

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.

Mrs. Sarty requested a motion to appoint Mrs. Gillman as temporary Council clerk, Mr. Tarolli motioned; seconded by Ms. Phillips. All agreed.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Richard Morgan, Margaret Phillips, Jerry Tarolli, Kelly Gangle, Beth Gillman, Pat Hovis and Roseann Hickman.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for May 10, 2022; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT **Lee Horne, 433 Huron Court, Port Clinton, Ohio**

Mr. Horne advised that at the West End (aka: Erie Gardens) there are rodents, blighted buildings and rodents living under homes that individuals reside in. In addition to a motor home parked in front of a home on Garfield Drive with an electrical cord to the residence; with someone living in the camper. This is all unacceptable. He has spoken to Administration for years regarding the conditions of this neighborhood. He has been asking for far too long, too many people, and nothing has been done. Mr. Horne has recently sent an email to the Ottawa County Health & Environmental Department to look into this.

Mr. Horne put together a list of all the property address, owners and City ordinances that are in violation of the City's ordinances.

Ms. Shenker advised that she received the list of properties he spoke of from Mrs. Gillman. Ms. Shenker and Chief Johnson drove to confirm / identify the violations of each property. Since then Ms. Shenker mailed letters to each property owner advising what needs resolved with a deadline or charges will be filed in Ottawa County Municipal Court against them.

Ms. Shenker advised the City is actively working on this and will continue to do so.

Mr. Horne inquired about the church next to his home? There are dead animals in and outside the building. You can only go into the building with a full hazmat suit.

Ms. Shenker confirmed that a hazmat suit is required to go into the building due to the high amount of bat guano inside; per Chief Johnson. She

recommended that he contact the Ottawa County Health Department on this matter due to the potential health concerns.

Ms. Shenker has reached out to Ohio Department of Commerce to see if there are other agencies that can help get this property cleaned up.

Mr. Horne advised he will continue to fight for himself and his neighbors.

Mr. Morgan inquired with Ms. Shenker on how long this process will take before Mr. Horne will see some satisfaction, month, two months, a year?

Ms. Shenker advised that we are walking a fine line because these are landlord properties and there are tenants; we want to be very careful because we don't want the landlord or the Court to say that is it and kick someone out (people without homes). Mr. Hone agreed. We want to motivate the landlords to fix up the properties short of removing the current tenants.

Ms. Shenker advised the code we are discussing is only for exterior of homes not the interior.

Leila Hembree, 312 Garfield Drive, Port Clinton, Ohio

Mrs. Hembree advised she lives next to 318 Garfield Drive that has a goat that should not be allowed in the City. In addition to a motor home that was towed to the front of the home; that has two individuals living in the motor home. The motor home is very wide in a very narrow road; which keeps her from parking in her own driveway because she cannot see to back out of the driveway due to the motor home. There are 2" cockroaches coming from the neighbor's home that the Hombres' had to purchase insect killer to prevent them from coming on to their property.

The home on the corner of Garfield and Virginia (942 – 944 Virginia) is not safe to live in; the Health Department needs to be involved. The doors stay open and cats go in and out at all times. There are eight to twelve motorcycles there at all times. In addition to eight to ten cars and campers there at all times. There is a truck on blocks with no tires in the back yard. Those going to the cemetery to visit their loved ones have to pass this home on West Third Street. This is a two unit building one end has been vacant for two years. The occupants of the other end has pried the doors open and place their motorcycles in there in the winter.

Mrs. Sarty advised that Ms. Shenker, Police, and Zoning Inspector are actively working on this. We all understand the frustration.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

One new resolution this evening:

- Resolution 22-5, Administration requests that it be considered for approval this evening due to time sensitivity (grant deadline is tomorrow by 4:00 pm).

This week is the Walleye Festival – the parade will be on Saturday at 10:00 am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

May Fly season is approaching. The City is in contact with First Energy to schedule the street lights from the railroad tracks north to be turned off - starting the week of June 13, 2022.

The City is short staffed currently, we will have one full time position to fill in the near future and are looking for seasonal employees to start immediately.

Under this evenings correspondence is a Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to transfer a liquor license to Richard Scott Prephan, DBA; The Island House. The Island House is under contract to be sold, contingent on the liquor license being transferred. Mayor Snider asks Council to consider waiving a hearing to allow the transfer to transpire.

The current status of the fundraiser for the 4th of July Celebration is at 40% raised. There are two events Pancakes for Pyrotechnics: June 1, 2022, drive-thru at Bistro 163 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. In addition to Tuesday, June 15, 2022 at Ala Carte After Hours from 5:00 – 7:00 pm; free will offering accepted at each event.

