

Minutes of May 5, 2022 Council

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
May 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman. Councilman Henning made a motion to excuse Mr. Gorman this evening. Motion was second by Bachman. All yeas, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Stevens presented Gina Roberts and members of the Northmont High School Winter Guard with a Proclamation in recognition of their outstanding season.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Council Workshop. Motion by Bachman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Bachman-yes, Henning-abstain, Merkle-yes, Kelly-yes, Lieberman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Seim then presented the minutes of the April 21, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion by Merkle, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Bachman-yes, Henning-abstain, Merkle-yes, Kelly-yes, Lieberman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 05 – 22 – 10 An Ordinance Approving Amendments to Articles 3 and 22 of the City's Personnel Practices Manual. Elaine Wittman, Assistant to the City Manager, advised in January Council approved the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Program policy statement and the addition of an Affirmative Action Program. At that time legislation did not include adding it to the Personnel Manual, we are asking Council that it be added to Article 3 of the Personnel Manual. Also, exempt employees not in a bargaining unit but working 24/48-hour shifts, specifically Battalion Chiefs, receive similar benefits to the IAFF bargaining unit. We are requesting that verbiage for compensation time, work period overtime, and education bonus from the recently approved IAFF contract be added to Article 22. Motion by Henning to approve the Resolution, second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 05 – 22 – 40 A Resolution Establishing Facility Rental Rates for Meadowbrook at Clayton. Wittman advised the Meadowbrook at Clayton Event Facility has operated one month since the expiration of the catering contract and permitting outside caterers during event rentals. We have gained a better understanding of the operations, and after review of our expenses associated with the change in operations, the updates and additions made to the facility, and the rates of other similarly facilities, we found the Meadowbrook's facility rates

should be amended. Meadowbrook's facility rental rates have not been amended since 2019. Motion by Bachman to approve the Resolution, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised our spring Sweep Clayton Clean is coming up on Saturday, May 21st from 8 AM to Noon at Fire Station 83 at 200 Woolery Lane. We are back to pre-pandemic operations where staff will be there to help unload your items and the woodchipper will also be there. In November of 2021 Governor DeWine signed House Bill 127 which was the fireworks bill, making fireworks legal in the state on certain holidays. I've spoken to both fire and police chiefs and they advised waiting until the fire marshal decides what to do with the regulations. Neither of them seem concerned but it is a decision that Council would need to make. If we leave it as is then they are legal on the days listed. If Council decides to make a change, then we would need to decide what days you want to allow them or you don't allow them at all. Also, if a municipality chooses, they can ban them completely or they can restrict the dates and times so the state is recognizing home rule authority.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Earl Harlamert announced the Parks Commission, some council members and community members participated in our Park Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 23rd. Our parks are in fine shape and are getting better. We're going to continue working to make improvements.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Kelly congratulated the Northmont Winter Guard accomplishments, this is coming from one of the first color guard members who help develop the rifle core back in 1980. It's exciting to see the legend go on with Northmont Band and the color guard. Merkle reminded everyone Sunday is Mother's Day, we celebrate Mothers and women, even those who are not Mothers. Henning stated I also want to congratulate the Winter Guard students. Over winter break they were also at Disney with the marching band. It's a nice recognition for Northmont's program and they received national attention, so congratulations. I was not able to attend the last meeting when we recognized the DECA students. As a DECA alumni and part of Mr. Wagner's first year at Northmont I want to congratulate the 11 students that went to Atlanta. This is another way our community gets national recognition. We just completed one election and are gearing up for the next election. The Montgomery County Board of Elections worked very hard and there were no issues. I want to wish my Mother and Natalie Happy Mother's Day. Bachman stated he participated in the park clean-up, I started at Hardscrabble park and it was in phenomenal shape. The parks committee members, staff and the baseball teams have done a great job in taking care of the park. I then went to the Westbrook Park and it's in good shape also. I want to extend my congratulations to the Winter Guard and band. The Color Guard and band at Northmont have been top notch and I want to give an extra shout out to Brian Wissman being a fellow '03 graduate. There are people from my grade doing good things. I noticed the new signs at Union and SR49, this is part of the street signage program that came about with PLAN Clayton that myself and Kim (Williams) pushed, so it was nice to see them. Beginning this year, we're going to see a lot of the new developments starting to go up. I noticed yesterday the development behind my house there are marking flags going up. At our next meeting there is another development being proposed, so it's going to be a big year. I want to commend Councilman Henning and everyone involved in the election in the state. I always tell people there won't be

issues in the State of Ohio and there won't be issues in Montgomery County because I know the people running it and even throwing in a tornado warning for part of the day, it turned out great as usual. And, going along with everyone else, Happy Mother's Day to my wonderful Mother and all the other Mother's in the community. Stevens stated I will echo what everyone else said and wish Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers. I want to congratulate the Northmont Winter Guard, they really make us proud. Congratulations and job well done to Mr. Henning and the Secretary of State on the elections, I didn't hear of any issues.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.