



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

Council president Markham called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Sam Marcellino, Jen Robinson, Lori Ann Feibel, Matt Klingler, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jessica Saad

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

None.

5) Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6) President's Report

Mr. Markham reminded everyone that Council will meet on next week to keep the Thanksgiving week free for everyone. Mr. Markham then spoke about his disgust at a recent uptick in anti-Semitic rhetoric and activity in the nation. He then expressed his gratitude of being in a community with so many Jewish friends and neighbors and spoke of our responsibility as individuals to speak up against these acts and attitudes and further stated that such behaviors will not be tolerated at Council meetings.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel spoke in appreciation for Mr. Markham's comments and spoke on the importance of elected officials speaking out and taking action against anti-Semitic behavior and against other situations when people are being oppressed.

Mr. Kessler asked a question about the recent meeting and developments on concealed carry in Ohio, which Mr. Fishel answered.

8) Auditor's Report

Auditor is not yet present.

9) Administrative Update:

A) Police Department Update - Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis invited questions on his report after briefly highlighting an upcoming event on Project Taillight.

Ms. Saad asked a question about Project Taillight and the statistics regarding utilization of this program and Chief Lewis and Mayor Kessler both answered this.

Ms. Feibel asked for concerns about the post office to be included in the past.

Mr. Marcellino complimented the decrease in crime statistics on Chief Lewis's report.

B) Recreation and Parks Update - Mike Price

Mr. Price highlighted some information on upcoming rate increases for summer camp. Mr. Price also thanked everyone for their support of the Halloween Bash, which was largely successful.

Ms. Lampke also added that she has been working with Mr. Price, Mr. Kessler, and Councilwoman Saad about the pool management plans for 2023 and will be publishing survey results for 2022 for Swimsafe.

Mr. Price also added that he'd be providing a Google link with some budget support information to further explore and document the increases to programming costs.

C) Service Update: Andy Bashore- Service Director

Mr. Bashore didn't have much to add to his report, but he did note the crew is moving slow on leaf collection because so many leaves have already dropped.

Ms. Saad asked if we could share the link to the leaf pick-up page on the website, and Mr. Kessler agreed to manage this.

D) Finance Department Update - Beecher Hale

No report.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler highlighted some of the events on his report, including the productive meeting with Board and Commission chairs and vice chairs and the Alley of the Future judging that took place today.

Mr. Klingler asked about pumpkin pick-up which did not take place as scheduled today. Mr. Kessler is aware and will ensure pumpkins are properly collected.

Ms. Lampke asked about a recent swearing in ceremony for a reserve officer and Mr. Kessler and Chief Lewis provided some additional information.

10) Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters

A) Resolution 9-22 confirming the Mayor's appointment of members to the Recreation Board, the Tree and Public Gardens Commission, the Citizen Review Board, and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Executive Board, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 25, 2022. (This is the 2nd Reading)

i) Mary McMunn - Proposed for Appointment to Tree and Garden Commission

Mr. Kessler introduced Ms. McMunn who introduced herself and spoke about her background and her interest in the Commission and her work in the Community Garden along with her gratitude for the community.

Ms. Robinson spoke her support and gratitude for Ms. McMunn's commitment to being a "professional volunteer".

Ms. Saad also spoke about her positive experiences with Ms. McMunn and her gratitude for her service.

Mr. Kessler asked Ms. McMunn about her favorite tree species.

Mr. Price thanked Ms. McMunn and Ms. Quintenz, who was in attendance, for their hard work with the Bloomers on the Jeffrey Mansion grounds and spoke about how impactful this has been.

ii) Lisa Goldsand - Proposed for Appointment to Environmental Sustainability Advisory Commission

Mr. Kessler introduced Ms. Goldsand who introduced herself and spoke about her background and interest in the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee and her professional background.

Ms. Marcellino congratulated Ms. Goldsand on her career goal shift and his gratitude for her work here in Bexley.

Ms. Feibel spoke about her positive encounters with Ms. Goldsand and Ms. Saad also added her positive comments on this.

B) Ordinance 41-22 authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2023; to confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney; and to authorize 2022 transfers to the Economic Bond Development Retirement Fund, the Capital Improvements Fund; and the Infrastructure Development Fund, of \$694,328, \$500,000 and \$500,000 respectively, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 25, 2022 (This is the 2nd Reading)

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke briefly discussed what would be covered tonight.

Mr. Kessler then provided a highlight of the items that will be covered this evening and some of the changes that will be discussed in the budget documents. Mr. Kessler then invited Chief Lewis to walk us through the police budget.

Chief Lewis discussed some of the budget items for the coming year including some new

initiatives geared toward career development for officers, department succession planning and a new strategic plan that's being finalized with Mayor Kessler. Chief Lewis responded to Council questions as they arose.

Mr. McPeek arrived.

