



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 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 presented by Plain City Boy Scout Troop 90.

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

Absent: None.

Approvals:

Agenda: Council Meeting – February 13, 2023

Mr. Sintz motioned to approve the February 13, 2023 agenda, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Work Session – February 1, 2023

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

Proclamation:

February as Career and Technical Education Month in Plain City

The Mayor welcomed Dr. Todd Hoadley from Tolles Career & Technical Center and presented him with the Proclamation. Dr. Hoadley thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition and continued partnership. He stated that attendance is increasing each year and Tolles is looking forward to continued success in the future.

Visitors:

Kenneth Stalder

Mr. Stalder introduced himself and thanked Council for their time. He also thanked the Police and Fire Department for their continued service to the Village. He stated that he is concerned with the speed limits from the new roundabout in front of Darby Station to McKittrick Park. Specifically, he is concerned with the 50mph limit which is not conducive to the small length of roadway in that section and cited safety concerns. He asked if it would be possible to decrease the speed limit in that section from the current 50mph. Mayor Carney thanked Mr. Stalder for his comments and said that the Ohio Department of Transportation determines the speed limit in that section since it is a state route. Staff added that they would follow-up with ODOT again about reducing the speed limit in that section.

Anna Paliobeis

Ms. Paliobeis introduced herself and said that she would like to know more about the sewer failure on Ratcliff Lane that occurred several weeks ago. Ms. Lupton said that the equipment itself did not fail, rather the notification system did not trigger an alarm when it needed to. Staff is not exactly sure why the notification system failed but since that incident, the notification system has been amended to notify three people, with both positive and negative reports, to ensure that the status is continually being monitored. This will allow staff to know, if a report notification is not received during the day, something may be wrong and gives them adequate time to review any potential problems. Ms. Paliobeis thanked her for the information. She asked if there is any backflow measures present. Ms. Lupton said that there is currently a backflow program in place. Mr. Sintz asked for clarification on sewer versus water backflow. Ms. Paliobeis said that she meant sewer backflow. Staff said they would have to research that more as they are unsure at the moment.

Christy Syfert

Ms. Syfert introduced herself and stated that she is concerned about the Tree Commission ordinance amendment that is on tonight's agenda as a first reading. She does not understand why the language proposed to be stricken is advised to be so. Denton Kitts, Parks Assistant, said that any Tree Commission expenditures would already be incorporated into the budget which is reviewed and approved by Council. As such, that language is redundant and could be removed. Ms. Lupton added that the Tree Commission is advisory in nature and does not have the ability to enact legislative action or spend money. Ms. Syfert would like to see a Council member be on the Tree Commission for accountability reasons. Mayor Carney thanked Ms. Syfert for her comments and stated that it would be helpful if staff created an organizational chart of all committees depicting what each entity is responsible for and how that ultimately proceeds to Council for accountability.

Reports:

- Mayor: Mayor Carney attended the Pinewood Derby for the Boy Scouts recently and participated as a judge. She also met with representatives for Safety Town in a planning meeting. Additionally, the Economic Development Strategy meeting led by Mr. Stanford occurred last week and went well with great attendance.
- Finance Director: Nothing to report.

- Police Chief: Chief McKee thanked the Plain City Lion's Club for their recent donation. Chief McKee, Lt. Jaskiewicz, and Sgt. Prather will be attending Police Executive Leadership College training this week. Additionally, Officer Flowers completed a week-long training course for First Line Supervision. Lastly, the Police Department will be presenting the Behind the Wheel Training program for new drivers beginning this Saturday, February 23rd.
- Village Administrator: Ms. Lupton had a meeting for the Uptown Streetscape which is planned to begin construction in late March/early April of this year. The Public Works crew completed repairs on Lovejoy Plaza which saved the Village a significant amount of money. Additionally, staff completed training on financial software last week. Lastly, the Maple Street Bridge RFP closed today and staff plans to have the contract awarded soon.
- Council President: Mr. Sintz stated that his March work session planning meeting is scheduled with staff for next week.
- Law Director: Nothing to report.
- Marketing & Communications: The next meeting is February 21st.
- BZA: No meeting this month.
- Planning & Zoning: Virginia Homes will be informally presenting to the Commission this Wednesday at 6:30pm during their regularly scheduled meeting.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: Next meeting is this Thursday. The Committee will be discussing the vision of Pastime Park and the Tree Commission ordinance amendment.
- Personnel & Finance/CIP: The next meeting is this Wednesday.
- Fire Board: Last meeting was the previous Thursday, nothing to report at this time.
- Design Review Board: The next meeting is February 22nd to take care of housekeeping items, no applications have been received.

Public Hearing:

None.

Old Business:

2nd Reading Ordinance 01-2023: Setting the Costs for the Certificate of Registration Fee and the Construction Permit Fees for Right-of-Way Program.

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Ordinance 01-2023, seconded by Mr. Rucker. All in favor.

2nd Reading Resolution 02-2023: Authorizing the Participation in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2023.

Mr. Sintz motioned to approve Resolution 02-2023, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

2nd Reading Resolution 03-2023: Amending the Rental Rates for Facilities Owned by the Village of Plain City

Mr. Terry motioned to approve Resolution 03-2023, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

2nd Reading Resolution 04-2023: Establishing the Economic Development Committee

Ms. Ferguson motioned to approve Resolution 04-2023, seconded by Mr. Sintz. All in favor.

New Business:

Mr. Reed asked the Mayor if it would be possible to meet these appointees in-person at a Council meeting. Mr. Terry said that he agrees that a conversation after this motion would be appropriate but would like to see the motion carried forth tonight. Mr. Reed agreed.

Motion: Appointing Carrie McGlaughlin to Serve on the Board of the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District.

Mr. Terry motioned to appoint Carrie McGlaughlin to serve on the Board of the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

Motion: Appointing Tyler Harriman to Serve on the Board of the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District.

Mr. Terry motioned to appoint Tyler Harriman to serve on the Board of the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District, seconded by Mr. Eudaily. All in favor.

Motion: Appointing Shane Hoffman to Serve on the Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee With a Term Beginning March 15, 2023.

Mr. Sintz motioned to appoint Shane Hoffman to serve on the Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee with a term beginning March 15, 2023, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. All in favor.

1st Reading Ordinance 02-2023: Amending Section 145 of the Codified Ordinances the Village of Plain City Tree Commission

1st Reading Resolution 05-2023: Authorizing a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Wilcox Investment Group

Discussion Items:

None.

Adjourn:

Mr. Eudaily motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sintz. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.