



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council of December 8, 2020, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Desirea Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye:	At Large:	JIM LUNDER, Vice President	(Appeared in person)
Aye:	Ward 3:	ROB JOHNSON	(Appeared in person)
	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER	(Absent/Excused)
Aye:	At Large:	PRESTON WOLK	(Appeared Virtually)
Aye:	Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT	(Appeared Virtually)
Aye:	Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS	(Appeared in person)
Aye:	Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, President	(Appeared Virtually)

READING OF MINUTES: Virtual Regular Meeting of Council – November 24, 2020

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the November 24, 2020, Virtual Regular Meeting of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Wolk.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/1

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Morris advised he had received two phone calls from Mr. Gray regarding the salt mound in the parking lot. He was concerned that after the City had chastised the man up the street for killing all the grass on Andrews we were essentially going to do the same thing and corrupt the storm waterways. Mr. Morris talked to Mr. Moore and steps have already been taken to counteract that.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva read the Fire Department's Report for November 2020. There were 103 calls in November 2020 as follows: Rescue/EMS – 59 calls, one of which was for an overdose requiring Narcan; Fire/Service – 28 calls; and Invalid Assist – 16 calls. There has been a total of 208 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the City, and there are 62 active cases currently being tracked. COVID-19 data is reported by the Lake County General Health District. The Fire Prevention Report for November 2020: hood tests were completed for AMVETS Post 109 and the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club; plans are being reviewed for the Dollar Tree expansion. Department Training for November 2020: EMS drills presented by Lake Health have gone virtual so personnel can receive continuing education. The November topic was EMS Run Review. The Fire Department has moved to a monthly shift drill where

each shift will cover the same training subject all month long. There will be a new training subject each month. Mayor Eva stated there are 208 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City; 88 of the cases are males, in October there were 28. 119 cases are female, in October there were 30. There was one they did not identify; and there are two female probable deaths from COVID.

Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone

Mrs. Bartone stated on tonight's Agenda Ordinance No. 2020-O-29 is the temporary appropriations so the City can continue to spend money in 2021. Also Ordinance No. 2020-O-31 is to amend the 2020 appropriations, as a clean-up, some grant money had to be moved, some funds adjusted, as well as CARES Act adjustments. She asked that these be passed tonight.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No Report)

Police Chief: Mr. Gielink

Chief Gielink advised Ptl. Cisternino organized this year's "No Shave November" program. Officers donated to Lake County Clothe A Child for the privilege of abstaining from shaving facial hair during the winter months. This year \$250.00 was donated. Ptl. Messinger is organizing this year's "Santa's Blue Helper" program. Due to COVID-19 some adjustments had to be made. The food drive at Marc's was cancelled. However, a drop box was set up at City Hall. The food that was collected was picked up by Mike Sarli, Caretaker of Holy Transfiguration Church who took care of the distribution. Joe Jaros of Marco's Pizza sponsored a night for our event, and a portion of all the proceeds of sales was donated back to the program. This year Marco's donated \$600.00. Frank Gallo of Anderson's Pub donated \$1,000.00 to the program. Because of the restrictions in place this year due to COVID-19 the Police Department will not be taking the children shopping. This year Ptl. Messinger has shopped for an item that the children wanted and will have Santa and volunteers from the Police and Fire Departments deliver them on December 19, 2020.

Red's Bicycle Shop in Eastlake generously donated eleven bicycles to be given to anyone who needs them in Mentor-on-the-Lake. Anyone interested can contact Chief Gielink to look at the selection left.

Ptl. Kyle Baker recently accepted a full-time position with the City of Willowick. Ptl. Nate Hamilton has accepted a full-time job with the City of Highland Heights. We wish them both luck and our Community will miss them.

The Police Department will be utilizing the CARES Act money to purchase mobile data terminals for the police cars, new dash cameras, and body cams. The system will be integrated as one unit. The equipment has started to arrive and will be installed in early 2021.

Calls for service are down a little this year compared to last year. On this date last year there were 6,973 calls. As of today, there has been 6,290 calls. This represents approximately a 10% reduction of calls over last year.

