**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**July 15, 2024**

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

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Lally asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Mr. Kessel stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of June 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 June 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Naticchioni. All members present voted Aye. The June minutes were approved with one change.

**Communications**

The Hamilton County Communications Center sent a thank you note to the Village of Fairfax PD for the nice dispatcher keychains that were given to the dispatchers from the Village PD for National Public Safety Telecommunications week.

**Committee Reports**

The Planning committee’s next meeting with Hamilton County is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th. The Parks Committee will meet the first week August. Concrete pads for the picnic tables were laid on Monday, 7/15. The Snack Shack opened the weekend of 7/13.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$5,739.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
June 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 Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

**Ordinance 8-2024** is the proposed lease agreement with DeBra Kuempel for parking. The lease amount of $1,500 per year as discussed by council has been included. Both Mr. Abes and Ms. Kaminer have had contact with Bill Flaugher of DeBra Kuempel and they have agreed to the rental price. Mr. Flaugher is not able to attend the meeting this evening, but Ms. Kaminer will work with him to ensure that a floodplain permit is completed as well as construction plans for the project is submitted and reviewed before any work begins. Once the lease is formally approved this evening, we will also contact the residents near that parcel to inform them of the lease arrangement.

**Municipal Building Project:** We heard from the English Contractor at the end of last week. They are thinking they will be ready to start our project in about 2 weeks after they finish a project they started a few months ago. We expect them to start around the week of July 29th. We were also told by Craig the owner should be available for a pre-construction meeting the week of 7/15. At this point, Ms. Kaminer is planning on all August meetings to be held in the community room of the rec center, but will keep everyone updated as we get project schedule estimates from the contractor.

The monthly progress meeting with ODOT regarding the **Columbia Parkway bridge project** will be held Tuesday, 7/15. Ms. Kaminer is not aware of any urgent issues, but if there is anything council wishes for her address or ask them, she can do so.

**Family Movie Night** will be Friday July 19, 2024 starting around 9:15 PM showing Lilo & Stitch in Ziegler Park. The Civic Association will have concessions available. Postings on social media and the communicator will go out this week to promote the event.

**The Snack Shack** at Ziegler Park opened this weekend and went well. It will be interesting to see how it will go during the week, but it seems to be a hit on the weekends.

 **Police Chief Report**

Lieutenant Naticchioni sat in for Chief Bronson. The traffic study for Arrow Point Way is complete. The max speed for the time period was 25 mph. The minimum speed was 5 mph and the average speed was 10.07 mph.

**Fire Chief Report**

Chief Siefke stated there were 64 total calls in the district, with 22 being in the Village of Fairfax. The Department has completed their annual fire hydrant checks.

**New Business:**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Lally stated that the meeting was moving into the Public Hearing for the 2025 budget.

**Resolution R9-2024**

Resolution R9-2024 Village of Fairfax 2025 Budget.

Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye.

Mayor Lally stated that the Public Hearing was closed and the meeting was moving back to the regular council meeting.

**Ordinance 8-2024**

Ordinance No. 8-2024 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Lease Agreement with Debra-Kuempel, Inc. and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Ernst. Mayor Lally 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:**

**Ordinance 5-2024**

Ordinance No. 5-2024 Amending and Supplementing the General Code of the Village of Fairfax, Ohio, which Prohibits the Cultivation, Processing, or Retail Dispensing of Marijuana for Medical Purposes in the Village of Fairfax, Also to Prohibit Adult Use Cannabis Operators in the Village of Fairfax. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Naticchioni made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Perkins. All present voted Aye, with the exception of Mr. Boschert, who voted No.

**Council Discussion:** **None**

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments: None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kessel

Motion was seconded: Mr. Ernst

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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