

## **Minutes of November 17, 2022 Council**

Regular Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council  
Clayton Government Center  
November 17, 2022

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:34 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Bachman, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Lieberman.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the November 3, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Bachman-yes, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-yes, Kelly-yes, Lieberman-abstain, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. O – 11 – 22 – 34 An Ordinance Vacating a Specified 50.00 Foot Section of an Existing Public Right of Way Located on Obispe Street within the City of Clayton, Ohio. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance, second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

Ordinance No. O – 11 – 22 – 35 An Ordinance to Establish Building Permit Fees and Authorize the City of Clayton to Enter Into an Agreement with National Inspection Corporation to Provide Related Services. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Henning to approve the Ordinance, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Ordinance No. O – 11 – 22 – 36 An Ordinance to Establish Building Department. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance, second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Ordinance No. O – 11 – 22 – 37 An Ordinance Requesting Certification to Enforce the Ohio State Building Codes within the City of Clayton, Ohio. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance, second by Merkle. All yeas, motion carried.

Ordinance No. O – 11 – 22 – 38 An Ordinance Authorizing a Request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to Certify the City of Clayton for Enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio to Exercise Enforcement Authority and Accept and Approve Plans and Specifications and Make Inspections. Second reading, no further discussion. Motion by Henning to approve the Ordinance, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. R – 11 – 22 – 76 A Resolution Authorizing the Finance Director to request the County Auditor to make Advance Payments into the Clayton Account. Kevin Schweitzer, Finance Director, advised this is an annual function for us to receive tax revenues as they are collected, and the County Auditor requires a written request for advances. Motion by Gorman to approve the Resolution, second by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised the city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. Some good news, 8027 N. Main Street was demolished, it is down. There is still a pile of rubble but it's getting cleaned up, the asphalt will also be removed so it will be green space come next spring. Just a reminder, the city's anniversary is coming up and staff is looking at ways to incorporate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary into our Labor Day celebration since that's our biggest draw at Meadowbrook. Speaking of Meadowbrook, Breakfast with Santa tickets sold out on the first day by noon, all 200 tickets. Just a reminder that if you don't have a ticket children can still come see Santa from 10 – 11 am to see Santa, no ticket is required and that is free.

### **VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

Mary Ann Moore asked what city department handles Meadowbrook, who is in charge. Zimmerlin stated ultimately, I am as the city manager, Elaine looks over the day-to-day operations, and Amanda Fritz handles the banquet operations. Ms. Moore than asked when does the city anticipate working on the Hilltop curb improvements, next year? Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, advised due to high costs of materials he does not anticipate this project happening until possibly 2025. Ms. Moore asked when businesses come into town, there's not a new building but new businesses going in an existing building on Main Street, do they pay a different rate of tax, do they not pay tax? Zimmerlin advised there were no tax incentives given to them, they will pay the same rate of tax. Lastly, Ms. Moore asked what is the city's policy on pan handling. Zimmerlin advised as long as they are on public streets, they are protected under the First Amendment, freedom of speech.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Lieberman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday. Kelly thanked Kevin for his conservative spending, I know a lot of residents appreciate that and we do too. I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Merkle thanked Kevin and staff for the budget workshop earlier this evening. It's an eye opener as far as getting revenues and expenditures in line. It's one of those things that's been discussed in years past, that the day of reckoning was coming. We will need to begin next year to get an idea of what direction we need to go, letting the people know what's happening and why. No one wants to pay more taxes, but sometimes it comes down to what do you want to do or what do you want to do without. It's the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and please keep those less fortunate in your prayers and reach out and help if you can. Also, with the cold weather and people are indoors more, if you know a neighbor who is by themselves or elderly reach out and try to make sure they aren't forgotten. Gorman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Henning thanked Kevin for the 2023 budget presentation. Amanda you along with our Directors do a fantastic job with due diligence and ensuring money is wisely spent. I went to the Coffee with a Cop on Monday at Boston Stoker, it's always nice to talk with our law enforcement personnel and we appreciate their service. I know a lot of kids are sick right now I hope everyone stays healthy and have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. We in this room have a lot to be thankful for so if you can help, help others. Northmont FISH and the Chamber were actively seeking non-perishable food items for the upcoming holiday season. Bachman thanked Kevin and staff for their hard work on the budget, we have some hard decisions to make the next couple of years. I trust the staff and leadership in the multiple options they will give us will be thoroughly evaluated. We

had the elections last week and people have asked me how things were going to turn out, I tell everyone one thing I can say with certain is that there won't be any issues in the State of Ohio and in Montgomery County. Knowing a lot of the people who are involved, knowing how professional they are, that's why I could tell them with certainty there would be no issues. And lastly, Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Stevens stated two weeks ago we held our Northmont class reunion at Meadowbrook, it turned out great and I received a lot of compliments on the facility. I also want to thank Kevin and the staff on the budget. We cannot save our way or cut our way to prosperity. We want to be diligent on spending which we already do but in order to increase our revenues we have to continue to grow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.