



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE January 12, 2021

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council of January 12, 2021, 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)
Aye:	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER	(Appeared in Person)
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 in Person)

READING OF MINUTES: Virtual Regular Meeting of Council – December 8, 2020
Virtual Organizational Meeting of Council – January 5, 2021

Minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting of Council of December 8, 2020:

Mr. Morris stated at the December meeting, he thought Mayor Eva had brought up that Civil Service was not going to be applied to the Service Garage anymore. Mayor Eva that was correct, the Service Department became unclassified. Mr. Morris said there was nothing in the Minutes that reflected that, unless he missed it somewhere. He asked if anyone had seen it. No one had. Mr. Morris said the Minutes should be checked again. Mrs. Thompson said they should be amended. Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to amend the December 8, 2020, Minutes. Mr. Morris said there was one more point, and asked Mayor Eva if he had also brought up there were plans to remove the Part-Time Firefighters from Civil Service in the future. Mayor Eva said unclassifying the Part-Time Firefighters would have to be a Charter Amendment change. Mr. Morris said that was not in the Minutes either.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Morris, to amend the Minutes of the December 8, 2020, Meeting to add that the Service Garage will no longer be classified under Civil Service. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Bittner.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2020, Virtual Regular Meeting of Council, as amended. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Wolk, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Bittner.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

Minutes of the Virtual Organizational Meeting of Council of January 5, 2021:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the Virtual Organizational Meeting of Council of January 5, 2021. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Thompson advised she had received correspondence from a resident on Lake Shore Boulevard who was having some issues with Republic Waste picking up his trash. She will reach out to Republic to see what the ongoing issue is as this has been going on since Thanksgiving.

Mr. Johnson had a call from a resident on Springwood Drive who was concerned because the Police had not been enforcing the overnight parking, then they did during the snow storm and his son's car had been towed. He had been told they were not going to enforce this. This goes back to consistently enforcing the laws so that there is no confusion. It is either we do it or we don't do it, and we do it consistently. Mr. Lunder asked if this was during the snow emergency and Mr. Johnson said he believed it was. Mr. Lunder said that would be a different story. Mr. Johnson understands this, but when it had snowed previously, there was confusion, and he is not sure if it was during the snow emergency. Mayor Eva said he could add to this later in the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva said, to address the issue brought up by Mr. Johnson, he talked to the Chief because he received the same call. What the Police first do is try to contact through the license plate. There was another resident that had the same deal, but they had Ohio plates and the Police knew where he lived. This gentleman's son had out of State plates and the police had no idea where this car could be from on Springwood. If they had, an officer would have gone to their door and asked them to please move the car so the plow could get through.

Mayor Eva reviewed several Memos from the Police Department. The first one is dated November 5, 2020, from Sgt. Daubenmire commending Communications Officer Jeannie McPeck, Ptl. Connor Matson, and Ptl. Megan Carney, who were working the Third Shift on October 31, 2020 (Halloween), regarding a car crash where the driver "ran" from the scene, was located, and taken to the hospital, where he refused a blood draw. The second incident that night involved a domestic violence situation. Sgt. Daubenmire commended all three for their team work. The second Memo is dated December 11, 2020, from Chief Gielink, advising that Neil Tyrrell has joined the Police Department as a Part-Time Patrol Officer and Erika Stutzman has joined the Police Department as a Part-Time Communications Officer. Officer Tyrrell began his field training with Sgt. Daubenmire on December 16, 2020, and Communications Officer Stutzman began her training with Communications Officer Jen Coughlin on December 13, 2020. Chief Gielink received a letter dated December 14, 2020, from Scott P. Livingstone, Chief of Police of the Amherst Police Department, Amherst, Massachusetts, which commended Detective Dave Straus for his support and assistance during the Amherst Police Department's investigation into a cyber-crime involving a minor child. On December 22, 2020, Chief Gielink sent a Memo to Ptl. Tina Messinger thanking her on behalf of the entire Police Department for again spearheading their Fifth Annual Santa's Blue Helpers Program. On December 22, 2020, Chief Gielink sent a Memo to FF Gabe Ananea, FF Justin Corbe, FF Dan Wheeler, and Ptl. Megan Carney thanking them for their participation in the 2020 Santa's Blue Helper's Program. On January 12, 2021, Chief Gielink sent a Memo to all personnel

advising that Barry Kifus, Jr., a former member of the Fire Department, has joined the Police Department as a Part-Time Patrol Officer.

Mayor Eva advised there was a Civil Service Committee Meeting last night, January 11, 2021, for the reason that Full-Time Communications Officer Bill Logan is retiring effective May 1, 2021. The test for a Full-Time Communications Officer will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Chief Gielink will put an ad out about this test. Also during the Civil Service Commission Meeting, there will be a change to Section 3.1(c), the Part-Time Communications Officers will be unclassified, which will match up with the Ordinance we have on the books today.

Mayor Eva stated on the Agenda tonight for first reading is Ordinance No. 2021-O-01 which ratifies the collective bargaining agreement with the Full-Time Police Sergeants and Lieutenants, and also Ordinance No. 2021-O-02 ratifies the collective bargaining agreement with the Full-Time Communications Officers. The contracts run from 2021 to 2023. There is a 2% increase in 2021, a 2-1/2% increase in 2022, and a 2% increase in 2023.

At the appropriate time, Mayor Eva asked for discussion for a Finance Committee Meeting. The appropriations for 2021 will be available January 20, 2021, and a meeting can hopefully be scheduled before February 4, 2021, which will be a Council Agenda Meeting, so they can get this legislation on the Agenda for that February Council Meeting.

