

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday January 3, 2022 at 6pm  
**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President pro tempore C. Fred Rayl called this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council to order at 6:00PM. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

First Ward Council member Tom Beagle:	present
Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett:	not present
Council member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council Member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council member At-Large Robert Nizer Jr.:	present

**ABSENT/EXCUSE:**

Council President pro tempore Rayl entertained a motion the excuse Mr. Torma and Mr. Barrett. **Moved** by Mr. Kreefer and **seconded** by Mr. Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

Council member Kreefer led the Prayer and Pledge.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CLERK:**

Council President pro tempore Rayl read aloud a letter from current Clerk, Patrick Scafide. In the letter Mr. Scafide expressed his desire to be re-appointed Council Clerk.

President pro tempore Rayl **opened** the floor for nominations to appoint a council clerk. Mr. Mercer **nominated** Mr. Scafide, and since there were no other candidates, Mr. Rayl **closed** the floor to nominations.

President pro tempore Rayl entertained a **motion** to appoint Mr. Scafide to the position of Council Clerk, for the years 2022 and 2023. **Moved** by Mr. Mercer and **seconded** by Mr. Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:**

President pro tempore Rayl announced his candidacy for President pro tempore. Mr. Rayl inquired if any other member of Council was interested in the position, to which there was no reply.

Mr. Rayl **opened** the floor for nominations to appoint a President pro tempore, and was **nominated** by Mr. Kreefer. Since there were no other candidates, Mr. Rayl **Closed** the floor for nominations.

Mr. Rayl then entertained a **motion** to appoint himself Council President pro tempore for the years 2022 and 2023. **Moved** by Mr. Kreefer and **seconded** by Mr. Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 5-0.**

## **MINUTES-CORRECT:**

President pro tempore Rayl entertained a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2021, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Beagle and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

Council President Torma entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. David Demasso, Meadowbrook Cr. Addressed council regarding up-coming legislation that comes before council on a regular basis. Demasso seemed to indicate it was difficult to follow the process, as council seems to pass every piece of legislation under the emergency provision rule, thereby waiving the need to give three readings to any legislation, as afforded it by Council Rules.

Mr. Demasso made some suggestions to council regarding the way it conducts it's business, such as committee meetings and regular meetings of council be broadcast on the internet, the posting of proposed legislation on councils web page as well as passing a resolution not to pass so many proposals by suspending the rules.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:**

The Clerk related Council was in receipt of a Christmas Card from Joanne-Bobby-Gilbert.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report.

**Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee:** , Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report.

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report.

**Street / Lands and Buildings Committee:** Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee was excused.

**Safety / Rules Committee:** Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report, but called a meeting of the committee for 4pm February 1, 2022 in chambers.

**Finance / Labor Committee:** C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee made no report but did call a meeting of the committee for 3pm February 1, 2022 in chambers.

**Planning and Expansion Committee:** Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Police Chief John Lane was not present.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Fire Chief William Jones was not present.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT:** Water Superintendent Robert Wright was not present.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Sewer Department head Paul McCartney was not present.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT:**

**HOUSING INSPECTOR:** Housing Inspector Kayla Crawl was not present.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:** City Planning Director William Cowan was not present.

**OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Charles Payne made no report but did explain with regard to Mr. Demasso's inquire. Mr. Payne advised the "emergency legislation can go into effect immediately as opposed to thirty days. Mr. Payne also advised council determines weather any proposal shall be passed after one, two or three readings.

**CITY AUDITOR:** City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

**INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT:** Tax Commissioner Linda Harpold

**CITY TREASURER:** Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

**OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY:** Service / Safety Director David Dawson made no report.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Gregory Bricker was not present.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:**

### **LEGISLATION:**

There was no legislation for tonight's regular meeting of city council.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member John Mercer welcomed the new members of council.

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr advised he was looking foreword to working with everyone here to the betterment of the city.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. advised he was looking foreword to a positive working experience with other members of council and the the citizens of East Liverpool.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett was excused.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer welcomed the new members of council and felt that the city was moving foreword in a positive direction.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl also welcomed the new members of city council and thanked those came out to tonight's meeting.

At the request of Council president Torma, President Pro tem Rayl entertained a motion to go to one regular meeting per month until the pandemic slows. **Moved** by Mr. Kreefer and **seconded** by Mr. Kerr, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle said he was proud to be part of this council and looked foreword to working with all members of council.

Council President Torma was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council President Pro tem Rayl entertained a motion to Adjourn. **Motion** was made by Council member Mercer.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK**

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**JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