Executive Order 13929 on safe policing for safe communities was issued by President Trump on June 16, 2020. The purpose of this Executive Order is to ensure that law enforcement agencies continue striving to provide transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of services to communities. The U. S. Department of Justice has designated independent credentialing bodies in each State across the Country. In Ohio, the Office of Criminal Justice Services and the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Program has been selected as the independent credentialing body. This certification will be required for agencies to be eligible for Department of Justice Discretionary Grant Funding in 2021. Agencies must be certified by January 31, 2021, to be eligible for these Federal funds. The certification will be valid for three years. The Police Department received its certification on November 25, 2020.

Chief Gielink advised he will be meeting with Mentor-on-the-Lake resident Brandon Towns and Mentor Police Chief Ken Gunsch to discuss any concerns he may have as they look towards the planning of Mentor Racial Justice Week 2021.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (None)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS: (None)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:10 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:10 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-O-31.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, to amend Ordinance No. 2020-O-31 to amend the 2020 Appropriations. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-17 (THIRD READING)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CT CONSULTANTS, INC., AS CITY ENGINEER, AFFIRMING THEIR CONTRACT, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, for Passage of Resolution No. 2020-R-17. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-19 (THIRD READING)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH M. GURLEY AS CITY PROSECTOR AND ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR, AFFIRMING HIS CONTRACT, DETERMINING COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING ANY EMERGENCY

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Resolution No. 2020-R-19. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/1

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-23 (THIRD READING) (TABLED) (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 232.01 -- COMPOSITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-26 (THIRD READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 1036.05 AND 1036.12 IN CHAPTER 1036 - TREE PRESERVATION

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (Continued):

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-26 (THIRD READING) (Continued):

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2020-O-26. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-27 (THIRD READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1060.01 - NAMING OF PARKS

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2020-O-27. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-28 (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CRA ORDINANCE 2016-O-28 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Morris if this Ordinance is still being reviewed by the Committee. Mr. Morris said yes. Mrs. Thompson stated this Ordinance will be skipped over tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-29

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2020-O-29. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-30

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING LIENS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AND/OR CULVERT REPAIRS

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Thompson. Nays: Council Member Wolk, Morris.
MOTION FAILED: 4/2

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2020-O-30 is placed on Second Reading.

Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Bartone if any of the properties listed in this Ordinance are in foreclosure or anything. Mrs. Bartone advised none of the properties are in foreclosure. They are all repeat offenders

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (Continued):

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-30 (Continued):

and the lawns were cut October 1st and 2nd of this year. Mr. Morris asked they are all repeat offenders, and Mrs. Bartone said yes. Mr. Lyons asked, if this is not passed tonight, when would this go on the taxes. Mrs. Bartone said it most likely will not make the January bill, it will probably not go on until the second half property tax bill. Mr. Lyons asked if this is passed tonight, would it go on the January bill. Mrs. Bartone said it would. Mr. Morris asked if this is passed tonight it will make January's billing. Mrs. Bartone said it should. Mr. Morris said, in that case, he would like to change his vote. If these are all repeat offenders, they know better. He asked if Council could go back on this. Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to Suspend.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2020-O-30. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-31 (AMENDED)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2020-O-31. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Bartone for getting the camera set up, it seems to be working pretty good, as well as the audio system.

Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Bartone, when the legislation comes up for the lawn maintenance or culvert repairs, if there was any way to let Council know in advance whether these are repeat offenders or new, or if they are in foreclosure. Mrs. Bartone stated yes, the ones in foreclosure are always separated. Mr. Morris said it would help to know as this is the second time he has asked to go back after finding out there is a problem with these, they are repeat offenders. He would rather not go back but would rather have that information up front.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Thompson asked the Ordinance Committee to look into a point of sale inspection for sanitary sewer lines. Eastlake has one, Wickliffe has one, and she can forward what Eastlake has for reference. She thinks something like this would benefit not only the homeowner selling the house and the person buying the house.

