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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jack Rupp

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Dildine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Finance Director, Michael Loges - Development Director, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

Committee Chair Dildine asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Absent: 1 - Rupp

Present: 5 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Hilbert, and Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#131-2024](#) May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2024.05.20 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Madison Township Representative**

[#132-2024](#) MTFD Monthly Report

Attachments: [MTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)

B. Steven Spencer - Better Safe Project

Steven Spencer of Bearcat Home Improvement spoke in regards to The

Better Safe Project that he and his wife cofounded. He explained that The Better Safe Project is based on the need to change the statistics on the number of house fires. He said that being in the home improvement business, one of his main goals is to make sure people have adequate fire prevention safety equipment in their homes. One of the things people often overlook is their smoke detectors, which are supposed to be changed once every ten years. Many homes also do not have fire extinguishers. Mr. Spencer stated The Better safe Project is seeking grants and donations from local entities to help with its startup and asked for Council's endorsement. He explained he would like to start the project here in Groveport and it's first goal is to install 10,000 units into Groveport homes. Mrs. Hilbert said she'd like for Mr. Spencer to talk with Administrator King when he gets back into the office. Mr. Dildine suggested he reach out to Chief Robinson at the Madison Township Fire Department as well.

VII. New Business

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

B. 2nd Readings

[Ord. 2024-031](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 143, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [Ord. 2024-031 Exhibit A revised.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon stated this ordinance is based on the motion Council had made due to the inconsistency of sick leave use, sick leave eligibility, and the sick leave donation program. He read aloud the proposed language that would make it consistent. He confirmed with Council that the Observed Holiday Section does currently include Juneteenth and read aloud the additional language that Mr. Dildine had requested to include any State recognized holidays created in the future. Mrs. Hilbert asked that the language include Federally recognized holidays. Mr. Shannon and Council concluded to make the motion to change the language to include Federally recognized holidays at the next

Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Hilbert, and Cleary

X. Financial Report

Finance Director Carr gave highlights from the Financial Report.

[#133-2024](#) Financial Report

XI. Other Business

XII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp thanked Clerk of Council Kay, who had been cross training with the Clerk of Courts in order to fill in during her maternity leave. He expressed his appreciation for their teamwork.

B. Administrator - BJ King

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Mr. Carr stated that the Tax Budget resolution needs to be passed at next Monday's Council meeting and confirmed with Ms. Kay that the Public Hearing will be held at 6:15pm.

E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Captain Blevins spoke about a condo fire on Cypress Grove. He said everyone got out safely and the Madison Township Fire Department and the Columbus Fire Department made an amazing response.

[#134-2024](#) PD Council Report

Attachments: [PD Council Report.pdf](#)

F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges

[#135-2024](#) EDEV Council Report

Attachments: [EDEV Council Report.pdf](#)

G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer

[#136-2024](#) PS Council Report

Attachments: [PS Council Report.pdf](#)

H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier

[#137-2024](#) B&Z Council Report

Attachments: [B&Z Council Report.pdf](#)

I. Director of Golf - Tom Walker

[#138-2024](#) GOLF Council Report

Attachments: [GOLF Council Report.pdf](#)

J. Recreation Director - Seth Bowers

[#139-2024](#) REC Council Report

Attachments: [REC Council Report.pdf](#)

K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke

[#140-2024](#) CA Council Report

Attachments: [CA Council Report.pdf](#)

L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

[#141-2024](#) ENG Council Report

Attachments: [ENG Council Report.pdf](#)

M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler

[#142-2024](#) DOT Council Report

Attachments: [DOT Council Report.pdf](#)

N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers

[#143-2024](#) HR Council Report

Attachments: [HR Council Report.pdf](#)

O. Director of Information Technology - Trevor Swackhamer

P. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

Q. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Edward Dildine, President Pro Tem

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

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