



## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **February 27, 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.

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

Absent: None.

#### **Approvals:**

Agenda: Council Meeting – February 27, 2023

Mayor Carney motioned to amend the agenda, tabling the second reading of Resolution 05-2023 until the Council Work Session on March 1, 2023 to allow the applicant to submit updated attachments.

Mr. Sintz motioned to approve the February 27, 2023 agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – February 13, 2023

Mr. Sintz motioned to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

**Proclamation:** None.

**Visitors:** Mr. Jonathan Wilcox of Wilcox Communities spoke about the tabling of the pre-annexation agreement and apologized to Council for the clerical error that resulted in the incorrect attachments being submitted. He stated that the correct attachments will be sent

to Village staff as soon as possible and the correct pre-annexation agreement will be available to Council in time for the March 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session. He thanked Council for their time and understanding.

### **Reports:**

- Mayor: Mayor Carney met with the Boy Scouts Troop 90 to assist them with completing the merit badge of speaking with an elected official. The Troop spoke about issues they see facing Plain City and its residents. The Mayor added that this week is Read Across America Week and she is working with the Plain City Library on an outreach event.
- Finance Director: Nothing to report.
- Police Chief: The Police Department will be presenting the “Empowering Women Through Education” program soon with two different class dates. All adult ages are welcome. Additionally, the new cruiser that was ordered in 2021 is finally equipped and will be in service this week. Chief McKee also updated Council on the honoring of Niko, the second K9 dog that Plain City had. Due to health reasons, Niko will be humanely euthanized on March 1, 2023 at the Plain City Animal Hospital. Sergeant Prather was his handler and current owner and Chief stated that this will be a tough time for him and his family with the passing of Niko.
- Village Administrator: The preconstruction meeting for the Hofbauer Development took place today and construction is planned to start soon. The bid opening for the Noteman Road project is opening soon. Ms. Lupton also presented the impact fee report. Lastly, the draft of the sewer district transfer agreement should be available for Council’s review soon.
- Council President: Council’s next Work Session is this Wednesday, March 1. Additionally, “Coffee with a Councilperson” has been going well with several people in attendance each Friday.
- Law Director: Ms. Ashley Hetzel is present on behalf of Mr. La Fayette. The Medici/Troyer alley vacation is in process and the survey has been given to property owners for review.
- Marketing & Communications: This committee met last Tuesday and prioritized goals and took care of several organizational items.
- BZA: Nothing to report.
- Planning & Zoning: Mayor Carney said their next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Mr. Reed said their next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Parks & Recreation Department has the annual sign-up for the Plain City Sharks Swim Team occurring soon. Additionally, the Department has a birding programming opportunity coming soon.
- Personnel & Finance/CIP: Mr. Terry stated that this committee met last Wednesday in which Mr. Brammer submitted his resignation. The committee voted Lauren Giaimo as the new chairperson. The supplemental budget was approved and is before Council for their approval tonight. The next committee meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Fire: Mr. Rucker said that their next meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm.
- Design Review Board: Mr. Eudaily stated that the Board met last week and swore in two new members including himself. The Board also approved the 2023 Rules and Regulations for the Design Review Board.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Supplemental Budget Update #1:** Ms. Lupton provided an overview of the end-of-year balances and provided additional detail on several different budget line items and explained several different enhanced reporting options that staff will be pursuing. Additionally, she asked that Council consider waiving the second reading and approve Ordinance 03-2023 tonight due to upcoming deadlines. Mr. Terry added that the Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed the budget at their last meeting and, as a committee, recommends that Council approve the supplemental budget tonight. Mr. Terry thanked Ms. Lupton for her work in this and provided a few additional recommendations on the detailed reporting.
- **Amending the Wage Scale for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees:** Ms. Lupton stated that the amendment on the agenda tonight is to update the wage scale to reflect the changes to minimum wage that the state of Ohio recently enacted. Mr. Terry said that this is also something that the Personnel & Finance Committee reviewed and recommends Council approval. Mr. Reed advised that staff include the previous language that stated that the minimum wage updates could take place without Council's approval via ordinance. Staff stated that they would add in that verbiage and that it would be included in the document for Council's second reading of the ordinance at their next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 02-2023:** Amending Section 145 of the Codified Ordinances for the Village of Plain City Tree Commission

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Ordinance 02-2023, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 05-2023:** Authorizing a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Wilcox Investment Group

Mr. Terry motioned to table Resolution 05-2023 to March 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 03-2023:** Approving 2023 Supplemental Budget Update and Requesting a Waiver of the Second Reading

Mr. Terry motioned to waive the second reading of Ordinance 03-2023, seconded by Mr. Reed. All in favor.

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Ordinance 03-2023, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Resolution 06-2023:** Amending the Wage Scale for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees

Ms. Lupton noted that during the discussion of this resolution at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting, it was recommended that the police scale be adjusted as well.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2): To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

Mr. Eudaily motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:56pm, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

Mr. Sintz motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:35pm, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Sintz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.