Mayor Eva read the Fire Department Report for December 2020. For the month of December, 2020, there were a total of 121 calls for service, as follows: Rescue/EMS – 73 calls, of which there were none for an overdose requiring Narcan; Fire/Service – 18 calls; and Invalid Assist – 30 calls. There has been a total of 311 confirmed COVID -19 cases reported in the City, and the Fire Department is currently tracking 86 active cases. In the Lake County Health District information for December, overall Lake County in December, Mentor-on-the-Lake had the highest number of hospitalizations and the highest number of deaths in December. Fire Prevention Report for December 2020: the station crew walked through the roller rink and advised the Manager of areas of concern; the station crew walked through the new library addition and were shown the alarm panel, duct access, shut-off for gas, and furnace unit above the new addition. They completed the Giant Eagle quarterly sprinkler test. They did the units at Lakeway Woods. Knox box keys were replaced at Andrews Place and also some of the apartments. The topic for EMS drills in December was Special Needs patients and also search and rescue. As stated, at the end of December there were 311 COVID-19 cases, 133 male, 177 female, 1 not identified, and potentially 16 deaths in Mentor-on-the-Lake. For the year 2020, there was a total of 1,235 calls for service, which is down 34 calls from 2019, as follows: Rescue/EMS – 764 calls, of which there were 10 calls for overdoses requiring Narcan; Fire/Service – 244 calls; and Invalid Assist – 227 calls. Chief Pechatsko sent this information to all of Council, including the ISO Study, and that the Fire Department maintained its ISO rating of 4.

Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone (Absent)

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No Report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Johnson said the budget will be available January 20, 2021, and Mayor Eva said yes. Mr. Johnson saw no reason why the first reading could not be held on January 26, 2021, even if we do not have the Committee Meeting by then. He believes this is what was done last year. Mayor Eva thought the idea was great.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning Commission / January 4, 2021 / Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson advised the Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 4, 2021, to basically review the Rules of the Commission, which were amended and approved, and to re-elect Officers which are the same as last year.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:18 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:18 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 232.01 – COMPOSITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Thompson asked if there had been any advances on this Ordinance. Mr. Morris advised nothing yet, they have to have a meeting.

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

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

Mrs. Thompson advised this is still in the Ordinance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-01

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FULL-TIME POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Thompson asked if these were on any time constraints. Mayor Eva advised they all go back to January 1, 2021.

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-01 is placed on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-02

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-02 is placed on Second Reading.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program application: Mrs. Thompson knows that Mr. Wolk and Mr. Chabut, who are not here this evening, have not seen the supporting documents provided for the CRA Application. It is a pretty large packet, if they want to stop to see it. She asked if there were any comments from Council on the application for Springwood Drive. Mr. Johnson commented it really does not fit the criteria for a CRA because you are not actually doing anything to add to the audited value of the home. You can remodel a bathroom, but you only have a bathroom; if you change from a half bath to a full bath, that changes the audited value of the home. He does not see anything there that fits the CRA Program. Mrs. Thompson asked if anyone else had any comments as she knows it will be a little bit harder for Mr. Wolk and Mr. Chabut as they have not seen the supporting documents. Mr. Morris said he agrees with Mr. Johnson's analogy of taking a half bath to a full bath would be different, but just to remodel it to freshen the appearance, he does not think meets the criteria. They did a nice job, but he does not think it meets the criteria. Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Wolk and Mr. Chabut what their thoughts were on looking at the documentation before Council votes. Mr. Wolk said he thought the evaluation was up to the Auditor, not to Council, so he thinks this application should be approved to be considered for a CRA. Mr. Chabut did not think he needed to look over the documents, and agrees with Mr. Wolk to pass this and leave it up to the Auditor to turn it down. Mr. Lyons suggested the Mayor or Mrs. Bartone contact the Auditor with verification of the remodel to see if it would qualify for a CRA Program. Mrs. Thompson asked for a recommendation for this to be tabled until the Auditor can be contacted. Mr. Morris said if that is what Council is going to do, it should be done for any questionable application. Mrs. Thompson said absolutely.

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, to table this application until the Auditor can be contacted to see if this is something that would be approved. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

Council Committees: Mrs. Thompson said she would like to make a recommendation about changing some Chairs on some of the Committees. Her reasoning is that she thinks everyone on Council should have a different seat, to be involved in a different Committee, as she thinks staying in the same Committee, you are not getting all of the facets of all of the other Committees and Boards. She thinks a change of some of the Chairs would be a good thing. She asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Morris said, because he has been on the Ordinance Committee for the last five years, this is one of the busiest Committees, except for Planning and Zoning and Parks and Rec, and he would like to see the same Members stay on the Committees, even if there is a change in the Chair, but because there is so much going on with the Ordinance Committee, as well as the Zoning Committee, it is important to keep those things together but it is up to Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Lunder. She asked Mr. Morris if that is the only Committee he has Chaired, as this is why she would like everyone to have a different feel for the other Committees. She and Mr. Lunder will take a look at the Committees and email all Members of Council their recommendations, and it can be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:30 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Board of Zoning Appeals
Finance Committee

Monday, January 18, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Regular Agenda Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

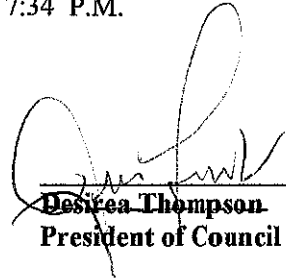
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

APPROVED:

January 26, 2021
Date



Desiree Thompson
President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Saxe
Clerk of Council