

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: Beth Gillman, Richard Morgan, Margaret Phillips, and Roseann Hickman. Jerry Tarolli and Pat Hovis excused.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for March 8, 2022; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. 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 Ms. Sarty announced Ordinance 7-22 is on the agenda this evening under first reading. Administration has asked that Council consider approving it at the second reading. This ordinance has been assigned to the Safety & Service Committee.

Ordinance 8-22, is on the agenda this evening under first reading. Administration has asked that Council consider approving it at the second reading. This ordinance has been assigned to the Safety & Service Committee.

Resolution 22-3, is on the agenda this evening under first reading. Administration has asked that Council consider approving it at the second reading. The resolution is not assigned to a committee.

Reminder to Council, if you are unable to meet in person for your committee meetings, House Bill 51 allows you to meet via Zoom until June 30, 2022.

Happy Belated Birthday Ms. Phillips.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Snider announced his support for Resolution 22-3 a resolution for Ukraine in their fight for Democracy.

Mayor Snider attended the Ottawa County Health Department's annual meeting last week. Under correspondence, Mayor Snider provided Council the Ottawa County Health Department, 2021 Annual report.

Jerry Bingham, Ottawa County Health Commissioner, will be attending the April 26, 2022, Council meeting to provide an update on pandemic to endemic.

Police Chief Scott applied and received a grant for eighteen body cameras. Two Sargents have been testing two cameras to learn how they function.

Yesterday Mr. Below, Mrs. Ostheimer and Mayor Snider participated in a Zoom meeting with Great Lakes Community Action (formally W.S.O.S.) and Mark Messa, Ottawa County Regional Planning in regard to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). The City and County have partnered grant for several years to serve Ottawa County and City of Port Clinton. In the near future Council will have an ordinance presented to them to allow this partnership agreement for the grant. Due to time constraints the Administration will request the ordinance to be passed on the first reading.

The Village of Oak Harbor and City of Port Clinton have been in collaboration to work on State Capital dollars for both The Art Garage in Port Clinton and riverfront walkway and amphitheater in the Village of Oak Harbor. The paperwork has been submitted; the deadline was last Friday.

Mayor Babcock and Mayor Snider have had conversations with Representatives from U.S. Senator Brown's office about the next round of earmark funding.

Easter Egg Hunt is April 2, 2022, 10:00 am at Lakeview Park. Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up the hunt. If you are interested please arrive at Lakeview Park at 8:00 am.

Spring has sprung – the street sweeper started cleaning the streets as of yesterday.

Brush pick-up will start Monday, April 11, 2022. This will continue every second Monday of the month through October. Street Department starts on the west end of town and moves east, until completed.

Port Clinton Full Backers will have their Annual Wild Game Feed and Auction on Saturday, April 16, 2022 to help support the Port Clinton Football Team. The cost is \$40.00 a person or table of eight for \$350.00.

Mr. Colston, Ms. Shenker and Mayor Snider have sat down and talked about the bullet items of the State of the City address. . Ms. Shenker is reviewing

the legal aspects and Mr. Colston and the Mayor are setting up with individuals to get the ball rolling. More information will be provided to the Council committees in the near future.

Mile of Dollars Fund Raiser for the Fourth of July Fireworks. Currently we have raised \$840.00 donated. To participate please go to OneMileOfDollars.com or visit Port Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

AUDITOR'S

Mr. Below provided a memo to Council in regard to a request for an amendment to Ordinance 6-22. These are due to the anticipation of inflation not going away:

- Increase in oil and fuel that the City is going to incur
- Increase to the cost of utilities
- Anticipated retirement in the Sewer Department

Mr. Morgan inquired about the changes; is this what items may cost? Does this mean we necessarily may not have the money, but you anticipate it will cost that much?

Mr. Below advised the appropriations listed are not beyond what we are able to spend by year end.

POLICE CHIEF

Not Present

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax: \$17,923.94 / Dock Tax: \$5,500.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ordinance 8-22

The Port Clinton Police Department has had issues with the new SplatRball Gun. This falls under the definition of an air gun. The ammunition used water beads. The ammunition leaves the gun at a high rate of speed. When the water bead hits a target that splats. The SplatRball Gun can be purchased at most stores or online. Locally children are driving in the vehicles and shooting at pedestrians, younger children, and property. When a person is hit with the water bead it can leave a welt due to the air pressure of the gun. There have been reports of vehicles chasing one another and shooting at one another. It also has been reported that some children have painted the guns black and removed the orange tip to look like a real gun.

The Police Department encouraged children to use their SplatRball Guns in Waterworks Park to be out of the street. However, they found children to be on the Waterfront Walkway (under construction) and on the construction crews equipment; and had to remove the children from the park.

