



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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

The Regular/Virtual Meeting of Council of October 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)
	Ward 3:	ROB JOHNSON	(Absent/Excused)
Aye:	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER	(Appeared in Person)
	At Large:	PRESTON WOLK	(Absent/Unexcused))
Aye:	Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT	(Appeared in Person)
Aye:	Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS	(Appeared in Person)
Aye:	Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, President	(Appeared in Person)

READING OF MINUTES: Regular Virtual Meeting of Council – September 28, 2021

Mrs. Thompson had a correction to the Minutes at Page 3, under the Ordinance Committee, it should be Renee Sheaffer instead of Michelle Sheaffer, and asked for a Motion to Amend.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, to amend the Minutes of the September 28, 2021, Regular/Virtual Meeting as stated. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mrs. Thompson asked if there were any other corrections. Mr. Morris said whenever anyone from Council reads a letter into the Minutes, he would like those letters either typed out into the Minutes or a copy of that letter be attached to the Minutes, because the Minutes from the last Meeting only said that Mr. Chabut read a letter from Kathy Dohnal but it does not say what that letter concerned. It would be helpful if that letter could be attached to the Minutes.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021, Regular/Virtual Meeting of Council as amended. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Morris said Dorinda Myers on Sharon Drive asked: they took the park benches out from behind the Service Garage recently; are they going back or did they get relocated. Mrs. Barton advised they had been repurposed at McMinn Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva advised Kristen Storey joined the Police Department as a part-time dispatcher on October 5, 2021, and will be sworn in this Thursday.

Mayor Eva read the Fire Department Report for the month of September 2021. There was a total of 110 calls for service in September as follows: Rescue/EMS – 77 calls, none of which required the use of Narcan; Fire/Service – 12 calls; and Invalid Assist – 21 calls. During the month of September the Department's two fire trucks completed and passed their annual pump testing. The hydrant audit which was started in August was completed, and the annual hose testing has begun. The Year to Date Report through the Third Quarter of 2021: there have been a total of 1,015 calls for service, which is an increase of 99 calls from this time last year. The call breakdown is as follows: Rescue/EMS – 621 calls, eight of which required the use of Narcan; Fire/Service – 209 calls; and Invalid Assist – 185 calls.

Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone

Mrs. Bartone stated Ordinance No. 2021-O-27 for lawn cutting which is on the Agenda tonight are all repeat offenders.

The Safety Forces Open House was last Sunday. 99% of that was organized and planned out by Firefighter Gabe Ananea; he put in a lot of work and effort into this. Based on his calculations, at least 600 to 700 people attended. He had a handful of volunteers and was able to get a few more. There was a good turn-out by the community. They had the helicopter, the SWAT Unit, and the Bomb Squad here.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (None)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Board / September 29, 2021 / Mr. Chabut

Mr. Chabut advised the Park and Recreation Board met on September 29, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Present were Michelle Moore, Chair, Jennifer Jakosh, Carol Stafinski, Samantha Wolfe, Council Member Chabut, Council Vice-President Lunder, Mayor Eva, and Renee Sheaffer. The Board discussed the "Trunk or Treat" to be held at Lake Elementary on October 28, 2021, from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. They will have car trunks decorated and students will trick or treat on the grounds. There will be Boo Bash games and a costume contest. This all depends on the weather. The Holiday Lighting Contest will be from December 10, 2021 to enter, and voting will be December 13, 2021, to December 17, 2021. There will be further discussion on this. A Motion was made and seconded to amend the Park and Recreation Rules that meetings will be held on the Wednesday after the second Council Meeting and will begin at 7:00 P.M. The Motion passed unanimously. The Board brainstormed ideas for activities at the new pavilion and for Senior Citizen programs. The next Meeting will be on October 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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

Mr. Johnson was not here tonight and his report will be scheduled for the next Regular Council Meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:06 P.M.

Pete French, Beech Drive. He was at the last Meeting, and brought a list of the empty houses he had discussed at the last Meeting. Mrs. Thompson asked if he could give her the list after the Meeting. Mr. French also thanked the City for building the cement walkway to Lake Elementary from Beech.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:07 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-24

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENEE SHEAFFER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Morris asked for discussion. He believed at one of the previous Council Meetings it was discussed having bio sheets or something from the people wanting these appointments so Council could see what their intent was and so forth. He knows Ms. Sheaffer has served on other Committees, but when are we going to start this. Shouldn't it have occurred at this point? Mr. Lunder said he thought Ms. Sheaffer had sent in a letter. Mr. Morris said he had not received a copy. Mr. Lunder said he had not received a copy either but a letter was sent.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BITTNER, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Thompson. Nays: Council Member Morris. MOTION FAILED: 4/1**

