unappropriated to Computer Fund – Mayors Court, Operating Supplies and Materials and from General Fund, Unappropriated to General Fund, Other – Other 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 Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye.

**Resolution R11-2022**

Resolution R11-2022 Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. 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 R12-2022**

Resolution R12-2022 Authorizing the Drawing of Warrants in Payment of Amounts Due Upon Contracts or Orders for Three Thousand Dollars or More Pursuant to a “Then and Now” Certificate, in Conformance with Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1). Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Riffle made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Council Discussion:**

Ms. Resnik asked about yard signs being available to support the Fire Departments tax levy on the ballot in November. Mayor Shelton mentioned they should be available in a week. Mr. Ernst commented about the great job everyone did in getting the playground area up and running. He has received positive comments from other parents regarding the nice new park.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**

**None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Riffle

Motion was seconded: Ms. Lally

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Carson Shelton, Mayor Robert Doppes, Fiscal Officer