**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**February 21, 2023**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The February 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 January 2023. Ms. Lally 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 January 17, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All members present voted Aye. The January minutes were approved.

**Communications**

None

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Kessel stated that the Planning Commission met on Monday January 23rd to discuss the rezoning the property at 3691 Arrow Point Way to residential. The Commission will also meet on Wednesday, March 1st to continue the review and update of the Zoning Code.

The Parks Committee will have a grand opening for the new playground on April 15thfrom 10 – 12.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$6,164.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
January 2023. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Report. Mr. Kessel made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Report, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Cincinnati Sports Club Annual Update**

Mr. Tom Fiorini provided his annual update on the Sports Club. The agreement between the Sports Club and the Village of Fairfax started in 2012, was updated in 2016 and runs through 2038. The agreement creates a great opportunity for residents to be members of the Club. 268 households are now members of the Sports Club. Mr. Marco Fiorini discussed how the Club has come back from Covid. Staffing now exceeds pre-Covid staffing numbers, membership is at its highest level ever and usage is back to 100% of pre-Covid usage. In 2022 the Club resumed all social programs. Surveillance cameras have been updated; Tri Health has added a Primary Care physician upstairs. The wage band for employees is now $17.00 to $21.00/hour.

Mr. Tom Fiorini will step down 12/31/2024. A new CEO will be in place on 2/28/2025. The theme at the club for 2023 is “Be Relevant”. The Club will be relevant to the members in all programs that they have in 2023, to encourage them to be at the Club as much as possible. At the outdoor café, plans are to add a roof top deck, accessible from the adult pool only. The club will begin to offer confidential mental health visits to members in 2023.

**Administrator’s Report**

**Municipal Building Project:** Ms. Kaminer received an email from Brian Groemminger of Dinsmore & Shohl’s real estate division. He has received the recorded deeds back from Hamilton County regarding the boundary line adjustment between the municipal building and Recreation building. The Hamilton County Building Dept. required this adjustment before they would issue permits for the project because of how close the side door of the police department was to the property boundary line. As it exists, it violates fire wall standards. Mr. Groemminger is mailing the originals and updated applications, with the deeds attached, will be submitted to Hamilton County as soon as possible. To remind council, the exit doors in the council chambers and side door to the police department will be completed first. Then the interior work to put up walls and security doors in the foyer area can be accomplished. Ms. Kaminer will notify the Hamilton County Building Department that updated permits will be submitted soon.

**Municipal Parking Lot**: (between municipal and rec buildings): Ms. Kaminer had a conference call with Tim King regarding the municipal parking lot. Mr. King, Ms. Kaminer and Mr. Huskey reviewed plans of the municipal parking lot project provided by Mr. King. They reviewed and confirmed the drainage upgrades, driveway slope modifications for the drive into the back of the rec center and paving of the lot. Mr. King will compile the bid specification booklet in order for bids to go out to the contractor. The bids will go out in March with a bid opening date set for April 14, 2023. The ordinance to award a bid for the project will be presented at the April 17, 2023 council meeting.

**Under New Business:** Ord 1-2023 is a first reading adopting flood regulations and replacing previous versions the Village has adopted. The changes will meet current FEMA standards and the new flood map that will be effective in June 2023.

Ord. 3-2023 allows the Village to renew the purchase of electricity through a Center for Local Government consortium for municipal owned buildings and street lights.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Bronson mentioned that the new cruisers have an estimated completion date of 09/03/2023. There was hit / skip accident on Watterson, the individual turned himself in the next morning. The Police Department donated to the FAB Affair at Mariemont High School. The HCPA meeting will be March 9th, 6:00 at the Fairfax Rec Center. Most of proceeds go to SWAT team and Underwater recovery training.

**Fire Chief Report**

There were 25 calls for service in January for Fairfax. No major incidents or issues during the month for Fairfax.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 1-2023**

Ordinance No. 1-2023 Adopting Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction Regulations for the Village of Fairfax and Repealing Ordinance No’s 6-2004 and 15-2004. *First Reading.*

**Ordinance 2-2023**

Ordinance No. 2-2023 Amending the Zoning Code of the Village of Fairfax by Adopting a Revised Zoning Map. *First Reading.*

**Ordinance 3-2023**

Ordinance No. 3-2023 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Retail Electricity with a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider through the Center for Local Government Electricity Consortium 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. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Council Discussion:**

**None**

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

**None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lally

Motion was seconded: Mr. Ernst

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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