

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 02, 2024, at 6pm
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President John Torma **called to order** this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk read aloud the **call of the roll** and 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:	present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Thomas Clark:	present

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Council member Kerr led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CLERK:

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

Council President Torma **opened** the floor for nominations to appoint a council clerk. Mr. Kerr **nominated** Mr. Scafide, and since there were no other candidates, Council President Torma **closed** the floor to nominations.

Council President Torma entertained a **motion** to appoint Mr. Scafide to the position of Council Clerk, for the years 2024 and 2025. **Moved** by Mr. Kerr and **seconded** by Mr. Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:

Council President Torma opened the floor for nominations of Council President Pro Tempore. Council member Kreefer nominated current Council President Pro Tempore C. Fred Rayl.

As there were no other nominations, Council President Torma closed the floor to nominations.

Council President Torma entertained a motion to appoint C. Fred Rayl to Council President Pro Tempore for the years 2024-2025. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **seconded** by Council member Barrett the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

MINUTES-CORRECT:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of June 05, Regular meeting from July 3, Special Meeting of July 12, Regular meeting of August 07, Special meeting of August 21, Regular meeting of September 05, Regular meeting of October 02, Special meeting of October 23, Regular meeting of November 06, Special meeting of November 20 and the Regular meeting of December 04, 2023 , as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Rayl and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

No one addressed council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

Council Clerk Scafide reported no new updates from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding the city's request for a public hearing concerning the liquor permit transfer from Scottys Bar to Lena's Lounge.

The Clerk also announced a Public Hearing for a zoning change for 5:30pm Monday February 5, 2024, in chambers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm Wednesday December 20, 2023, in chambers. Please see attached.

Mr. Mercer reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council two proposals for its consideration.

1. **An ordinance to amend and repeal section 901.01 of the codified ordinance.**
2. **An ordinance to amend and repeal sections of 933.07 of the codified ordinances.**

Mr. Mercer requested that both proposals go the full three readings. Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday January 17, 2024, in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report.

Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee: Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee made no report.

Safety and Rules Committee: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report.

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3pm Tuesday December 26, 2023, please see attached. Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following proposals:

1. **An ordinance to pay vendors.**
2. **An ordinance authorizing the BPU to purchase supplies.**
3. **An ordinance authorizing the Service/Safety Director to sell a truck.**
4. **An ordinance to allocate the costs for indirect billing.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday January 30, 2024, in chambers.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee reported the committee met at 6:30pm Wednesday December 20, 2023, in chambers with Mr. Mercer and Mr. Beagle being present and Mr. Rayl excused, please see attached.

Mr. Beagle reported the committee took up discussion regarding the solar project updates and announced he would be suspending any more talks regarding a charter form of government. Mr. Beagle called the next meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Tuesday January 17, 2024, in chambers.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief William Jones gave his year-end report, please see attached. Chief Jones also thanked everyone he worked with in the Fire Department for the last 33 years as he announced his retirement from the department due to the fact that he would be the new Service/Safety Director.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director was not present.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector 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.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax Commissioner Sharon Williams gave her year end tax report.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Deborah Fickes made no report.

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director David Dawson was not present.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith addressed council for the first time as mayor. Mr. Smith indicated he wanted to change the culture at city hall and welcomed city workers as well as citizens to stop by his office and talk with him about making the city a better place.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY CERTAIN VENDORS WHO SUPPLIED GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE CITY WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OR AUTHORIZATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 01, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN METERS, CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Clark, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 02, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT (ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”) FOR THE SALE OF A 2019 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND FOUR 40 YARD ROLL OFF BOXES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 03, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE THE COSTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER, REFUSE AND RECYCLING AND STORM WATER FUNDS FOR INDIRECT BILLING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS PER THE COST ALLOCATION STUDY FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 04,2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 901.01(E)(1) AND (2) AND TO REPEAL SECTION 901.01 (E)(3), (4) AND (5) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS AND REPEAL PORTIONS OF 933.07(B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr indicated that he was excited to work with the new administration and thanked everyone for coming out.

At-Large Council member John Mercer welcomed Council member Clark to city council and thanked Mr. Nizer for his work on city council.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark thanked those who Havel welcomed him to council indicating he was looking forward to working with fellow members as well as the new administration.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett welcomed the new administration and Mr. Clark, thanked Chief Jones for his years of service and thanked everyone who came out to the meeting.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer whisked the new administration nothing but good luck. Mr. Kreefer spoke about his long working relationship with Chief Jones and the East Liverpool Fire Department and now was looking forward to working with him again as Service/Safety Director.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl also. Indicated he was looking foreword to working with the new administration and Mr. Clark as well.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle congratulated Mayor Smith on his election, welcomed Mr. Clark to council and thanked everyone for coming out.

Council President John Torma also expressed his willingness to work with the new administration and thanked all those who came out to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to Adjourn. Motion** was made by Council member Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT