



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE JANUARY 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of Council of January 10, 2023, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL:

Aye: At Large: MICHELLE MOORE, Vice-President
Ward 4: DESIREA THOMPSON (Absent/Excused)
Aye: Ward 2: PAUL MORRIS
Aye: At Large: KEVIN BITTNER
Aye: Ward 1: DAVID CHABUT
Aye: At Large: JIM LUNDER
Aye: Ward 3: ROB JOHNSON, President

READING OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council - December 13, 2022

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 13, 2022. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

Special Meeting of Council - December 19, 2022

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of December 19, 2022. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Mr. Morris.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/1

Organizational Meeting of Council - January 3, 2023

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Approval of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council of January 3, 2023. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Mr. Lunder.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/1

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva administered the Oath of Office to Michael Frederick, new City Administrative Director.

Mayor Eva administered the Oath of Office to Ptl. Tina Messinger as new Full-Time Sergeant for the Police Department.

Mayor Eva thanked the whole Service Department Staff, Corey, Joe, Jim, Chuck, and Josh, for their work over the Holidays. On December 23, 2022, the guys worked a total of 26 hours, along with Josh putting in 6 hours for the day; on December 24, they worked a total of 32-1/2 hours, on December 25, they worked 8-1/2 hours, and on December 26, they worked 8-1/2 hours, to keep the roads clear and make sure everyone was able to get to their Holiday destinations. Jim Turosky, our Foreman, ran two trucks during that time period. Truck 4 put on 487 miles; Truck 5 put on 592.4 miles. They did an outstanding job based on the weather.

Also on January 4, 2023, once we cleared the snow, there was the rain, and flooding on several streets. Mayor Eva received an email from Brandy Montgomery, 7713 Southland, about the flooding, and the Service Department was out until about 6:00 P.M. He believes Mr. Morris was out and saw what was going on. A lot of the problem was the flow of the ditches, leaves were taken out of the ditches; they found culvert pipes with screens on them. According to the residents there were screens because they did not want to get dirt or animals in the culvert pipes; and leaves were piled up against the screens. Mayor Eva told Ms. Montgomery Southland is next on the list as far as the stormwater project which at this time cannot be done this year. The Service Department has done a great job over the last couple of weeks with all of this.

Mayor Eva read the Fire Department Report for December 2022. For the month of December 2022, there were a total of 137 calls for service as follows: Fire/Service – 41 calls; Rescue/EMS – 96 calls of which there were 13 calls for invalid assist and no calls requiring the use of Narcan. In the month of December the Fire Department held its annual Santa rounds and assisted with the Santa's Blue Helpers. For the year 2022, there were a total of 1,332 calls for service as follows: Fire/Service – 258 calls; Rescue/EMS – 1,074 calls, of which there 242 calls for invalid assist and 8 calls requiring the use of Narcan.

Mayor Eva received a letter dated December 30, 2022, from John Logsdon, 5910 Thunderbird Drive, thanking the Service Department for the new delineator stake marking the deep storm catch basin next to the curb on his property. Mr. Logsdon enclosed a picture of the result of a driver driving into the similar storm drain across the street which happened in October 2015 when the new water line was installed. Mayor Eva gave Mr. Johnson a picture of this which Mr. Johnson passed around to Council.

Mayor Eva read a Memo from Chief Gielink dated December 21, 2022, thanking Sergeant Tina Messinger for spearheading the eighth annual Santa's Blue Helpers Program, as well as another Memo from Chief Gielink thanking Mayor Eva, Council Members Desirea Thompson, Michelle Moore, and Kevin Bittner, Fire Chief Pechatsko and his wife, Jeanette, Lt. John Forsythe, Ptl. Matt Woisnet, Ptl. Neil Tyrrell, Ptl. Brian Skaricich, Communications Officer Kristen Storey and her daughter, Brooke, and Secretary Jennell Muscatello and her daughter, Valeria, for participating and helping with this year's Santa's Blue Helpers Program.

Administrative Director - Mr. Frederick (No Report)

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No Report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Morris said as the Mayor noted, he was out checking several streets during the storm, and he wondered, as he observed partially on Southland and Dahlia, that some of the culverts under people's driveways may be undersized for the amount of rain water. He asked if the Service Department and possibly someone from the Engineer's Office could check this out. Mayor Eva said they can look at specifically Dahlia and Southland, and if it is a matter of looking at all of them, Mr. Morris said the areas that floods the most. Mayor Eva said they could do that.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Service Department for all their hard work; they did an incredible job, and he appreciates what they do. He asked the Mayor to thank them on his behalf.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mr. Johnson said the Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet. No other Boards or Committees have met yet.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:17 P.M.

Jeff Shick, 7533 Salida. He also thought the Service Department did a great job, even though he had no electricity for about 9 hours in a row. Mr. Shick commented on the last year and learning about the City and learning about the Administration and Council's efforts on economic development activity. He also thanked and commented on the Administration and Council's efforts to begin City planning activity and the Community Development Committee in looking at a vision statement and looking at a mission statement for the City.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:19 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-25 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES – ARTARP AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Johnson stated he is referring this to the Zoning Committee for review.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-27 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1240.02, 1258.02, AND CREATING NEW SECTION 1258.021 IN ORDER TO REGULATE SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES IN THE CITY

Mr. Johnson stated he is referring this to the Planning and Zoning Committee for their review.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson said everyone should have their new Committee assignments. If not, a copy is in their mailbox. He reviewed the Committee Assignments and their reasons for the assignments. Mr. Morris asked if he wanted the Committee Chairs to appoint Vice Chairs, and Mr. Johnson said yes. Mr. Johnson indicated that if anyone wants a zoom meeting available for their Committee, they will have to set them up themselves. They will not be set up for them. Mr. Morris asked if there will be an informational sheet on how to do this, and Mr. Johnson said they will try to put something together.

Review of Outstanding Legislation: Last night, Mr. Johnson sent emails about outstanding legislation to all the new Committee Chairs. There are some zoning things, including the ARTARP, there were a number of ordinances outstanding including the right of way, rental fees and inspections, the Aqua Ohio water fees that have not been updated that we were asked to do, it's wrapping up some of the outstanding legislation from last year. He asked if anyone had questions, and there were none.

Mr. Johnson said we need a motion to approve our Substitute Clerk, Virginia Gorg.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, to approve the appointment of Virginia Gorg as Substitute Clerk of Council. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

Mr. Johnson said Virginia will be sworn in at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Eva said he had an item to add to the list. He received an email yesterday from Randy, who is part of the Community Cat Group, which we had talked about. They would like to meet with Council to review the cat ordinance. He can let them know when the meeting is, and they can come to discuss a revised cat ordinance.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:28 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:28 P.M

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Zoning Committee	Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Board of Zoning Appeals	Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Utilities Committee	Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.
Ordinance Committee	Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting	Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

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

APPROVED:

January 24, 2023
Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Day
Clerk of Council