Mrs. Thompson stated this Resolution will go to Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-27

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

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Suspension of the Rules. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2021-O-27. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Bartone for working on trying to get Council Meetings recorded so they can be put online which he believed would be through Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Eva said Mrs. Sheaffer was at tonight's Meeting and asked if she would like to address Council. He appreciates that she is volunteering and would like to see her get approved tonight. He asked Mr. Morris if he had any questions. Mr. Morris said he did not. Mr. Lyons said he had suggested to the Mayor that maybe she could give an oral biography in lieu of a written one. Mr. Morris asked if written ones were the intent from here on out, as he has nothing against Mrs. Sheaffer. Council had agreed on something at a previous meeting and it was not followed through. Mr. Bittner said he did not believe

it was agreed on; it was talked about but we decided that if people were volunteering we were not going to do this, that is his recollection. Mr. Morris said so we know who they are. He is not opposed to doing it after we get a bio, but that is not the point. Mr. Bittner said the Mayor and Mrs. Bartone go through their applications. Mr. Morris said he is standing his ground and not going to change his mind. Mr. Bittner said he thinks this is bad form for people who want to volunteer. Mr. Lyons said he was merely suggesting to the Mayor that in the second open section of the Meeting if Mrs. Sheaffer wanted to give an oral biography, if that would satisfy Mr. Morris. If Mr. Morris wanted to reconsider his vote, we can still vote on this. Mr. Morris said he would reconsider his vote this time. He has nothing against Mrs. Sheaffer, he does not know her. He does appreciate everyone who volunteers for the different Committees, but he also wonders what makes them want to be on the Committees. He said the Mayor had asked if he had any questions for Mrs. Sheaffer. Mr. Morris then asked Mrs. Sheaffer why she wanted to be on this Committee. Mrs. Sheaffer said she has lived in the City for ten years; she sees what goes on every day in the neighborhood and community; she wants to get involved; it's time for her to get involved instead of sitting back and watching. Mr. Morris asked her if she feels she has any fresh ideas to bring to Parks and Rec. Mrs. Sheaffer said as soon as she understands more about what Parks and Rec are for, she could not find anything on line that describes a mission statement for the Committee and what they actually do. Mr. Morris said he would reconsider his vote this time. Mr. Lyons said he has to make a motion to reconsider the motion that was turned down. Mr. Morris said he would like to reconsider the Motion to Suspend the Rules for appointing Renee Sheaffer, Resolution No. 2021-R-24.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, to reconsider the Motion to Suspend the Rules on Resolution No. 2021-R-24. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Suspension of the Rules. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Resolution No. 2021-R-24. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mr. Lyons said Mr. Morris had an earlier suggestion wanting Council to do something, and asked what it was. Mrs. Thompson said it was attaching correspondence letters. Mr. Lyons said he remembered the discussion on the bios but does not recall if Council took a vote on it. If Council took a vote on it, then Council could require acting as a body in order to consider those types of things, but a Council Member making a request is not an order and is not binding on Council or the Administration. It is only when Council acts as a body. In order to establish a Rule it has to be done by everybody. If Council is going to do that, it would be good to have it in the Council Rules so that it is written. The time to do this would be when the next Council comes in and they take a look at the Council Rules.

Expenditure Approval:

Vendor: MagneGrip
Items: Magnegrip exhaust removal system
Cost: \$49,897.00
Fund: General Fund – Fire Department
(Per Memorandum of October 12, 2021, from Mrs. Bartone)

Mrs. Thompson asked for a little more information on this. Mrs. Bartone said it is the centralized exhaust removal system for the fire department bays. Mr. Bittner asked if this was equipping all the bays for all the vehicles, and he was told yes.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, to approve the expenditure to MagneGrip for the Magnegrip exhaust removal system at a cost of \$49,897.00. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Ordinance Committee
Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Regular Agenda Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Adjournment. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

APPROVED:

October 26, 2021
Date


Desirea Thompson
President of Council

Attest: Jay M. Aude
Clerk of Council



MEMORANDUM
Office Of
Administrative Director

TO: Members of Council

FROM: Holle Bartone
Administrative Director

DATE: October 12, 2021

SUBJ: Expenditure Approval

Vendor: MagneGrip

Items: Magnegrip exhaust removal system

Cost: \$49,897.00

Fund: General Fund – Fire Department

I respectfully request that the above expenditure be passed at the next meeting of Council to expedite the purchase of the exhaust removal system.

This item has already been budgeted into the 2021 appropriations.

HB/
Cc: David R. Eva, Mayor
James Lyons, Law Director
Council Clerk