

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday February 05, 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:	not 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

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council President Torma entertained a **motion to excuse** Mr. Rayl from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council as he is still recovering from back surgery. **Moved** by Council member Kerr and **seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

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

MINUTES-CORRECT:

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of Tuesday, January 02, 2024, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Clark, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Linda Ziegler, 1112 Ohio Avenue, spoke against any zoning change for Heritage Trucking.

Diane Washington, 419 Market Street, made several complaints about the police department and the manager at the Market Street Lofts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was one proposal for second reading. A second proposal for Second Reading was tabled by Mr. Mercer.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

The clerk reported that campaign finance reporting forms were passed out to all members. There were no updates regarding the hearing request for Lena’s Lounge liquor license transfer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee reported that as a member of the Finance Committee, he was called upon to chair the meeting in the absence of Chairman Rayl.

Mr. Kerr reported the Finance Committee met at 3pm Tuesday January 30, 2024, in chambers with Mr. Rayl excused and Mr. Kreefer unable to attend due to being out of town. As there was no quorum, the meeting was adjourned and rescheduled for just prior to this regular meeting of City Council.

Mr. Kerr reported that the Finance Committee met at 5pm, February 05, 2024 in chambers with Mr. Kreefer in attendance, with Mr. Rayl being excused.

Mr. Kerr reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following proposals:

1. A resolution to appoint a member of council to the county 9-1-1 program review committee.
2. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
3. An ordinance to carry over encumbrances from 2023.

4. An ordinance to pay vendors.

Mr. Kerr then **made motion** for a **seven day waiver** on the proposed resolution and three proposed ordinances and was **seconded** by Mr. Mercer. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The next meeting of the committee is set for 3pm Tuesday February 27, 2024, in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm January 17, 2024 in chambers.

Mr. Mercer reported the committee discussed the two proposals for second reading, one the street opening fees and the the other is a refuse hauling fee. Mercer indicated the committee preferred to hold back second reading of the street opening fee's but continue with the refuse hauling proposal.

Mr. Mercer called a meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday February 21, 2024, in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report, but did allow that he had been personally visiting the playgrounds to make an assessment of each ones condition.

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, but did call a meeting of the committee for 4pm Thursday February 15, 2024, in chambers.

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee was excused.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee reported the committee met at 6:30pm January 17, 2024 in chambers. Beagle offered the committee discussed the solar project currently underway in the city with the works being temporarily halted due to weather related Issues.

Mr. Beagle called the next meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Wednesday February 21, 2024, in chambers, where the committee will be meeting with Heratage Thermal Trucking to discuss their zoning change request and also taking up the zoning change request for the proposed truck stop on Penna. Ave.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE: Police Chief John Lane made no report.

FIRE CHIEF: Acting Fire Chief Cuomo introduced himself to council.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Paul McCarthy 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 updated council with several projects going on around the city.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Charles Payne made no report.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco was not present.

OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax Commissioner Sharon Williams was not present.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director William Jones updated members with several projects around the city.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith gave his State of the City Address.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND SEATS:

Council President Torma requested a voice vote regarding the Mayor’s request to appoint Bill Smith of 305 Imperial Drive, East Liverpool, Ohio to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Carl Covert to the Board of Health. The Clerk read aloud the call of the roll:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

LEGISLATION:

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.

SECOND READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 05, 2024, duly passed as read.

A RESOLUTION TO SELECT A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITHIN COLUMBIANA COUNTY TO SERVE ON THE COUNCY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 78, 2023 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

CONSIDERATION:

Since there was not a vote for consideration, Council President Torma **declared** this proposal dead.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND TO ADD THE AMOUNTS TO THE CURRENT YEARS(2024) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 06, 2024, duly passed as read.

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 07, 2024, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked everyone for coming out.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked everyone for coming out.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark made no comment.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett seemed to indicate that he had taken exception to some of Mayor Smith's comments regarding a comparison between the city's road crew and the St. Clair Township road crew, that Barrett oversees, in response to a recent snow storm.

After some back and forth between the two men, it was agreed that both crews are quite capable of responding in a reasonable manner to a snow event.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer indicated he was very confident that the new mayor and director would do a great job.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl was excused.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle made no comment.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for coming out.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

