

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council held in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Pat Hovis, Margaret Phillips, Jerry Tarolli, Lisa Slobodzian, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman and Gabe Below.

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt minutes for June 8, 2021; seconded by Ms. Phillips: all agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL Due to the Wi-Fi instability at City Hall, Zoom will not be available for Council meetings. All Council meetings will be held in person.

Reminder, the public hearing for the Zoning Amendment change for 221 Fulton Street and 517 E. Third Street, is July 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Wishing everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

MAYOR'S REPORT

On display in the Council Chambers is a beach wheelchair. This item was purchased by a grant provided by the Ability Center in Toledo. This grant made it possible to purchase the Mobi-Mats® that are at two locations on our beach. This chair allows access to the sand and the water. We are working out the logistics of storage and access to the public. More information to follow.

Fred Mohlman called to express how overwhelmed he was by our community providing the respect and pride to the Wounded Warriors that were in town last Saturday. Each of the Wounded Warriors expressed their sincere gratitude. They are looking to return to in 2022

Fliers provided to Council for M.O.M. with QR Code, Fourth of July Celebration, and Car Show (replacing the Honk-About).

Mayor Snider and Nicole Kochensparger have been speaking to the Toledo Mud Hens and have designated Sunday, August 22, 2021, Port Clinton Day at Fifth Third Field. Tickets will be \$14.00 each. Some of the PCHS band will be playing the National Anthem. More information to come once it becomes available.

Chief Hickman started at the Port Clinton Police Department in 1987. Thank you is not enough. You have been a tremendous asset to our community. A person many can look up to. You are passing off a department that is in much better shape than it was handed to you. Standing Ovation!

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chief Hickman you have been a true companion in our adventures here, more so a friend. Thank you

TREASURER'S REPORT

Happy to be back.

A big thank you to Ms. Shenker and Mrs. Ostheimer they have helped in getting the word out with bed and dock tax.

Bed Tax: \$29,900.28/ Dock Tax \$12,575.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Chief Hickman, Thank you – you have been very helpful. Hope you enjoy your retirement.

SAFETY SERVICE

Senior Center is now open. They are serving meals as they did prior to COVID – 19. The building is available to the seniors to play cards and dominos by signing out a key at the Port Clinton Police Department. They return the key the same day.

Chief Hickman is has been a journey. Thank you for all you have done.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

City Council, Thank you for the 10 plus years you have dealt with me. I apologize if I offended anyone, my attentions have always been positive for the department and the City. You have supported us and I hope you continue to support us under new leadership.

Dave Scott your new Chief of Police. He has been with the department since 2004, promoted to Sergeant in 2012.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Not present

Finance Committee:

Mr. Below advised that the Finance Committee met earlier today, took action on the two Resolutions on the agenda this evening.

Economic & Community Development Committee:

Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips:

Safety Services Committee:

Nothing to present

Mrs. Hickman

Environmental & Public Works:

Nothing to present

Mrs. Gillman:

Arts and Culture:

Nothing to present

CORRESPONDENCE None

THIRD READINGS

Resolution 21-2

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 1.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS, OR SITES THEREFORE, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OR FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYERS' CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, OR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to retain the emergency clause on Resolution 21-2; second by Mr. Tarolli

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Below moved to adopt Resolution 21-2; seconded by Ms. Phillips

Mr. Below advised the Finance Committee met earlier today; and agreed 3-0 to adopt Resolution 21-2.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Resolution 21-4

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO ENACT A 3.6-MILL TAX LEVY AND REQUESTING THE OTTAWA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to amend Resolution 21-4 by striking throughout “3.6-mill” and replacing throughout with “4.0-mill”; second by Mr. Tarolli.

Mr. Below advised all members of Council received a paper copy of the amendment so they can see it. This was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting this evening and recommended to adopt 3-0.

Mayor Snider advised that this all relates to W. Lakeshore Drive and the storm that occurred over Memorial Day weekend. West Lakeshore Drive was not anticipated in the original plans with the 3.6-mill. The resolution to the problem on W. Lakeshore Drive will involve replacing the revetment (the rocks), and moving Lakeshore Drive just west of Mr. Ed’s five to six feet south and then a gap would be created – putting a hard surface on top of that. This is estimated to cost (per Poggemeyer Design Group) approximately one million dollars. Not putting the hard surface in will allow for further erosion. This is the reasoning for the adjustment. This will also provide the utility companies further reasons to move the poles from the north side to the south side of W. Lakeshore Drive.

Explanation of what the MILLS equate to in dollars and cents:

Home Value	MILLS	Additional tax per month
\$1000.00	3.6 MILL	\$10.50 Month
\$1000.00	4.0 MILL	\$11.67 Month

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Below moved to retain the emergency clause of Resolution 21-4 as amended; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Below moved to adopt Resolution 21-4, as amended; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Mr. Below advised Finance Committee met earlier today and agreed 3-0 to adopt Resolution 21-4 as amended. This will lead to a ballot question on the November 2021, Ballot as a road levy. The electors will ultimately decide if this is something they want or not.

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SECOND READINGS

None

FIRST READINGS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Tarolli – Chief Hickman – Thank you.

Inquired about the status of locating non-paying short-term rentals (STR) in the City.

Ms. Shenker advised that Mrs. Ostheimer has been actively searching VRBO, Airbnb and like websites. Once located a letter is mailed advising of the Transient Tax Ordinance and request they become current for the current year. If they neglect the letter, a letter from the Law Directoris sent with consequences of not paying the required Transient Tax. Mrs. Ostheimer has located many unpaid properties.

With COVID in the last year, the talks with the Ottawa County, and surrounding communities regarding software that can locate and show usage of STR's in the communities was put on hold. We will resuming talks in the future.

Mayor Snider advised that there is legislation at the State level that is addressing bed tax collection; that will affect what we do for those that are not reporting. This is being pushed by the County Commissioners Association. Once this is passed at the State level, it will help in what we are doing.

What is going on with the local land bank?

Mayor Snider advised they are looking at a property on Fourth Street. There may be a second property in the City. Will confirm and advise.

Ms. Hovis - Chief Hickman – Every time I see you I feel everything will be ok. I respect you and appreciate you.

Mrs. Gillman – Chief Hickman – Honor to work with you on Council. Look forward to seeing you in retirement.

Ms. Phillips – Spent some time over the weekend walking around town speaking to locals and tourist. Inquiring what they thought of downtown and beyond.

Tourist: No complaints – felt comfortable in the area

Locals: Regarding the street – it will cost them some money, but it will look nice.

Chief Hickman – Thank you

Ms. Slobodzian – Chief Hickman – Thank you for your years of service.

Mrs. Hickman – Nothing to present

Mr. Below – Chief Hickman congratulations; I wish you and Roseann the best in your retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council