

Minutes of April 18, 2024 Council

Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
April 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Farmer, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Bachman.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the April 4, 2024 Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Henning to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 04 – 24 – 05 An Ordinance Amending Section 1313.05 of Chapter 1313 of the Clayton Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance as an emergency, second by Kelly. Voting: Farmer-no, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-no, Kelly-yes, Bachman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 5-2. Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, stated we are presenting this as an emergency so we can have this in place prior to us starting the mowing season. Motion by Henning to approve the Ordinance, second by Kelly. Voting: Farmer-yes, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-no, Kelly-yes, Bachman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 6-1.

Henning stated I know this is later in the City Manager's Report, requesting the summer schedule for June and July, but can we go ahead and add that to tonight's agenda. I would also like to add August 1st being one of the summer schedule meetings to cancel, I believe one meeting per month is fine for June, July and August. Zimmerlin stated we can always call a meeting if something that needs to be addressed comes up that can't wait. Henning made a motion to cancel the first meetings in June, July and August this year, motion was second by Farmer. Voting: Farmer-yes, Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, Merkle-no, Kelly-yes, Bachman-yes, and Stevens-yes. Motion passed 6-1.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Zimmerlin requested a work session at 6:30 p.m. prior to our May 16th meeting to have a discussion with staff on options for the November election and what Council would like to do with the levy. I would also like to have a discussion and legislation at our next meeting to discuss hard billing for EMS. The city currently writes off about \$100,000 per year, and the cities of Englewood and Union both do hard billing. We have about \$200,000 unallocated ARPA monies as many of our projects came in under budget as we planned for contingencies. I would like to recommend purchasing new Police radios that are on our 2025 CIP budget. We are also having issues with running out of storage space on our servers, so we need to upgrade our servers. On the total eclipse last week, we were over prepared, which is good. The total cost of

preparations with staffing overtime and supplies was about \$4,910 and have submitted to the Ohio EMA for reimbursement.

Farmer stated, the Montgomery County Soil and Water drainage project for Hoke and Wenger, was that identified as a need before we could move forward. Zimmerlin stated that is one of the reasons that project was moved up, because of the roundabout project, so yes.

Merkle asked Zimmerlin if we've heard anything from Windsor in terms of what their plans are. Zimmerlin stated she has not. They did have a North Clayton Community Authority meeting and they do have a representative on that board. He stated they were looking at becoming the developer of record, what that exactly means I'm not sure. As far as submitting anything to the city for Planning Commission, they did not submit anything for the April meeting.

Merkle asked regarding the issue of north of US 40, what I'd asked before about what could potentially be put into writing as far as how to address the lack of clarity in terms of what could and could not be done and what we want to do moving forward. Zimmerlin stated we have not worked on that yet, but we can put that on our agenda for our next meeting.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Earl Harlamert, Parks Director, advised on May 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. will be painting the baseball dug outs at Hardscrabble Park. Everyone is invited to come out and help.

Andrew Metzger stated he was here to hear about the traffic circle (discussion was held during the Work Session that began at 6:30 p.m.) and how much that project could increase the water issues in that area, we've had a lot of water issues since 2014. Zimmerlin stated the traffic circle discussion will be on YouTube and after you watch that, and have any questions, please call me or Randy (Sanders) and we would be happy to answer any questions you have.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Bachman stated he is looking forward to the Hoke and Wenger project, this has always been very congested. It's still a few years away, but I'm looking forward to it, it's going to add some character to the area as well. Kelly stated she's talked to Mr. Metzger before, and I think the main issue on his water problems was Englewood not accepting responsibility for some of their issues when they put in the industrial park. Gorman stated I hope everyone had an opportunity to see the Eclipse last week, it was quite spectacular and a once in a lifetime deal. I hope all the kids in the schools got to see it. Henning stated Prom season is approaching. We have Northmont High Schools' Prom on Saturday, May 4th. I'm just reminding the students to stay safe and make good decisions. In regards to some of the remaining ARPA funds, can we look into solar blinking lights on SR40 at the school zones. Lastly, tomorrow is my Son Henry's 1st Birthday, and I wish him a happy 1st Birthday. Farmer stated there is a roundabout at the Union Industrial Park, how do you think our roundabout at Hoke and Wenger will compare to that. Zimmerlin stated she has not been though the Union Industrial Park roundabout. Farmer stated it surprised me because I usually don't expect semis to be going around roundabouts but now I know they can. I had an opportunity to attend the Miami Valley Communication Counsels newly elected officials training, it was very good and I got a lot out of it. I heard from City Managers from around the area, it was very worthwhile and a great source of ideas. I just want to encourage everybody to be safe with it getting warmer, if you're going to ride your bike wear a helmet, if you're going to run the weed eater or mower, put on some goggles and protect your

ears and let's reduce your chances for hard billing. Stevens thanked City Staff who always does a fantastic job, it's a small number of people wearing a large number of hats and putting out a lot of outstanding work. And, also thank you to our Council for your hard work and dedication to the City.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.