



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022 · 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Director of Finance: Renee' Sonnett **Director of Law:** Paul-Michael La Fayette

Council Members: President M. Terry,
J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, F. Reed, J. Rucker, J. Sintz

Mayor Carney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present- J. Carney, J. Rucker, J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, F. Reed, J. Sintz, M. Terry

Approvals: Agenda: Council Meeting – January 24, 2022

Mr. Eudaily motioned to approve the January 24, 2022 agenda, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – January 10, 2022

Ms. Ferguson noted two typos that needed correction. Ms. Ferguson motioned to approve the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

Visitors

Luke Abrahams

Mr. Abrahams would like Council to consider looser leash laws for pets. He noted that the City of Columbus ordinance states that animals must be "under control", but not physically restrained, and he would prefer if the Village would consider this as an option.

Mr. Terry said dog park in budget for this year and to add this to a future work session.

Mr. Lafayette HOA's are subject to our code.

Reports:

Mayor

- Feb 11 5-8 business hosting Love on Main event
- Feb 16 9a Area elected officials meeting
- PD/FD/Plain City Elem for Safety Town
- Goal setting session Thursday was neat and looking forward to next five years for Plain City

BZA

- One variance came through on property on Gay Street, everything resolved in one meeting

Finance Director

- W-2s are available online

Planning & Zoning

- The committee met last week to review a rezoning request on Rickard Road for Ohio Redi-Mix. The request was tabled until the applicant can provide more information.

Police Chief

- Would like to thank the Plain City Polar Bears for their monetary donation to the Police Department.
- Would like to thank the Plain City Lions Club for their monetary donation to the Police Department.
- Chief McKee attended and hosted the Union County MARCS Advisory Board meeting on January 11, 2022.
- Chief McKee, Lieutenant Jaskiewicz, and Detective Greenbaum will be attending Domestic Terrorism and Hate Groups training at OPOTA on January 27, 2022.
- The Police will be conducting officer annual self-defense training on January 31, 2022.

Parks & Recreation Committee

- Meeting January 10 programs: walking program, adult specific recreational programming.
- Discussed ADA playground in Madison Meadows
- Madison Meadows II property, owner that sold it mentioned that 10 acres would be designated as parkland, as part of 79 acres that we are annexing.

Village Administrator

- Thank you to our hard-working public works crew for their quick and thorough responses during recent snowstorms.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Branding Initiative was sent out on Monday, January 10. The deadline for response is February 4.
- The Roundabout at Darby Station (161) is scheduled to begin construction in April. That messaging will begin going out to the public soon.
- Other than that, just normal operations and getting some projects ready for bidding this spring.

Personnel & Finance/CIP

- Next meeting is Wednesday, January 26 at 7pm.

Council President

- Goal setting session on Jan. 20th will have next work session first Wed. in Feb. Send ideas to Mr. Terry or Ms. Lupton. Will have meeting at 1 on Friday to put together a list. Everyone's invited.

Fire

- Met January 13

- New truck still on schedule for this summer
- Monthly run volume is up 10.7% compared to 2020 and 24.5% compared to 2019

Law Director

- Preparing contracts regarding the transfer for reduction park fees at Darby Station

Design Review Board

- Meeting Wednesday night 4 applications to consider
 - 3 façade change requests: 122 N Chillicothe, 156 W Main, 160 W Main
 - 1 exterior renovation: 213 S Chillicothe

Administrator Search Committee

- Next meeting with Mr. Horn and search committee via zoom on Feb. 10th, should have draft copy of information packet that they will put out for job posting. Wants final revisions ready to go by Feb. 10th so can post position mid to late February.

Old Business:

2nd Reading: Resolution 01-2022: A Resolution Authorizing the Trade in of Village Property

Mr. Reed motioned to approve Resolution 01-2022, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

2nd Reading: Resolution 02-2022: A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Dispose of Village Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

Mr. Reed motioned to approve Resolution 02-2022, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

2nd Reading: Ordinance 01-2022: An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation Petition with the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio for Annexation to the Village of Plain City, Ohio of Certain Territory, As Provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 709.022

Mr. Reed motioned to approve Ordinance 01-2022, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

New Business:

Motion: A Motion Certifying One CRA Application to the Jonathan Alder Local School District Board of Education for the Properties Located at 101 S. Chillicothe Street Pursuant to ORC 3735.671 A1

Mr. Rucker motioned to certify the CRA application for 101 S. Chillicothe Street to the Jonathan Alder Local School District Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

Mr. Reed noted that the word “construction” should be change to “remodel” and “City” should be changed to “Village” in the final agreement. Staff will make these changes. Asked about approval process. Mr. Lafayette, if you don’t get the approval from DRB, then the agreement won’t kick in.

1st Reading – Resolution 03-2022: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Village Administrator to Execute a Community Reinvestment Area Abatement Agreement for the Property Located at 213 S. Chillicothe Street.

Discussion Items:

- Solicitor Agreement

Mr. Terry comfortable with the agreement.

Mr. Reed had some clarifying questions regarding the agreement. The Village and the Solicitor both have the ability to end the agreement at any time.

Mr. Rucker motioned to direct the Village Administrator to sign the Solicitor Agreement, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

- Administrator Search Update

- Mr. Horn wanted to know our level of comfort on relocation assistance

- Mr. Rucker if we get a great candidate, go all in
- Mr. Terry agreed
- Mr. Reed ordinary and customary way to recruit
- Ms. Ferguson said we are looking for an amount
- Mr. Terry said 2 parts, usually closing cost on home and actual moving expense. \$10-20k. Put some potential wording in the job posting.
- Mr. Lafayette needs to be here a specific timeframe or owed back.

- Administrator Residency Distance

- Mr. Terry benefit to being in village and not being in village. Encourage them to be vested in the community
- Mr. Eudaily reminded that we border two counties
- Mr. Reed reasonable commuting distance
- Mr. Lafayette suggests location is negotiable
- Mr. Reed would have to do a supplemental because it's not compensation, to cover relocation assistance

- Public Meetings in Council Chambers

Ms. Lupton has been approached by an organization wishing to hold a public meeting in Council Chambers. As of right now, Council does not have a policy. Some items were considered such as: does staff need to be present, what types of events will be allowed, should a deposit be given?

Mr. McKee said we sold the building on the premise that the public can rent the building. Mr. Terry stick to non-profits, etc.

Mr. Lafayette has worked with the Fire Department on forming a similar policy. Ms. Lupton will work with Mr. Lafayette on a potential policy and will bring it back to Council for their consideration in the future.

Mr. Rucker motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ferguson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.