

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 01, 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:

The Minutes from June 03, 2024, were not available.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

Tim Clark of the Board of Public Utilities discussed a water rate increase, please see attached.

Tracy Hyatt, 229 Thompson Avenue, standing for the Thompson Hill Neighborhood Ass. Updated members of their activities and wondered how their group can notify neighbors about controlling their cats.

Bob Burbick, 338 Thompson commented on a repair the city made in front of his residence that has caused more of an issue than it was before. Mr. Burbick also commented that he had not seen the street sweeper on Thompson Avenue or any other area of the city with any consistency in several years.

A conversation between the mayor and service director and Mr. Burbick ensued with all side explaining what they feel is going on and what is causing the problems.

Cissy Wilson, Wal-Mart employee provided information regarding Wal Mart grants for city and towns for beautification projects and health studies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

The clerk reported a communication from the division of liquor control regard a license renewal for the Shell Station on St. Clair Avenue.

With no objection from council, no hearing or objection would be requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee scheduled the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday July 17, 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 made no report.

Safety and Rules Committee: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report but did update the public regarding activities around the city,

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met in regular session at 3:05 Tuesday July 25, 2024, in chambers with Kerr and Rayl being present along with several department heads and elected officials with Kreefer excused.

Mr. Rayl reported the following proposals were forwarded on to the full council for its's approval.

1. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a new tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, the Spring Grove Cemetery.**
2. **An ordinance authorizing the city auditor to participate in the opioid settlement.**
3. **An ordinance to pay vendors.**
4. **An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.**

Rayl reported the meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm and called the next meeting of the committee for 3:00pm Tuesday July 30, 2024, in chambers.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Wednesday July 17, 2024, in chambers.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Cumo made no report.

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 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 was not present.

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

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director William Jones reported progress on the storm sewer replacement in front of Andy's Tire on Walnut Street. Jones congratulated Antony Cumo for being sworn in as the new fire chief and advised the public that past complaints are welcome at his office, since those problems discussed by the public are to be taken up by his office.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith commented that he understands people's complaints and his administration is working hard to fix those problems.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A NEW TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE CITY'S PORTION OF SPRING GROVE CEMETERY IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION(S) 5705.03(B) AND 5705.19(T) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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.

FIRST READING:

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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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.

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** Resolution Number 10, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR ON BEHALF OF THE CUTY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS (NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, 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.

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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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 32, 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 Rayl, 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.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, 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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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.

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. 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 33, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 10, 2024 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Clark, 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 Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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 Barrett, 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.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Rayl, 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 34, 2024, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

At-Large Council member John Mercer wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark made no comment.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett thanked those who came out.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer apologized to other committee members for being excused from meetings.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked those who came out.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked everyone for coming out.

Council President John Torma thanked Sissy from Walmart for all she does.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT