

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
January 03, 2023 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:	not present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Robert Nizer Jr.:	present

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:**

Council President Torma entertained a **Motion to Excuse** Mr. Barrett from this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Motion** was made by Mr. Rayl and **seconded** by Mr. Kreefer. 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 Nizer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

**MINUTES-CORRECT:**

The minutes were not available.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted**. **Moved** by Council member and **Seconded** by Council member . 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.**

Linda Ziegler, 1112 Ohio Avenue suggested a couple of changes for council to consider: Place the agenda online, post city jobs online, please stop passing every piece of legislation by suspension of the rules and return to twice monthly meetings.

Craig Stowers, 949 Denver Street, questioned as to why a city owned vehicle is being operated by a private owned business from the area. Also, Mr. Stowers commented that the sidewalk work in front of Guilkinson's Carryout at Avondale and North Street was a bad job and it needs fixed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:**

There were no Communications or Petitions.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee:** Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee reported that his previously scheduled meeting that had been called for December 27, 2022 had to be cancelled, but Mr. Kerr called the next meeting of the committee for 3:30pm, January 31, 2023 in chambers.

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm on December 21, 2022 in chambers. Mercer reported the committee took up discussions on a wide range of subjects with no action being taken.

Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm, January 18, 2023 in chambers.

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm January 18, 2023 in chambers.

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

**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 December 27, 2022 in chambers with all members present

as well as several department heads, elected officials and the print media, please see attached. Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on the full council four proposals for it's consideration:

1. An ordinance to allocate costs.
2. An ordinance to pay vendors.
3. An ordinance to purchase meters and chemicals
4. An ordinance to approve the Firefighters contract.

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday, January 31 2023 in chambers.

Mr. Rayl then reported the committee met in special session at 5:30pm prior to this regular meeting of Council. Rayl reported the committee took up the firefighters contract and weather to table a side letter of agreement that would give over to the firemen money the city had already spent and was needed to be returned to the general fund.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee voted in favor of tabling the side letter and would be re-addressed at a later date and also moved foreword the firefighters contract for council's approval.

**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.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Robert Wright was not present.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT:** Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

**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.

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

**OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT:** Tax Commissioner Linda Harpold was not present.

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

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

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Gregory Bricker agreed with Mr. Mercer that the legislation regarding vacant properties is moving forward and will have a positive impact on the city. Bricker announced the city was given another one million dollars for the hike and bike path.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:**

**LEGISLATION:**

**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 2023 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, 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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, 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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 01, 2023 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 Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, 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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, 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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, 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.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 02, 2023 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BID(S) AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN METERS,CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS FOR 2023 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle., 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.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 03 , 2023 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL #24 I.A.F.F, ALF-CIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member 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.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 4, 2022 duly passed as read.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr made no comment

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked the mayor for the work on the vacant buildings project and the bike and hike trail.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. made no comment.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett was excused.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer made. No comment.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked those in attendance.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle indicated the trial will be a great addition to the city.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



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**PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK**

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**JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**