



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Mayor: Jody Carney **Administrator:** Haley Lupton
Director of Finance: Renee' Sonnett **Director of Law:** Paul-Michael La Fayette
Council Members: President J. Sintz, M. Terry, J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, F. Reed, J. Rucker.

Call to Order:

Mayor Carney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 5052.

Present: J. Carney, J. Sintz, M. Terry, J. Eudaily, K. Ferguson, and F. Reed.

Absent: J. Rucker.

Approvals:

Agenda: Council Meeting – March 13, 2023

Mr. Terry motioned to approve the March 13, 2023 agenda, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – February 27, 2023

Mr. Eudaily motioned to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Work Session – March 1, 2023

Mr. Eudaily motioned to approve the March 1, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Proclamation: None.

Visitors:

Mr. Blake Miler introduced himself and stated that he is present tonight on behalf of his grandfather who owns property that borders the proposed Wilcox Communities development on Lafayette Plain City Road. He told Council several of his concerns with the proposed development, including potential trespassers from the development on adjacent farmland, drainage issues along Sweeney Run, and the increased vehicular traffic on Lafayette Plain City Road. Mr. Miller asked Council to reconsider accepting the proposed annexation for the development. Mayor Carney thanked Mr. Miller for his time and comments.

Mr. Jacob Moran introduced himself and thanked Council for their time this evening. He spoke about CRA's and tax abatements and advised Council to be more strategic in their usage of these strategies. He believes that the CRA that is currently in progress should be reconsidered to ensure that it is being used in an appropriate manner and location. He believes that there are several other potential properties in Plain City that would benefit from certain tax abatement agreements and encouraged Council to follow a strategic vision for those opportunities. Mayor Carney thanked Mr. Moran for his time and input.

Reports:

- Mayor: Mayor Carney recently participated in a story-time opportunity at the Plain City Library. Additionally, she is working with staff and residents on Safety Town planning. She reported that the Safety Town program for this year is nearing full registration.
- Finance Director: Nothing to report.
- Police Chief: Nothing to report.
- Village Administrator: Nothing to report.
- Council President: Nothing to report.
- Law Director: Nothing to report.
- Marketing & Communications: Nothing to report.
- BZA: Nothing to report.
- Planning & Zoning: Next meeting is this Wednesday, March 15.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Next meeting is tomorrow night, March 14. Mr. Reed spoke about several programming opportunities and activities the Parks and Recreation Department is offering and encouraged Council members to attend the Parks & Recreation Committee meetings.
- Personnel & Finance/CIP: Next meeting is next Tuesday, March 21.
- Fire: Nothing to report.
- Design Review Board: Nothing to report.

Public Hearing: None.

Motion: None.

Old Business:

2nd Reading Resolution 06-2023: Amending the Wage Scale for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 06-2023, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

New Business:

1st Reading Resolution 07-2023: Statement of Services Available to the Proposed Annexation of 0, 10910, and 10930 Lafayette Plain City Road

1st Reading Resolution 08-2023: Adopting the Uptown Master Plan

Discussion Items:

Wayfinding – Union County Convention & Visitors Bureau – Karen Eylon

Ms. Eylon introduced herself and thanked Council for their time and availability tonight. Due to technical difficulties, staff printed physical copies of Ms. Eylon's presentation and distributed it to each Council member.

Ms. Eylon provided an overall update on current events in Union County and several initiatives that are taking place. She also gave a statistical synopsis of 2022 as it pertains to the County. Additionally, she described the new branding program for the County and how it would benefit municipalities within the County.

Ms. Eylon then described the current wayfinding program and provided Council with information on the overall process and current stage of the program. Rendered examples of the proposed signage with the new branding were distributed to Council members. Preliminary costs and a budget breakdown were provided as well.

Mr. Terry asked if the wayfinding program would include areas of Plain City that are in Madison County as well as Union County. Mr. Stanford said yes, that both counties would be included in the wayfinding program. Mr. Terry asked if, in the future, the Village would have the rights to move signs as the municipal boundary expands and changes. Mr. Stanford responded that the Village would have full control over adding and moving signs as needed.

Ms. Eylon said that now that this information has been presented to the Plain City Council, the wayfinding task force will schedule their next meeting to discuss and implement next steps. Council thanked Ms. Eylon for her information and time.

Adjourn:

Mr. Terry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sintz. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.