



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE MARCH 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake for March 14, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call:

Aye: At Large:	Michelle Moore, Vice-President
Aye: Ward 4:	Desirea Thompson
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 - February 28, 2023

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Mr. Morris.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Johnson stated he and the Mayor received an email from Cassandra Long. She is concerned with unsafe driving and speeding on Beech Drive when parents are attempting to drop their children at school. She believes something needs to change for the safety of the students and parents. It is not safe for children to walk by themselves. She asked for help to make a change.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director - Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva administered the Oath of office to Terrance Ness, the new City Administrative Director.

Mayor Eva read the Fire Department Report for February 2023. During the month of February 2023, the Fire Department received 102 calls for service as follows: Fire/Service – 14 calls; Rescue/EMS – 88 calls, of which there were 11 calls for invalid assist; there were no calls requiring the use of Narcan.

Mayor Eva spoke about the potential asphalt issues in the parking lot near Marco's Pizza. The semis are damaging the surface. Mr. Flowers, the Housing Inspector, sent out two letters to the property management, but with no response, including pictures of the ruts and holes. He has also tried to call them and left messages, with no response. He will meet with Mr. Lyons to consider what can be done to initiate repairs.

Administrative Director - Mr. Ness

Mr. Ness stated he has been working on the state audit.

Law Director: Mr. Lyons (No Report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (None)

BOARD / COMMITTEE / COMMISSION REPORTS: (None)

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL:

Mary Beth Cole, Family and Community Support Coordinator at Starting Point, attended tonight's meeting and gave a presentation regarding foster care and parenting initiatives. Ms. Cole works to educate people on children and resources, focusing on foster care and parenting initiatives. In Ohio there were 23,691 child victims of abuse and neglect in 2020, which equates to 9.2 children per 1,000 are abused. Foster care and adoptions in Ohio are at 26,475 in 2020. In Lake County, that equates to 3.9 children per 1,000. There are right now 120 in care, and 6.4% of those were maltreated again after being returned to their families. Lake County is at 15.1% per 1,000, compared to 22% at the state level. Children don't always stay in their own county, or even Ohio, due to the lack of people providing foster homes. Right now, 3,000 children are ready for adoption.

Mr. Johnson asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Lyons asked if Starting Point is a nonprofit. Ms. Cole indicated Starting Point is a nonprofit, hired by the state of Ohio, to work with Job and Family Services, to help get information out regarding fostering and adoption. Mayor Eva said he will have brochures placed in the MOL lobby.

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

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:18 p.m.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-05.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEANETTE PECHATSKO TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.

Mr. Johnson asked for discussion; there was none.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Suspension of the Rules.
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, for Passage of Resolution No. 2023-R-05. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chubut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (Continued):

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-O-25 (THIRD READING) (ASSIGNED TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION).

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

Mr. Johnson stated this Ordinance is still assigned to the Planning and Zoning Commission and will remain on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO 2022-O-27 (THIRD 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 this is scheduled for Public Hearing on March 28, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-02 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE FOR THE YEAR 2023, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE PRIOR THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Johnson indicated there are revised numbers to the totals as follows: On Page 2, Police Department, total should be \$4,045.00 in left hand column; on Page 3, Total General Fund, Current Encumbrances in left column should read \$37,967, and Appropriations in right column should read \$2,915,424; on Page 3, Line 240 Total Fund, Current Appropriations in left column should read \$764,812.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, to amend Ordinance No. 2023-O-02 as follows: On Page 2, Police Department, total should be \$4,045.00 in left hand column; on Page 3, Total General Fund, Current Encumbrances in left column should read \$37,967, and Appropriations in right column should read \$2,915,424; on Page 3, Line 240 Total Fund, Current Appropriations in left column should read \$764,812. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

Mr. Johnson asked for discussion. He stated everyone will receive a hard copy of the corrected Ordinance by the next meeting. Mr. Johnson went on to express his concern of the approval of two new full-time firefighters. He is okay with one, but not two due to a lack of confidence in the budget, and would consider looking at a second firefighter in the future. Mr. Morris stated he also shared this concern, and also we have to get the Charter amendments approved by end of this year. He would hate to hire two new firefighters with those coming up and asking the residents to approve the amendments again. He has heard that Lt Conti in the Fire Department is looking at retirement, so he would imagine one full timer would replace him and keep the staffing levels where they are at. Mr. Johnson stated he is unsure if a levy renewal will pass and has concerns about funding for two full time firefighters. He would like adjusted numbers to discuss at the next meeting to remove one full time firefighter.

Ordinance No. 2023-O-02 is placed on Third Reading.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (Continued):

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-03 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE; REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS THEREOF WHICH MAY BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH OR WHICH MAY BE REDUNDANT HERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2023-O-03 is placed on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1044.06(g) - EXTENSIONS OF WATER MAINS - RELATED FACILITIES CHARGES.

Mr. Lunder stated this Ordinance fell through the cracks last year. Aqua Ohio sent us an email in February 2022. This Ordinance has not been changed since 1987. The numbers reflected are pretty much higher, and these are basically water mains and hook ups for new construction. He asked if this Ordinance could be passed tonight.

MOTION MADE BY MR. CHABUT, Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, for Suspension of the Rules.
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson.
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2023-O-05. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio for Sign Installation and Maintenance:

Mayor Eva indicated this is for an additional eight bike route signs.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. MOORE, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, to approve the Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, and the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Thompson, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:29 P.M.

Stan Kowalski, 7589 Salida Road. He asked for the exact duties of the Administrative Director. Mr. Johnson reminded him this is not a two-way forum and that question will not be answered.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:39 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTINGS OF MEETINGS

Ordinance Committee	Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Park and Recreation Board	Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Planning and Zoning Commission	Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2022-O-27 Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting of Council	Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Eva asked what exactly Mr. Johnson wanted to see in these numbers. Mr. Johnson said he wants to see the numbers adjusted to remove one of the new full time firefighter additions.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

APPROVED:

March 28, 2023

Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest:

Jayce M. Day
Clerk of Council