

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday October 02, 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:	present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	not 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. Kerr from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Moved** Council member Kreefer and **seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of May 01, 2023, The Special Meeting of May 15, 2023, and the Regular Meeting of June 05, 2023, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Rayl and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

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

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

### **Motion carried 6-0.**

Bob Burbick, 338 Thompson Avenue once again complained to council regarding residents not returning their garbage cans to a storage area after collection. Mr. Burbick indicated that the law is the law, and it should be enforced.

John Reed, 1036 St. Clair Avenue addressed council about obtaining three citrus owned lots that adjoin his property.

Council member Rayl indicated he would be following up with Mr. Cowan regarding this matter.

## **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 was excused.

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm Wednesday September 20, 2023, with all members present. Please see attached.

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

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee reported the committee met at 6pm September 13, 2023, with Mr. Barrett being present and Mr. Kerr being excused.

**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 6:30pm Wednesday October 18, 2023, in chambers. Mr. Kreefer is asking for as many council members to show up to discuss returning council to two meeting a month.

**Finance and Labor Committee:** C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee reported the committee met at 3:05pm Tuesday September 26, 2023, in chambers with members Rayl and Kreefer present, with committee member Kerr excused. Also in attendance were several city officials. Please see attached.

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

1. A resolution to authorizing the mayor to enter into a GAAP Audit with the auditor of state.
2. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
3. An ordinance for the raw water intake repairs.

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

Mr. Rayl also reported the Finance and Labor Committee met in Special Session @ 5:45pm just prior to this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council with members Rayl and Kreefer present and Mr. Kerr being excused.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee was asked by Fire Chief Jones to sponsor a resolution to apply for a multi-jurisdictional recompetete grant, with Chief Jones being on hand to explain the grant. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass it on to the full council.

Mr. Rayl, in the form of a **motion**, requested a **seven-day waiver** for the recompetete grant and was **seconded** by Mr. Kreefer. The call was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

With regard to the budget ordinance approved and forwarded on to council by the Finance and Labor Committee, Council member Beagle requested, in the form of a **motion**, an amendment to the line item, listed under Capital Improvements, an appropriation of Nineteen thousand four hundred seventy dollars (19,470.00) for income-tax software, too be deleted from the proposal. **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer	no	Mr. Rayl:	no

**Motion to amend carried 4-2.**

**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 explained that the pending levy renewal on the ballot will not cost you any new taxes.

Jones also reported the the departments HAZMAT unit has been awarded a one hundred thirty-four-thousand-dollar (\$134,000.00) non-matching equipment grant from Homeland Security.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Paul McCarthy 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 Sharon Williams spoke against the deletion of software money from her department. Council President spoke in favor of having a local tax department.

**OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER:** City Treasurer Deborah Fickes inquired as to the disposition of the monies that were allocated for, then deleted from, the Income Tax Departments budget.

Council President Torma explained the majority members want to bring the issue back up at the next finance committee meeting and go over every expense in the allocation.

**OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY:** Service / Safety Director David Dawson updated members with several ongoing projects his office is overseeing.

Council member Rayl inquired as to the reopening of St. Clair Avenue, to which Dawson seemed to indicate a weeks' time.

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

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

## **LEGISLATION:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, LGS, FOR THE GAAP AUDIT OF CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT CONTAINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” AND ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE PART HEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,**

**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. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Resolution Number 12, 2023 duly passed as read.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE CITY’S GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DISTRESSED AREA RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Resolution Number 13, 2023 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 16, 2023 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 68, 2023 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAW WATER INTAKE IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE 1 PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	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 Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 69, 2023 duly passed as read.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr was excused.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone about the mayoral debate at the East Liverpool Community Center.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. thanked those who came out and applauded the paramedics from the fire department for a job well done every-time.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett thanked those who came out and indicated his support for the Fire Department.



Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer requested from Mr. Burbick his phone number, lauded the fire department for it does for the community, hoped the levy passes.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl hoped everyone supports the fire levy.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked everyone for coming.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for coming and support the fire levy and income tax department.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK**

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**JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