Other events planned for the 4th of July Celebration is a 5K in the morning, Duck Derby, car show, food trucks, Voices of Freedom and dance party at 10:00 pm.

M.O.M. kicks off this weekend. All will be up and ready by the first performance on Friday.

Walleye Festival starts Thursday of this week. The pier parking lot will be closed due to it is a current construction on the Waterfront Walkway project. Anyone who is found parking there will be ticketed by the Police Department. Anyone found on the Waterfront Walkway will be ticketed for trespassing.

There will be no further warnings in regards to grass holes (grass placed in the street), citations will be issued by the Police Department.

The Ottawa County Land Bank met recently and have identified four vacant properties in the City limits that are behind on their property taxes; they have begun the foreclosure process.

There were electrical issues last week at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It has been temporarily fixed. Administration is looking into the long term repair costs.

Congratulations to Rod Miller, PC High School Band Instructor for eighteen years. His final performance will be the Memorial Day parade this coming Monday.

Mayor Snider and Mr. Colston had a meeting last evening with the Friends of the Cemetery, held in the Mausoleum. Great meeting and a very dedicated group to help support our cemeteries. They are seeking new members; if interested please call Sandye at Port Clinton City Hall (419-734-5522, extension: 239).

Sunday, starts Ohio Bike Week, please be aware of many motorcycles in our area.

Monday, Memorial Day will be the annual presentation at Port Clinton Yacht Club at 9:00 am. Memorial Day parade will follow starting at 10:00 am.

AUDITOR'S

Resolution 22-5, is a grant opportunity to replace the playground equipment at Portage Park. Requesting just over \$50, 000 of a \$70,000 project. The City will cover just over 26% of the project funds if granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bed Tax: \$39,354.77 / Dock Tax: \$15,175.00

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

The Administration have been reviewing all ordinances that have to do with nuisance and have agreed that we need to update them to reflect short response times.

Mrs. Gangle inquired if the tenant / property owner doesn't have the funds to remove a car / cars from their property; does the City offer any kind of assistance or options?

Ms. Shenker advised the ordinances that we are primarily seeking to tighten the response time is for times left on the boulevard. They must reframe from placing items they no longer want on the curb in hopes that someone else will take them. They need to keep them in their home until they can properly dispose of them. The Administration has considered creating a service to remove such items, but it will be more expensive then having Republic Services come and do it, due to the additional work that will be placed on the small number of City employees we have. If the tenant /

property owner fails to pay the invoice a lien will be placed on the property owner's property tax. The City does offer City Wide Cleanups twice a year at no cost to the community members.

SAFETY SERVICE

Mr. Colston advised that his office has sent out fifty grass / weed notices as of today. This is a very high number for this early in the season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mrs. Hickman

Nothing to present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Nothing to present

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Nothing to present

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Committee meeting is directly after Council this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Environment & Public Works Committee, April 12, 2022, minutes

Planning Commission, April 14, 2022, minutes

Architectural Review Board, April 14, 2022, minutes

Safety & Service Committee, April 26, 2022, minutes

Ohio Division of Liquor Control, Richard Scott Prephan, DBA Island House, Transfer Permit

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive a hearing for the Ohio Division of Liquor Control transfer permit; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

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

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 11-22

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE APRIL 2022 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Hickman moved to retain the emergency clause in Ordinance 11-22; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 11-22; seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 13-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1309.01, 1309.02, 1309.08, 1309.09 OF CHAPTER 1309 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING FENCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Ordinance 13-22 will be moved to third reading on June 14, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Ordinance 15-22

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE COMMUNITY SEVENTY SIX, LP AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Ordinance 15-22 will be moved to third reading on June 14, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 22-5

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO COOPERATE IN THE PARK DISTRICT OF OTTAWA COUNTY 2022 PARKS AND TRAILS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings of Resolution 22-5; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause of Resolution 22-5; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Resolution 22-5; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of voice roll call are as follows: Mr. Morgan, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Mrs. Hickman, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mrs. Gillman, yes; and Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion Carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Tarolli – Are we getting responses from grass in the streets? Mr. Colston advised that the Police address this issue. Advise the Police Department if you see grass in the streets.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Ms. Hovis – Recently saw a Mayfly.

Mrs. Hickman – Have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Mrs. Gillman – Nothing to present

Mr. Morgan – Nothing to present

Mrs. Gangle – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – So much going on this week, if you can't find something to do this weekend, you are not looking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Beth Gillman
Acting Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council