

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with DeAnna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for our military veterans and first responders.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Brian Hild, Margaret Phillips and Lisa Sarty; Gabe Below - excused

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the September 24th regular meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Freedman. With all those in favor, the minutes were approved.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mike Shadoan, Chairman of Oak Harbor Development

Came this evening to show everyone the river walk that is being worked on as a project in Oak Harbor. This will include a pavilion, amphitheater and public restrooms as well a retention wall with a walkway along the river. The funding is more than the tax revenue for the Village of Oak Harbor can achieve on its own so they are going to the State of Ohio to see if they will put the project into the State Budget. Every couple of years they develop a two-year plan to put about 2 million dollars back into the State for economic development. Previously Genoa received funding for their civic theater improvements and Sandusky received help with their lakefront and downtown improvements. The main purpose on why he is here is to ask for support by getting letters of support signed by the public/council and to ask council to do an endorsement or resolution in support that will be sent to state legislators. They are hoping to get at least half if not all support. Half will get at least the retention walls with the walk completed. The currently have already added an observation deck, handicap accessibility to the river and a kayak launch. This little bit of investment has already helped the area. Mr. Martin asked what the dollar amount is that they are proposing to the State. Mr. Shadoan stated they are asking for 2 million and he sent a break down on how much each item costs. Ms. Phillips asked where he believes the majority of the funding will come from. He stated that he is planning on it coming from the State budget. Ms. Phillips asked for letters and brochures to be left so she could read before endorsing. Mr. Shadoan passed out letters and brochures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not present

AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 2019 month end reports were distributed last week. If there are any questions please contact Mr. Hatfield. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed tax to date \$168,385.43.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing to present

SAFETY SERVICE

Notified by Ohio Department of Natural Resources that the application for city hall park was passed over and we were encouraged to apply during the next round. The Safe Routes to School funds were awarded and we have had our first site visit. The City has received the proposal for the design work and they are moving forward. Also in negotiations for the Jefferson Street project for management. DGL is currently in negotiations with the City. The city has been notified of a Targets of Opportunity Grant for the historic preservation district. They have sent out letters to the Main Street Group. Waiting to hear from the State if proposed projects would qualify. Mayor wanted to apologize for not being here tonight due to not feeling well. The City has received inquiry from the Port Clinton Art Council of the possibility of utilizing the property/building at 317 W. Perry. Entering into some type of lease with the City.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT	Not present
FIRE CHIEF REPORT	Nothing to present
CORRESPONDENCE	October 2019 month end reports Mrs. Sarty moved to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mr. Freedman. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved as stated.
THIRD READINGS	None
SECOND READINGS	None
FIRST READINGS	None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**Mr. Martin presented a Proclamation to Mr. Wilber on behalf of Mayor Snider.**

In Celebrating & Recognition 40 years Serving as City of Port Clinton's Law Director
Whereas, Attorney George C. Wilber received his education at American University, Bowling Green University and Capital Law School, and
Whereas, George followed in his father's, Adair Wilber footsteps as a Port Clinton lawyer and City of Port Clinton's Law Director. He joined his father in private practice, known as Wilber and Wilber, Attorney at Law; and
Whereas, George was elected and started his journey as City of Port Clinton's Law Director on January 1, 1980; and
Whereas, George is the only person to be a Law Director for 40 straight years in the history of Port Clinton, and the State of Ohio. The next longest term in the State of Ohio is eighteen years; and
Whereas, as Law Director, George has participated in hundreds of the City's special committee meetings, council meetings, community meetings, appointments and phone conversations, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. After all, a City never sleeps; and
Whereas, having been Law Director for 40 years, George has worked with seven Port Clinton mayors: John Fritz, Thomas Brown, Jeanne Huskey, Debbie Tester, Vince Leonne, Hugh Wheeler and Mike Snider. This has afforded him the knowledge of the history, including the people and the infrastructure, of the City of Port Clinton during his 10 terms; and
Whereas, George is known for his reserved personality, those who know him, realize he is a very knowledgeable, nonjudgmental lawyer, who is kind, caring, empathetic and patient, always respectful of his clients, associates and friends. He is also quite reserved, not wanting to be "in the spotlight" or acknowledged, rather one to be "standing in the background" listening and watching. Simply put he is an honorable man; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I Michael Snider, as Mayor of the City of Port Clinton, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio, on behalf of the Port Clinton Administration do hereby proclaim:
That this Proclamation is presented to George C. Wilber to serve as a reminder that we value your commitment to serve the City of Port Clinton citizens.

Mr. Martin also shared a letter from Senator Gavarone.

As a member of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio she is pleased to extend special recognition to Mr. George Wilber for his significant contribution to the City of Port Clinton. Throughout the years of service you demonstrated an unwavering dedication to fulfill your responsibilities and you have handled the duties of law director the utmost efficiency and confidence. You have made critical contributions to the City of Port Clinton through your work on over hundreds of pieces of legislation and you were always sincere and energetic in your approach to your work. You have shown genuine commitment to goals and establishing a remarkable years of service that will stand as a hallmark for others to come. As a talented and hardworking individual, you exhibited an exceptional devotion to serving the residents of Port Clinton. The enthusiasm and expertise you have shown in your endeavors have earned you the respect and admiration of all those of whom you have been associated. Thus with hardy applause we commend you on your sterling service and salute you as a fine Ohioan.

Mr. Wilber – Thanked everyone for coming tonight. It has been a great journey.

Mrs. Sarty – Congratulations to Mr. Wilber. At the previous council meeting it was discussed moving the last regular meeting on December 24th due to the holiday. Mrs. Sarty moved to move the meeting to December 23rd at 7:30pm; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Freedman, yes; Gillman, yes; Hickman, yes; Brian Hild, yes; Phillips, yes and Sarty, yes. With all those in favor, the regular scheduled meeting for December 24th was moved to December 23rd.

Mr. Freedman – Congratulations to Mr. Wilber

Mrs. Hickman – Congratulations to Mr. Wilber

Ms. Phillips – The next Emergency Services meeting is scheduled for November 19th. Congratulations to Mr. Wilber.

Mrs. Gillman – Congratulations to Mr. Wilber. Thanked the Fire Chief for an awesome Feather Party. The next Laws, Rules and Ordinances meeting will be on December 23rd at 6:30pm instead of December 24th.

Mr. Hild – Congratulations to Mr. Wilber. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials.

Mr. Below – Not present

Refreshments were provided to celebrate Mr. Wilber.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

DeAnna Kuzma
President of Council