

Minutes of October 15, 2020 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
October 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:32 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, shared the annual leaf collection program identifying the zones for leaf pick up and dates of service.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the October 1, 2020 City Council Meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Merkle to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R – 10 – 20 – 54 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Cooperative User Agreement with the City of Dayton, Ohio. Brian Garver, Fire Chief, advised the fire department is transitioning to a new records management system, which requires a server to be housed at the RDC for retrieving data from the dispatch CAD system. The records management system is the same system that the Dayton Fire Department is utilizing, and they already have a server that is providing information to them and can provide information to our record's management system as well. The agreement will allow us to utilize their server at no upfront cost. The only cost, which will be shared between Dayton and Clayton is for any maintenance and future replacement of the server when needed. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Zimmerlin advised at our last meeting we passed legislation to establish an Implementation Committee for PLAN Clayton, and we are needing names so I'm asking you to recommend residents to appoint by our next meeting. Our Sweep Clayton Clean event is this weekend at Station 83 on Woolery Lane from 8 am till noon or when the bins are full. We are hosting a Pumpkin and Goodie Bag drive-thru give-a-way on Saturday, October 24th from 1-3 p.m. at Meadowbrook, children up to 8th grade are welcome. We will also have a curb-side costume contest, pictures will be taken and posted on our website for residents to vote on. This will be our last meeting apart as our new audio/visual system will be installed by our November 5th meeting, however due to the limited size of meeting attendants residents will still watch the meetings via Zoom. We've recently discussed Police body cameras and we will hold a Workshop prior to our November 5th Council meeting to hear a presentation on the cameras. Lastly, included in your packets are the year-to-date financial statements for Meadowbrook for the golf course and the banquet side.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Dave Roe stated he has been discussing with multiple Councilmembers since July his desire to update our R-2 zoning code to either allow short stay rentals (Airbnb's) or to add it to the Conditional Use options within the current zoning code. Mayor Stevens advised he will consult with the City's attorney and City Manager to discuss and get an answer on how we will proceed.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Merkle stated elections are coming up and advised residents to get out to vote, and if you feel unsafe with Covid, vote absentee. Be safe as it appears we are going into round 2 with Covid. Henning stated he wanted to speak about the upcoming levy for the Northmont Schools on the November ballot, a 5.9 mill continuing operating renewal so no new taxes. I strongly support the schools and ask that you consider supporting the levy. Early voting has also started and you can vote downtown now, there is more information at the Montgomery County Board of Elections website. Lastly, I'm looking forward to, as are a number of residents, the Sweep Clayton Clean event this weekend. Lieberman asked everyone to please get out to vote, by the time we have our next meeting the election will be over so exercise your voice. I wish to thank Amanda for our need for mental health individuals to be on call with our police officers. I've spoken with Chief Hamlin and he very much would like to see that also to use as a tool to safely deal with residents. Amanda has already started a collaboration with other communities and I hope it comes to fruition. Kelly stated she supports the Northmont School levy renewal and asks everyone to please get out and vote. Good schools are important and are an important part of why people move to the area. I was excited to see the articles about Clayton in the recent edition of the Dayton Business Journal. Lastly, I want to congratulate resident Debbie Lieberman, she was listed as one of the 2020 Power 50 Super Women. Gorman asked everyone to get out and vote, he also advised this is also Breast Cancer Awareness month, however with Covid I'm concerned on how are they fundraising. Garver stated he reached out to them but has not heard how this has impacted them, but with Covid we were not able to help them this year. Bachman encouraged everyone to get out and vote, there are a number of local issues that are much more important for our everyday lives. The school levies, local, county and state officials that effect you every day are more important, by the next time we meet there will be a lot of changes. Stevens also asked everyone to get out to vote and support our local schools and candidates, voting is our privilege and responsibility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stevens advised an Executive Session is needed to have a discussion with Council on imminent court action. Gorman made a motion to break for an Executive Session to have a discussion with Council on imminent court action, second by Bachman. Voting yea were Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman, and Stevens. Council broke for Executive Session at 8:19 PM.

Council returned and Mayor Stevens re-opened the regular session at 8:47 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.