

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday February 03, 2025 at 6pm  
**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Pro tem Fred Rayl **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

**MOTION TO EXCUSE:**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **entertained a motion to excuse** Council President Torma from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Moved** by Council member Kerr 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.***

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

Council member Mercer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

**MINUTES-CORRECT:**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of November 04, 2024, the Regular meeting of December 02, 2024 and the Special meeting of December 30, 2024, as there were no additions or corrections.

**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.**

### **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted. Moved** by Council member Beagle 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.**

No one addressed council.

### **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 made no report.

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report.

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Thomas Clark, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee

**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 3:03pm Tuesday December 30, 2024, in chambers, with all members present as well as several department heads and elected officials.

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

1. **An ordinance to appropriate the carry-over encumbrances.**
2. **A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with the auditor of state for the yearly GAAP audit.**
3. **An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance for capitol improvements.**
4. **An ordinance to allocate the cost of indirect billing.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday January 28, 2025, in chambers.

**\*\*\*\* It should be noted that there were no city council meetings held in January due to the fact that Cit Hall was without heat for the entire month of January and that all legislation would carry-over to February's regular meeting.\*\*\*\***

Mr. Rayl reported the committee met at 3:09pm Tuesday January 28, 2025, in chambers with members Kerr and Rayl in attendance with Kreefer being excused.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee was requested to pass on to the full council the following:

1. **A resolution to enter into the GAAP audit for year ending 2024.**
2. **An ordinance to appropriate the carry-over encumbrances.**
3. **An ordinance supporting the ohio municipal leagues challenge of AT&T Tarif application.**
4. **An ordinance to approve the dispatchers contract.**
5. **An ordinance to allocate the cost for indirect billing.**

**An ordinance to amend Capitol Improvement fund was pulled by the auditor.**

Mr. Rayl then **entertained a motion for a seven-day waiver. 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.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday February 25, 2025 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 was not present.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Paul McCarthy was not present, but Tim Clark of the Board of Public Utilities did address members regarding an EPA violations.

**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 was not present.

**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 thanked council for considering the dispatcher contract and complimented the Street Department on their snow removal.

Mr. Jones also explained his disagreement with SB-66 as it would take away the city's tax windfall.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Robert Smith 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 ON DECEMBER 31, 2024. PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT CONTAINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A" AND ATTACHED HERETO AND PART HEREOF AND DECLARING 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 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 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 Pro tem Rayl **declared Resolution Number 01, 2025**, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND TO ADD THOSE AMOUNTS TO THE CURRENT YEAR'S (2025) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**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.**

**FIRST READING:**

**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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**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.**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **declared Ordinance Number 01, 2025**, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE THE COSTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER, REFUSE AND RECYCLING AND STORM WATER FUNDS FOR INDIRECT BILLING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS PER THE COST ALLOCATION STUDY FOR 2025 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
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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 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.***

**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. 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 Clark, 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 Pro tem Rayl **declared Ordinance Number 03, 2025**, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO SUPPORTING THE OHIO'S MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T'S TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Kerr, 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.***

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Beagle, 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.***

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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.***

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Clark, 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 Pro tem **declared Ordinance Number 03, 2025**, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AND LOCAL UNION 1223-1201-DISPATCHERS 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
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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 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.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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.**

**PASSAGE:**

**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.**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **declared Ordinance Number 04, 2025**, duly passed as read.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr made no comments.

At-Large Council member John Mercer made no report.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark thanked all city workers.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett echoed Mr. Clarks comments.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer made no comments.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl announced he would not be running for his seat again.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked city workers.

Council President John Torma was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council President Pro tem Rayl **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**

