

Minutes of March 4, 2021 Clayton City Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
March 4, 2021

Due to the Governor's orders on limited size of meetings Clayton's City Council conducted its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Thursday March 4, 2021 via the Zoom meeting format.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:33 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the February 18, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R – 03 – 21 – 18 A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Local Board of Tax Review. Motion by Henning to appoint Christine Bachman as a Member of the Local Board of Tax Review, motion second by Merkle. Voting yea were Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, Lieberman, and Stevens. Bachman abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution No. R – 03 – 21 – 19 A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Local Board of Tax Review. Motion by Henning to appoint Tom Walker as a Member of the Local Board of Tax Review, motion second by Gorman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 03 – 21 – 20 A Resolution Appointing a member to the Parks Advisory Commission. Motion by Kelly to appoint Kris Roll to the Parks Advisory Commission, motion second by Lieberman. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin advised CCA will not be providing in person tax help this year. However, residents may fill out a form and attach their tax information and mail them to CCA who will then prepare their taxes and mail them back. If residents are not comfortable mailing the forms to CCA they can drop them at the City Building and a CCA representative will collect them on Thursdays. Anything beyond April 15th should be mailed directly to either the Cleveland or Hamilton Office. This information has been posted on the City's website and social media.

On the Police Body Cameras, the outer vests have been ordered through our supplier. It will be 5 to 6 weeks for Utility BodyWorn to receive them for retrofitting. We will have a walk through on March 11th with BodyWorn for upfitting for the modems on the cars and software.

The two cruisers purchased as part of the 2020 budget are now at KE Rose for upfitting. I am hopeful they will be completed by Friday, March 5th. The three cruisers in the 2021 budget and

approved by Council at the January 21st meeting have been ordered from Beau Townsend and we expect delivery in June.

We have been awarded \$1,857.51 from the Law Enforcement Body Armor Reimbursement Grant. Funding for the program is provided by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation as part of its Safety Intervention Grant Program and will go towards the purchase of the new vests.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Lisa Colbert wished to speak but there were technical problems and she could not be heard. She wished to speak on a parking issue on her cul-de-sac. Mayor Stevens requested she provide her phone number, which she did, and advised a member of staff would reach out to her on Friday.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lieberman stated at our last meeting was it was very emotional, and there were emotionally charged people that were making presentations that evening that I feel were taking a cheap shot at Jack for his presentation. We need to let Jack know he has our support, that he's just trying to do the best job he can under the circumstances, and simply trying to present the facts that he believed were accurate. I would hope people in the future won't take those cheap shots, that's what makes it difficult in our polarized world we live in today. I think Jack is doing the best he can under these circumstances, and I appreciate his candor. Gorman asked everyone to stay safe and wear your masks. Henning thanked staff in scheduling the spring events, the Easter Egg Hunt and Sweep Clayton Clean, the residents really look forward to them. Bachman congratulated Clayton resident Jeff Rezabek on his appointment to the Montgomery County Board of Elections. With Covid it looks like we can see light at the end of the tunnel, and hope it continues. Two weeks ago, we had a heated Council meeting, a lot was said, but in the end, growth is needed for many reasons. Merkle stated we need to show our support to Jack, his job is to do economic development, he does not make the decisions for the city he just brings the information forward. If someone wants to do something in the community it's his responsibility to bring that information to Council. To say he's in the pocket of the developer is grossly unfair. I would also like to thank the Clayton Fire Department and EMS personnel in assisting with an issue dealing with my Father recently.

Having no further business, motion by Gorman to adjourn the meeting, motion was second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.