Hearing no more questions, Mr. Kessler invited Mr. Bashore to walk us through the remaining items in his budget, which he did. Mr. Kessler also added some comments and both responded to multiple questions and comments from Council members. ((We need to check OPWC projects that should be showing on the Sewer fund and aren't))

11) Executive Session To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Mr. Markham moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, etc.

Ms. Feibel seconded

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Matt Klingler, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 7-0.

Entered 7:55 pm.

Mr. Markham moved to exit Executive Session.

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Matt Klingler, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 7-0.

Exited 8:56 pm.

12) Consent Agenda: (No Speaker Slip Required)

A) Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2022 City Council Meeting.

B) Ordinance 40-22 to amend 2022 pay rates for Part Time Dispatchers and retroactively apply said pay rates, in order to be consistent with increases negotiated as part of the dispatcher's collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2022, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda

Ms. Lampke seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham asked for the minutes to reflect that Mr. Klingler had to depart after the Executive Session concluded.

13) Third Readings: (No Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 39-22 to authorize a supplemental appropriation for Jeffrey Preschool and Recreation Programs for calendar year 2022 introduced by Monique Lampke on October 11, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke asked Mr. Kessler to provide an explanation of the proposed amendments. Mr. Kessler walked Council members through the proposed amendments.

Ms. Lampke moved to amend Ordinance 39-22 as attached.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Ordinance 39-22.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 6-0.

14) Second Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 42-22 to create Section 265, Naming and Renaming Policy, and to adopt the Naming and Renaming Policy attached as Exhibit A, introduced by Jen Robinson on October 25, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson provided some background and rationale behind this ordinance. Mr. Fishel asked if they'd be checking to make sure the attachment is the version that was passed, which Ms. Robinson confirmed. Mr. Wilson will be here next week to talk about this in more depth.

15) First Readings: (Speaker Slip Required)

- A) Ordinance 43-22 to Establish the Water, Sewer, and Refuse Rates charged by the City of Bexley introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some background information and detail as to the content. Ms. Lampke asked some clarifying questions about the ordinance, which Mr. Kessler answered. Mr. McPeek asked a question about the rates which Mr. Kessler answered.

- B) Ordinance 44-22 Amending Chapter 291 of the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances to add

section 291.02 authorizing certain City officials to issue subpoenas in furtherance of investigations of misdemeanor crimes introduced by Jen Robinson on November 8, 2022

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Robinson asked Mr. Fishel to provide some more information on this ordinance and Mr. Fishel provided some detail as to the rationale and history behind the crafting of this ordinance. Ms. Robinson asked a clarifying question about the term "Acting City Attorney" which Mr. Fishel addressed. Ms. Saad asked a clarifying question on process and potential safety issues that could be delayed by this. Mr. Fishel and Mr. Kessler will double check this. Mr. Fishel will add emergency language to ensure this doesn't have a waiting period after being passed.

- C) Ordinance 45-22 to establish the salary for the office of Bexley Mayor for the years 2024-2027, introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke stated that Mr. Kessler asked to be excused for this discussion. Hearing no concerns from Council, Mr. Kessler left Chambers. Ms. Lampke provided some information for the background of this ordinance including the MORPC salary survey information for Mayors and City Administrators which was reviewed. Ms. Saad and Mr. Marcellino asked for additional information on which of the municipalities had both a Mayor and a City Administrator. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Markham moved on.

- D) Ordinance 46-22 to create Chapter 220.04, Compensation, and to establish the salary for the office of City Council Member for the years 2024 and beyond introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke turned this to the Mayor and City Auditor. Mr. Kessler provided information on the survey results for Council member pay in the Central Ohio area and the logic and rationale behind the recommendations included in this ordinance.

Multiple Council Members asked questions which Mr. Kessler answered.

- E) Ordinance 47-22 to establish compensation for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2023 introduced by Monique Lampke on November 8, 2022.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Kessler provided some background and detail on this ordinance. Hearing no questions, Mr. Markham moved us on.

16) Tabled Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance 35-22 to amend Section 1060, in order to require recycling service to be provided at commercial, institutional, and multi-family properties within the City of Bexley, introduced by Lori Ann Feibel on September 13, 2022.

- B) Ordinance 14-22 to Amend Section 1266.14 Solar Panels, in order to provide for consistent regulation and a streamlined approval process for solar panel projects introduced by Matt Klingler on April 12, 2022

No action at this time.

17) Recreation and Parks Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad highlighted the success of the Halloween Bash and reminded the community that the Mansion is renovated and available for event rental to the public.

18) Strategic Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

No report.

19) Service and Environmental Committee - Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel reminded everyone of the Climate Action Plan Community Forum on November 9 at the library.

20) Finance Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke reminded everyone of upcoming budget work.

21) Safety and Health Committee - Sam Marcellino, Chair

No report.

22) Zoning and Development Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

23) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire presented a photograph of the ground mounted solar panels and what they'd look like. She is in opposition to allowing ground mounted solar panels.

24) Adjourn

Mr. Marcellino moved.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Jessica Saad, Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jen Robinson

Motion Passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.