

Minutes of April 16, 2020 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
April 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:51 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the April 2, 2020 City Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance O – 04 – 20 – 08 An Ordinance Providing COVID-19 Related Emergency Paid Sick Leave to Police, Fire, and Public Works Employees for the Time Period April 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 and Declaring an Emergency. Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised the Federal Government established the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The FFCRA does three things: expands the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA); establishes the Public Health Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act; and Coverage for COVID-19 testing. The act applied to both full time and part time employees. Emergency first responders were exempted from the leave components of this act. We would like to extend to both our part-time and full-time Fire, Police, and Public Works personnel two weeks of paid emergency COVID-19 leave. Motion by Gorman to pass the Ordinance as an Emergency, motion was second by Kelly. Voting yea were Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman and Stevens. Motion by Gorman to pass the Ordinance, second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The State Route 49 curb repair work is slated to begin by the third week in May, and the contractor will be posting signage alerting drivers of the traffic pattern change in the next few weeks. Gorman advised Zimmerlin that he had received calls asking when the golf course would reopen. Zimmerlin stated each city must have a location where police or fire personnel could quarantine should they become infected. We have designated the Meadowbrook facility as our quarantine location, and therefore cannot open the facility at this time. We are tentatively looking at the May 1st timeframe to open the facility and will make the final decision closer to that date.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

None heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Merkle stated he feels like everyone else; I am so done with this and will be glad to get back to our new normal. Everyone is frustrated, but we will move forward with the new normal. Right now, we don't know what the new normal is or how we will react, but I'm looking forward to May 1st, on to the recovery. Bachman stated he recently donated blood at the Community Blood Center, as they are still impacted with shortages. The facility is very well run and very clean and I ask everyone, if you are able, to please donate. It was great that even with the quarantine, we were able to send the Easter Bunny out in a fire truck through the neighborhoods. I know the families in my neighborhood were very pleased. I just want to stress to everyone; we will get through this. Henning asked Zimmerlin with Memorial Day coming up to check into the Green Light for a Vet program. In previous years the City distributed green light bulbs to residents to show their support for veterans on Memorial Day. Henning also thanked staff for sharing information and alerting our residents to the many scams going on the various online applications. I also wish to thank staff for the Easter Bunny parade, it was very nice and there was a great turnout. I ask everyone to please support our local businesses who are able to stay open. Lastly, the election is April 28th and you must vote absentee. You can still obtain the ballots or go to VoteOhio.gov for more information. Gorman congratulated a park commission member's Son, Sean Menker. Sean attends Chaminade Julianne High School and was the recently named Athlete of the Week. Also, the 2020 Census is due. Please fill it out, it means a lot to the city, county and state in terms of dollars coming to us from the federal government. Kelly reminded everyone patience is a virtue and we will get out of this safely. Also, today is national pajama day, so hopefully you are in your pajamas today. Lieberman commended Amanda, we don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we have been impressed with how you have managed since coming here, you've done a good job. I also want to advise I have received comments from residents on how difficult it is to navigate CCA's tax system and make payments. Can we look into how this can be made easier for residents. Stevens acknowledged the hard times Amanda and staff have been going through. Hopefully after May 1st, with social distancing, things can begin to get back to normal.

Motion by Gorman, second by Lieberman to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.