

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday May 06, 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 Mercer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

**MINUTES-CORRECT:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of April 01, 2024 and the special meeting of April 22, 2024, as there were no additions or corrections. **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.**

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

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

Mr. Wright, 1800 Michigan Avenue requested the city check out a bad storm water drainage problem in his neighborhood. The matter was referred to Mr. Galeoti.

Terry Sprague, 605 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street inquired as to where council committee meeting notifications are posted. The clerk advised that they are advertised in the local news papers and on council's page on the city's website.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:**

There was a communication from the State of Ohio regarding the city's objection to the transfer of a liquor license from Scotty's Place to Lena's Lounge. The matter will be discussed in Executive Session during this meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee:** Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report but did schedule a meeting for 5pm Wednesday May 15, 2024 in chambers.

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report, but did call a meeting for the committee for 6pm Wednesday May 15, 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 but did call the next meeting of the committee for 5pm Wednesday may 15, 2024, in chambers.

**Safety and Rules Committee:** Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 5pm Wednesday May 15, 2024, in chambers.

**Finance and Labor Committee:** C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3pm Tuesday April 31, 2024 in chambers with all committee members present as well as several department heads, elected officials and the print media in attendance.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council a proposed ordinance to pay vendors.

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday May 28, 2024, in chambers.

Mr. Rayl then reported the committee had just met in special session at 5:45pm this date and just prior to this regular meeting of council, with all committee members present as well as several department heads, elected officials and the print media in attendance. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council a proposal to purchase a new boom mower for the Street Department.

**Planning and Expansion Committee:** Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee updated members regarding the solar project, indicating the company would be headed back to work as the weather improves.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

**FIRE CHIEF:** Acting Fire Chief Antony Cumo made no report.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Paul McCarthy was not present.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT:** Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti reiterated the benefits of purchasing the new mower.

**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, but did request an Executive Session before the Legislative portion of the meeting to discuss a proposed settlement agreement with former Police Officer Christopher Green and to discuss the Lena's Lounge issue.

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

**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 made no report.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Robert Smith made no report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council President Torma requested a **motion** to go to Executive Session. **Moved** by Council member Kerr and **seconded** by Council member Kreefer 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 retired to Executive Session at 6:24pm to discuss a settlement proposal from former Police Officer Christopher Green and to discuss the liquor license transfer of Lena’s Lounge.

Those in attendance with council were Law Director Payne, Mayor Smith, SSD William Jones, City Auditor Bosco and Police Chief Lane.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:50pm. The clerk read aloud the call of the roll and was recoded as follows:

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

**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 OEDER.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

**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. 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 26, 2024, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY, BY AND THROUGH THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO LEASE/PURCHASE A MOWER MAX BOOM MOWER-GEN 4 AND ATTACHMENTS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND 00/100 (\$227,375.00) FROM ATMAX EQUIPMENT COMPANY THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM WHEREBY OBTAINING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING 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. 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 Kreefer, 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 Beagle, 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 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.**

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 27 , 2023, duly passed as read.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr made no comments.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark made no comments.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett made no comments.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer congratulated Dan Galeoti and the Street department.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl made no comments.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked all those who came to the meeting.

Council President John Torma made no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK**

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**JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

