



## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **April 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

### **Council Chambers**

**Mayor:** Jody Carney **Administrator:** Haley Lupton  
**Police Chief:** Dale McKee **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 6:31pm, 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 – April 10, 2023

Mayor Carney, hearing no objections from Council, approved the April 10, 2023 agenda.

Minutes: Council Work Session – April 5, 2023

Mr. Sintz motioned to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

#### **Proclamation:** Police Chief Dale McKee

Lieutenant Jaskiewicz, on behalf of the Plain City Police Department, presented a certificate and gift to Chief McKee honoring and celebrating his 25 years of full-time continuous service to the Village of Plain City. He detailed several accolades and accomplishments that Chief McKee has accumulated during his service and thanked him on behalf of the Police Department for his integrity and leadership. Lieutenant Jaskiewicz noted that Chief McKee is the longest serving employee in the history of the Village.

Mayor Carney, on behalf of the Village of Plain City, presented a proclamation to Chief McKee thanking him for his service and steadfast leadership. Chief McKee thanked Lieutenant Jaskiewicz and Mayor Carney for their kind words and support. He also thanked Council for their continued support. Lastly, Chief McKee thanked his wife and children for their support and understanding throughout his career, noting that it is no easy task being married to a law enforcement officer and he could not ask for a better family. Everyone in attendance gave Chief McKee a standing ovation.

**Visitors:** None.

**Reports:**

- Mayor: Mayor Carney said that the annual Easter Egg hunt was very successful with roughly 2,000 attendees. She thanked staff and everyone who volunteered their time to make the event such a success, including those who assisted in filling Easter eggs with candy. She noted that this is the first year the Village administration has organized the event and that they did an exceptional job.
- Finance Director: Nothing to report.
- Police Chief: Nothing to report.
- Village Administrator: Ms. Lupton provided several updates on the Uptown streetscape construction and stated that all projects are progressing accordingly. Additionally, income tax is due April 18 and forms are available on the website. Lastly, the Village was recently awarded an ODOT grant that will fund pedestrian improvements at the US-42 and West Avenue intersection.
- Council President: Mr. Sintz stated that the June work session has been rescheduled to June 1, previously June 7. Beginning April 22 is the "Council with Coffee & Friends" event, replacing the "Coffee with a Councilperson" event. The first one will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 9:00am at the Pleasant Valley Fire House. With the new date and time, Mr. Sintz stated that he and other Council members hope to be able to better accommodate resident's availability.
- Law Director: Nothing to report.
- Marketing & Communications: Mr. Sintz stated that the Committee is currently working on newly branded pens and, at the most recent meeting, were given an update on the new website, which is progressing accordingly. The next meeting is in May and will be held at the Plain City library. Mr. Reed noted that the Plain City Library has newly acquired technological capabilities that, to his knowledge, are not present in other central Ohio libraries. He noted that we are fortunate to have these types of resources available in our community.
- BZA: Nothing to report.
- Planning & Zoning: Next meeting is Wednesday, April 19. Mayor Carney said that the recent work session on April 3 was held as planned. The Commission discussed the "PUD" section of the zoning code and noted that Mr. Hutchinson advised the Commission that it would be more advantageous to update the zoning code section by section. The Commission discussed ways to improve the "PUD" section of the zoning code, specifically code section 1178.

- Parks & Recreation Committee: Mr. Reed stated that the Tree Commission has been reestablished and staff are currently accepting applications from interested residents.
- Personnel & Finance/CIP: Nothing to report.
- Fire: Mr. Sintz attended the most recent Fire Board meeting on behalf of Mr. Rucker. He stated that runs are up at this point in the year, as expected. Additionally, staff within the Fire Department are exploring several different grant opportunities.
- Design Review Board: Next meeting is Thursday, April 13.
- Economic Development Committee: Ms. Ferguson said that several applications have been received and evaluated. Four recommended appointees are on the agenda tonight for appointment. One of the appointees, Mr. Trevor Tripp, was in attendance and introduced himself to Council. He explained why he wants to serve on this committee and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve.

**Public Hearing:** None.

**Motion:** Appointing Roselynn Cassady to Serve on the Economic Development Committee  
Ms. Ferguson motioned to appoint Roselynn Cassady to serve on the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

**Motion:** Appointing Chandler Ingle to Serve on the Economic Development Committee  
Ms. Ferguson motioned to appoint Chandler Ingle to serve on the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

**Motion:** Appointing Dr. James Miller to Serve on the Economic Development Committee  
Ms. Ferguson motioned to appoint Dr. James Miller to serve on the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

**Motion:** Appointing Trevor Tripp to Serve on the Economic Development Committee  
Ms. Ferguson motioned to appoint Trevor Tripp to serve on the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

### **Old Business:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 09-2023:** Amending the Police Department Part-Time Employee Wage Scale  
Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Resolution 09-2023, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Resolution 10-2023:** Authorizing the Write Off of Bad Debt From Past Due and Uncollectable Utility Accounts  
Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 10-2023, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

## **New Business:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 06-2023:** Approving Current Replacement Pages to the Plain City Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Reed stated that he prefers to not pass this ordinance by emergency and not waive the second reading in order to allow residents to have adequate time to review and ask questions, if desired. Mr. La Fayette noted that the passage of this ordinance by emergency does not necessarily waive the second reading but rather waives the waiting period after the second reading until the ordinance goes into effect. Mr. Terry said that he would be amenable to not waiving the second reading but passing the ordinance as an emergency at the second reading. All Council members agreed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Resolution 11-2023:** Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2023

**Notice to Legislative Authority:** Ohio Division of Liquor Control Notice of Change of Ownership for 525 W Main Street

Council did not request a public hearing.

**Discussion Items:** None.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3): Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Mr. Sintz motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:04pm, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

Mr. Terry motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:28pm, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

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

Mr. Terry motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:28pm, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Mr. Terry motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:49pm, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

## **Adjourn:**

Mr. Terry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sintz. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.