Other cities are having similar issues with the SplatRball guns; Bowling Green, LaGrange and West Lake. These cities have charged children with Discharging a Firearm in City Limits.

In our current Ordinance 28-19

549.08I DISCHARGING FIREARMS,

- (a) No person shall lawfully discharge any air gun, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol or other firearm within the corporate limits of the Municipality.
- (b) This section does not apply when firearms are used in self-defense, in the discharge of official duty or when otherwise lawfully authorized.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

549.09 THROWING OR SHOOTING MISSILES.

- (a) No person shall throw, shoot or propel an arrow, missile, pellet, stone, metal or other similar substance capable of causing physical harm to persons or property, in or on any public place, in or on the property of another, or from any private property into or onto any public place or the property of another. This section does not apply to supervised archery ranges or instruction nor when otherwise lawfully authorized, nor to the lawful use of firearms as defined in ORC Section 2923.11 nor any component of or ammunition for the same.

Ms. Shenker advised that Ordinance 8-22 is a hybrid of the two above chapters.

Ordinance 8-22, Section 549.12 provides a definition of an "Air gun" and "Ammunition".

In addition to the following:

- (b) No person shall discharge an air gun in or on any public place, in or on the property of another, or from any private property into or onto any public place or the property of another.
- (c) No parent, guardian or custodian of any person under the age of eighteen shall knowingly permit any such person under the age of eighteen to discharge an air gun in or on any public place, in or on the property of another, or from any private property into or onto any public place or the property of another.
- (d) Any police officer of the City is authorized to confiscate an air gun and ammunition used in violation of this section.
- (e) This section does not apply when air guns are used in self-defense, in the discharge of official duty, for purposes of instruction in firearm safety, care, handling or marksmanship under the supervision or control of a responsible adult, or when otherwise lawfully authorized.
- (f) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Mrs. Gangle inquired how many times the Police Department received calls has on this matter?

Mayor Snider advised multiple times daily.

Ms. Shenker advised calls have been received mostly on second shift.

SAFETY SERVICE

Not Present

FIRE CHIEF

Not Present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mrs. Hickman

Will turn in minutes from last meeting this week.

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Next committee meeting will be Friday, March 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm

April committee meeting is April 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Not present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Committee meeting is this evening after Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning Commission minutes, January 27, 2022
Ottawa County Health Department, 2021 Annual Report
State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, Objections to
Renewal of A Liquor Permit letter – Dated: March 16, 2022

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as provided; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 6-22

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Mrs. Gillman moved to amend Ordinance 6-22 to provide for the following changes (see attachment); seconded by Mrs. Gangle.

Mr. Below advised that it is unlikely that all of these totals will be expended. This is the total amount of what is available to be expended, to allow for standard operation expenditures.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 5-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mrs. Gillman moved to adopt Ordinance 6-22; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Mr. Morgan, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 5-0: per Mrs. Sarty

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 7-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 721.03, 721.04, 721.06, 721.07, 721.12, AND 721.13 OF CHAPTER 721 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING TAXICABS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Gangle inquired about the renewal date of January 1st. Is there a renewal period similar to a dog license?

Ms. Shenker advised that the current ordinance has three renewal dates for three different required permits. By revising the ordinance to January 1st it goes with the calendar year and there is no confusion when which permit is due to be renewed. The renewal time frame would be prior to January 1st. Ms. Shenker also advised that a BCI (Bureau of Investigation) background check is now required for each application. BCI background check will provide all Ohio criminal history of an individual. A BCI background check is available at the Port Clinton Police Department or Ottawa County Sheriff Department. There is a fee for the background check.

Mrs. Gangle referenced Section 721.04 and Section 721.13 – the Director is referred to as he, his, and him. Is there a possibility to make this gender neutral?

Ms. Shenker will review.

No action taken – Ordinance 7-22 will be moved to second reading on April 12, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Ordinance 8-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 549 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Ordinance 8-22 will be moved to second reading on April 12, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Resolution 22-3

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE DURING RUSSIA'S UNPROVOKED WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

No action taken – Resolution 22-3 will be moved to second reading on April 12, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hovis – Not present

Mrs. Hickman – Nothing to present.

Mrs. Gillman – Nothing to present

Mr. Morgan – Resolution 22-3 – I like everything about it. I like that Americans are standing up those who are not Americans. I am hoping this opens us a little more to be a little less self-centered as Americans. What is happening in Ukraine is absolutely horrible; but is only one of many that are going on right now. There are four other countries that may not be as obvious as Ukraine, but similar things are happening. Hopefully this will open us to seeing what are happening to other populations, as we are of Ukraine.

Mrs. Gangle – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Things are going along pretty well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council