

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday November 06, 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:	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 Robert Nizer Jr.:	not present

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council President Torma entertained a **motion to excuse** Mr. Rayl and Mr. Nizer from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Moved** Council member Kreefer 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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

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

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

Motion carried 5-0.

No one addressed council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

The clerk reported he was in receipt of two communications.

1. The clerk read aloud a letter from Road Improvement Drive the Economy (RIDE), and presenting the city with a check for \$50,000.00 for the River Road project.
2. The clerk reported a communication from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding a new liquor license being requested by Ray Stevens DBA Chef Rays Diamond Grill. They're seemed to be an error by Mr. Stevens on his earlier request and the process has begun all over again. The clerk advised if there are no objections, he would fax the request back to the state after this meeting, to which there were no objections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee reported he had attended a recent Board of Public Utilities meeting and indicated he found it very informative, believing they have a firm grasp on the problems at hand.

Mr. Kerr also stated that he was going to re-introduce the RITA legislation, but will not do so now.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee did not meet in October but did call a meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday November 15, 2023, in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee was 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 committee report but did update council regarding the recompetete grant the city has applied for.

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 made no report but did update council regarding the Scout Solar project at the water treatment plant. Mr. Beagle did call a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Wednesday November 15, 2023, in chambers.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief William Jones thanked everyone for their support for the fire levy and made himself available for any questions.

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 made no 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 Gregory Bricker was not present.

BOARDS AND SEATS:

Council President Torma requested a voice vote and indicated he was in receipt of a letter from Mayor Bricker requesting that Tim Clark be appointed to the Board of Public Utilities replacing William Cowan.

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

Mr. Kerr: yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Council President Torma also reported being in receipt of a letter from Mayor Bricker requesting council appoint Mr. Floyd Fox of 529 Wedgwood St to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Carl Fife, who passed away.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE 16, 2023 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATION.

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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

FIRST READING:

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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREAT A NEW FUND, CREAT NEW LINE ITEMS AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Barrett, 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. Kerr: yes

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FARMERS BANK TO BE THE CITY'S DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE FUNDS BELONGING TO SAID CITY AND TO DECLARE 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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, 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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

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

CONSIDERATION:

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. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr encouraged everyone to get out and vote for the fire levy, wished the mayoral candidate's good luck and thanked Mr. Kreefer for all the work he has done on the recompetete grant.

At-Large Council member John Mercer echoed Mr. Kerr's comments and also noted the passing of his mother-in-law, former long time Council person Betty Ward. Mr. Mercer also thanked the city for the bunting on city hall.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. was excused

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett wished all the candidate's good luck, thanked the RIDE group for its donation to the city and thanked Mr. Kreefer for his work and the update on the recompetete grant.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer urged everyone to support the fire levy.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl was excused.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked everyone for coming, urged everyone to support the fire levy.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for coming, hoped the voters support the fire levy. Mr. Torma also called for Special Meeting of East Liverpool City Council for 6pm Monday November 20, 2023, in chambers to give second reading and passage of tonight's proposals.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT