

**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 6:05 p.m.

The roll was called and the following Council members were present: Beth Gillman, Kelly Gangle, Pat Hovis, Cathy King, Jerry Tarolli, and Margaret Phillips. Richard Morgan excused.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for September 12, 2023; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

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

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Buehler, 910 E. Perry Street – Inquired about the Wetlands between Oak Street and Hayes Avenue. Stated that it is a swamp that creates mosquitoes and is an eyesore. In the past he was advised that the weeds would be trimmed and the fence would be removed in the Spring of 2023.

Mr. Colston advised the Army Corp of Engineers planted more pods (plants); which delayed the fence from being removed in the Spring of 2023. The City received approval to remove the fence in August of 2023; excluding the fence at the north side of the Wetlands (to prevent sand from blowing into the marsh). The Army Corp of Engineers have sprayed for the invasive species. Once the Army Corp of Engineers has completed their portion of the project the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will maintain the weeds for five years. The City does not have the final maintenance agreement plan as of yet. Once it becomes available he will advise Mr. Buehler.

Mr. Buehler inquired what would it take to remove the Wetlands.

Ms. Shenker advised that is not an option. This is a Wetlands project protected by the State of Ohio and the Federal Government. This is essential to the native plants and the migrating birds.

Meg Blackburn, 908 E. Perry Street – Has the same concerns that Mr. Buehler voiced earlier. “It has to look better than it looks today”. Want to make sure that it stays in the fore front; and that it doesn’t continue to look like it does today. Ms. Blackburn inquired if the maintenance agreement plan is available to the public.

Ms. Shenker recommended contacting the Army Corp of Engineers to request a public records request. The City cannot make any improvements without the Army Corp of Engineers approval. If the City violates the agreement the City will be fined a large sum of money.

Gino Barna, 226 & 230 Adams Street – Inquired about 130 Adams Street (former City Hall / Fire Department) it is an eyesore; weeds, bricks falling, windows broken.

Mr. Colston agreed regarding the condition. Will see what the City can do regarding the weeds.

Mayor Snider will reach out to the owner to address the building and grounds.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

There is no new legislation on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Tonight's report will focus on Halloween and the Count (who dealt with numbers).

Three new police cars are in service, the remaining three will be in service in the very near future.

The infrastructure project started as one project and has become twelve total projects.

\$19,179,000 is the total number of grant and federal dollars the City has received for the infrastructure project.

October 7, 2023, is the last day of entertainment at "The District" formally known as M.O.M. Members of the Chamber of Commerce proposed some additional entertainment to extend the season.

October 10, 2023, the stage at the "The District" will be coming down. Also, this will be the last curb side brush pick up for the season.

October 16, 2023, Snip Snider's birthday (Mayor Snider's Dad). 😊

October 21, 2023, City wide clean-up for City residents; from 8:00 – 3:00 pm. Located at City Hall Complex parking lot.

October 28, 2023, Downtown Trick or Treat from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

October 31, 2023, Neighborhood Trick or Treat from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

November 3, 2023, Kiwanis Club, 10th Annual Evening at the Races at the Elks Lodge. See Mayor Snider if you are interested.

November 7, 2023, Election day.

November 11, 2023, Port Clinton Fire Fighter Association Annual Feather Party at the Port Clinton Fire Department. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. Free family fun event.

We started with number three and end with the number three – the points Ohio State won by.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Below addressed that an email from the State Auditor recently was sent regarding the State Audit of Fiscal Year 2022. In the near future the Finance Committee will need to meet to discuss the finding and any changes that may need to be made due to the result of the audit.

The City of Port Clinton was awarded \$959,00 from U.S. Forest Service, Inflation Reduction Act urban Community Forestry Program.

Summary:

The project plans address chronic tree planting and management needs across numerous neighboring local communities in Ottawa County, Ohio, including City of Port Clinton, Village of Oak Harbor, Village of Marblehead, and Danbury Township. The project includes planting trees, including fruit trees and migratory bird-optimizing species, within five years and implementing a long-term urban forest management plan across the local government jurisdictions to ensure benefits continue in perpetuity.

The City will receive the vast majority of the grant funds, approximately \$700,000 for the five-year grant period.

The City is awaiting an update of the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations grant from the U.S. Transportation.

Ms. Phillips inquired if we have to share the U.S. Forestry Grant with any other entities in Ottawa County.

Mr. Below advised the program as a 50% share match. The neighboring jurisdiction will have to do so as well. The City of Port Clinton is receiving a majority of the award funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT	Bed Tax: \$246,913.33
	Watercraft Tax: \$25,627.82

Mr. Tarolli inquired how we are compared to last year's numbers.

Mr. Brenner advised the only numbers he had in front of him were budgetary. As of today Bed Tax is under \$78,000 and up \$5,000 for Watercraft Tax for the year. Keep in mind there are three more months of reporting to capture.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Shenker requested that the Safety Service Committee, Administrative staff and public that have any suggestions and / or input to incorporate Zoning to the short term rental ordinance please send it to her attention prior to the next Committee meeting (email: pclaw@portclinton-oh.gov). The goal is to have the ordinance and documentation in place to advise the current property owners of the new ordinance and requirements prior to the end of the year.

Mrs. King inquired if Council can receive the breakdown between private residence and hotels.

Mrs. Ostheimer will send the break down of the figures to Council members.

SAFETY SERVICE Nothing to present

POLICE CHIEF Not present

FIRE CHIEF Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

Next Finance Committee will be October 10, 2023, 5:30 pm; to discuss Resolution 23-11.

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Nothing to present

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Next Committee meeting will be on October 24, 2023, at 5:00 pm; to continue the discussion on short term rentals.

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

Next Economic and Development Committee will be immediately following the Council meeting this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Safety & Service Committee meeting minutes, September 12, 2023

Architectural Review Board meeting minutes, August 31, 2023

Planning Commission meeting minutes, August 10, 2023

Ms. Phillips moved to approve the correspondence as presented; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-11

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

No action taken – Resolution 23-11 will be moved to third reading on October 10, 2023, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mrs. King – Nothing to present

Mr. Morgan – Not present

Ms. Gangle – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Inquired about “Lawn Living Rooms” on the boulevard. What is the process?

Mrs. Shenker advised that an ordinance was adopted that provides the Police Department the ability to give a ticket to anyone who has items left on their boulevard for over twenty-four hours. The Police Department attempts to contact the home owner / tenant to advise that the items need removed prior to ticketing.

Mr. Tarolli – inquired about political signs in the boulevard.

Mrs. Shenker advised that no signs are to be in the boulevard. They can only be placed in the yard of property owner. The Police Department has authority to remove the signs from the boulevard.

Ms. Phillips – Nothing to present

Mrs. Gillman – Mrs. Gillman made a motion to amend Ordinance 21-23, passed September 12, revising throughout the Ohio Revised Code section to be 5705.41(D)(1), and that the amendment be effective the original date of passage by Council, September 12, 2023; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Mr. Below advised that there was a small clerical error in the previous ordinance in relation to a blanket purchase order agreement approval limit set by Council. The State Auditor’s flagged this to the City Auditor.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mrs. Gangle, yes; and Mrs. King, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. King. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council