**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**February 20, 2024**

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order. The February Council Meeting was held in the Fairfax Municipal Building – Council Chambers. Those present were Hunter Boschert, Donald Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins and Christine Resnik. Robert Ernst was absent.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Lally asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Ms. Resnik stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of January 2024. Ms. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Ms. Perkins. All members present voted Aye.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Kessel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Boschert. All members present voted Aye. The January minutes were approved.

**Communications**

None

**Committee Reports**

The Planning Commission continues to meet with Hamilton County representatives to update the Villages zoning code. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 6. Parks Committee next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6.

**Cincinnati Sports Club Annual Update**

Tom Fiorini and Marco Fiorini provided an update regarding the Cincinnati Sports Club. There are 290 memberships from residents of Fairfax. In 2023 the savings to those members was $370,000 in membership dues and $41,000 in one time initiation fees. Tri-Health partners have added pelvic floor physical therapy and 2 new Nurse Practitioners. CSC has added a new position, Assistant General Manager, as part of the succession plan at the Club. The goal is to hire this position by end of first quarter or beginning of second quarter. Tom Fiorini will be stepping down from his position on 12/31/2024 and his last day with the Club will be March 3, 2025. Mr. Fiorini’s replacement will be named by the end of April.

**Energy Alliances Aggregation Pricing Update**

Dan Deters and Maria Borgerding provided Council an update regarding the energy alliance electric program. On February 12th the RFP came to an end and the 2 most competitive bids were Dynegy Energy Services and Energy Harbor. Mr. Deters also mentioned that Dynegy will be buying Energy Harbor. After much discussion, Ms. Resnik made a motion to authorize Energy Alliances to negotiate with Dynegy Energy Services on behalf of the Village of Farifax and provide rates for both 12 and 16 months, seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. All present voted Aye. Due to the fact that these rates are constantly changing, Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting for Monday, March 4th to pass an Ordinance that will give Ms. Kaminer, Administrator, the authority to enter into a master agreement with Dynegy Energy Services. By meeting on March 4th, this will make it possible for the program to be implemented as early as May 2024.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$3,538.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
January 2024. Mayor Lally 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. Naticchioni. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

**GCWW work**: The March edition of the Forum will have information on the plans sent by GCWW for a water main replacement project for Meadowlark, Southern Ave and Grace, Hawthorne, Robert and Elder to Germania and High Street/Germania to its western termination. We expect this work to start sometime in 2025

**Carson Shelton Open House**: Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Carson Shelton’s open house last Thursday. He stopped by on Friday and expressed his appreciation for the event.

**Websites:** Ms. Kaminer has a spot survey request in to the Center for Local Government (CLG) regarding websites**.** The questions asked are:

* Who hosts the website if maintained externally?
* How much does it cost to maintain?
* Do you employ someone to update the website or is this done externally; If internal, are the updates handled by one person or are various people within the organization responsible for updates?
* Are you satisfied with your website (ease of updates, the “look”, features, etc.)

It usually takes up to 3 weeks to receive a report back on the responses that CLG receives.

 **Police Chief Report**

Chief Bronson stated that the Castrucci security detail is back on at the Red Bank Dealership. Cruiser 23-3 was damaged and is being repaired at Beechmont Ford. Valor Outfitters is installing E-Citation printers in 5 vehicles. Annual evaluations have been completed. The new Mobil Data Computer pricing received from RCIC at $2,592 per cruiser. New resident thanked the Village for the basket that was delivered to their home. Hamilton County Police Association social meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on March 14th at 6:00.

**Fire Chief Report**

There were 42 calls for service in January for the Village of Fairfax and 18 in Columbia Township. There was a district resident who voiced concern regarding outdoor sirens and not being able to hear them. Chief Siefke explained that sirens are outdoor sirens

and not designed to be heard indoors. There is a service called Alert Hamilton County, or AlertHC.org, which is a service you can download and be alerted about various emergencies in the County.

**New Business:**

**None**.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Council Discussion:**

**None**

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

**None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Naticchioni

Motion was seconded: Mr. Kessel

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Lally, Mayor Robert Doppes, Fiscal Officer