



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
JULY 23rd, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Mentor-on-the-Lake was called to order on July 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye	Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, Vice President
Aye	At Large:	MICHELLE MOORE
Aye	Ward 2:	SKIP GRAY
Aye	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER
Aye	Ward 1:	JEANNIE WONG
Aye	At Large:	JIM LUNDER
Aye	Ward 3:	ROB JOHNSON, President

READING OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council- July 9th, 2024

MOTION MADE BY MR. BITTNER, Seconded by Mr. Gray, for approval of minutes. **ROLL CALL:**
Ayes: Council Members Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Abstain: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva read the June Fire Department report, it will be attached to the minutes. Mayor Eva announced that on Friday, July 26th at 7:00 P.M. there will be work beginning on Munson Road. There will be access to the businesses during the re-paving process. There will be work done on that Friday night and then the following Monday and Tuesday during the day, with officers there to help direct traffic. Mayor Eva received a letter dated July 10th from Lake County Board of Commissioners that they approved a resolution offering an increased discount of 30% on water and sewer fees to eligible senior citizens in our area, this resolution passed on February 22nd and they sent a letter.

Administrative Director – Ms. Martin (absent)

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (none)

Fire Chief- Chief Pechatsko

Chief Pechatsko announced that the Fire Department was recently awarded the State Fire Marshalls equipment grant at a total of \$8,600. They recently took delivery of the new command vehicle and it will be going into service this week.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Wong asked about the issues that were brought up at the last council meeting on July 9th, regarding speeding. She wanted to know if they have approached the City of Mentor about stricter enforcement about fining the speeding in our city that may be different than their city. Ms. Wong also asked if they have thought about petitioning the state which would be ODOT to lower the 35 MPH speed limit on Andrews Road so that we have a uniform 25 MPH speed limit throughout the city. Chief Forsythe and members of the Council had a conversation regarding the speed limit and options for our city as we are a residential community. Mrs. Thompson asked how the senior residents can apply for the additional discount Mayor Eva spoke of and he understands that it is up to the utilities to offer the 30% to the seniors.

7:15 P.M EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL:

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, to move into Executive Session for personnel matter. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

7:30 P.M. COUNCIL RECONVENED. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. **All present.**

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Committee / July 14th, 2024 / Ms. Wong: Cancelled

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Nikki Kasunic 5708 Anna Court. Ms. Kasunic voiced her concerns of cars cutting through her street since Dollar General has been built and would like to know if they are going to close off the, with a barrier as it is a dead-end street and it has still yet to be done. Mayor Eva said that he will get that fixed.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-25 (THIRD READING) (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RETIRE/REHIRE POLICY FOR ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-15

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDED ORDINANCE 250.14 LONGEVITY COMPENSATION
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

President Johnson asked what brought this forward after eight years of getting rid of the ordinance. Mayor Eva said that this was brought up a few years ago and now is the time to put it together. Speaking with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Service Department- there is a high turnover and he thinks it would be an incentive to keep employees. Mr. Johnson said that he does not support bringing this ordinance back as he believes in performance-based pay rather than longevity. Ms. Wong wanted to clarify section D for the longevity and lump sum pay. Ms. Wong asked if there has been a rough calculation made with the particular lump sum pay schedule with part- and full-time employees and the impact that it would have on annual expenditures. Mayor Eva said that based on 2023 it would be up by \$25,000. President Johnson referred this ordinance to the Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Wong wanted to remind that the centennial t-shirt order window closes on August 6th. The ordering information is on the home page. Mr. Lunder asked how many have been sold so far and Ms. Wong replied with 107.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson brought up a letter that we received for the alcohol permits and if there are any current objections to the permits.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Nikki Kasunic 5708 Anna Court. Ms. Kasunic said that she heard a rumor that there was going to be something built behind Dollar General and Mayor Eva said that there is nothing planned to be built behind Dollar General at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTINGS OF MEETINGS:

Parks and Recreation Committee	Thursday, July 25 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M.
Community Development Committee	Monday, August 12 th , 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
Ordinance Committee	Monday, August 12 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M.
Zoning Committee	Tuesday, August 13 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M.
Service Committee	Tuesday, August 13 th , 2024 at 7:00 P.M.
Finance Committee	Monday, August 19 th , 2024 at 6:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 P.M.

MOTION MADE BY MS. WONG, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Adjournment. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

The next **REGULAR AGENDA MEETING** will be held on
Thursday, August 22nd, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

The next **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** will be held on
Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

8-27-2024

Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest:



Clerk of Council