

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday November 04, 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 were not available.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

No one addressed council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

The clerk advised that council was in receipt of two communications. The first was a letter from the Department of Commerce regarding and some new rules regarding a license transfer at Gilkinson's Short Stop on Avondale. The matter has been turned over to Mr. Mercer. The second communication was from the RIDE Committee who has donated another \$50,000.00 dollars for River Road maintenance.

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 made no report but did call a meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday November 20, 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.

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3:12pm Tuesday October 29, 2024, in chambers with Rayl and Kerr in attendance as well as several department heads and elected officials. Mr. Kreefer was excused.

Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following five proposals for it's consideration:

1. **An ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with Farmers National Bank to be the city's depository.**
2. **An ordinance to amend budget ordinance 10, 2024 by adjusting appropriations.**
3. **An ordinance authorizing the auditor to pay vendors.**
4. **An ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 53, 2024 to correct article 4, paragraph B, base pay for lieutenant for firefighters local 24.**
5. **An ordinance to enter into a land lease agreement (solar system) between HHH Foundation, landlord and the city.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday November 26, 2024, in chambers.

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 made no report.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Antony Cumo updated members regarding the power station repairs, two structure fires, one fire burned three homes on Avondale St.

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 lauded the safety forces for all the cooperation during the three structure fire on Avondale. Reported the salt barn is being bided out and looking to put a metal building on the new street barn property.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith reported the city had received a \$25,000.00 grant for a visitors center at the Point of Beginning at the state line. The mayor also reported meeting with the Lake to River Committee in Lisbon. Thanked the fire department for all their work in quelling several fires recently. He also thanked department heads for working with his administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council President Torma entertained a motion for an **Executive Session** to take place after Miscellaneous Comments portion of the meeting with no further business being

conducted when council returns except a roll call and adjournment. The reason for the call is to discuss pending litigation.

Moved by Council member Kerr 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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FARMERS NATIONAL BANK TO BE THE CITY'S DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE FUNDS BELONGING TO SAID CITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, 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.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, 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 Clark, 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 Barrett, 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 54, 2024, duly passed as read.

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

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 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 Barrett, 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 Rayl, 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.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 55, 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 Clarl, 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 Barret, 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 Mercer, 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.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, 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 56, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 53, 2024 TO CORRECT ARTICLE 4 PARAGRAPH B BASE PAY FOP LIEUTENANT CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TO THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 24 I.A.F.F., AFL-CIO THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

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.

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. 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 57, 2024, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT (SOLAR SYSTEM) BETWEEN HHH FOUNDATION, LANDLORD, AND THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, TENANT, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION TO TABLE:

Before consideration, Mr. Kerr **made motion** to table the proposed lease agreement. Having no **second** the **motion to table** has died.

CONSIDERATION:

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:	ab.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	no		

Motion carried 5-1 with one abstention.

FIRST READING:

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	ab.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	no		

Motion carried 5-1 with one abstention.

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. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	ab.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	no		

Motion failed 5-1 with one abstention.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr made no comments.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked the fire department for all its hard work covering several structure fires of late.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark commended the city’s safety forces for all its hard work over the last few days as there have been several emergencies in recent times.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett also lauded the safety forces for all they doo for the community.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer wished the Potters good luck this week.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked the fire department a well.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked the fire department and the police department for patrolling Halloween.

Council President John Torma made no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council President Torma entertained a motion to go into **executive session**, with council conducting no further business except for a return roll call and an adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Kerr and **seconded** by Mr. 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.

All members of city council, along with Law Director Payne, Mayor Smith, SSD Jones and auditor Bosco went into executive session @ 6:53pm to discuss pending litigation.

Council returned from executive session @ 7:07PM. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

All members present.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT