

MINUTES
Village of Evendale
Regular Council Meeting
August 8, 2023

The Village of Evendale Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Finan at 7:00 pm.

Roll call- The following council members were present: Mayor Richard Finan, Council Members: Mr. Albrinck, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Sextro, Mr. Berke, Mr. Puthoff and Ms. Smiley-Robertson. Also present: Village CFO Cynthia Caracci, Village Law Director Kathy Ryan, Police Chief Tim Holloway, Fire Chief Mike Hauck, Recreation Director Adam Knight, Service Department Director James Jeffers, Dave Elmer and Village Clerk, Barb Rohs.

A motion to approved distributed minutes was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved.

Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF:

Mr. Albrinck reported that revenue exceeded expenditures for the month of July by \$511,721 (not including TIF activity). Year to date receipts exceed expenditures by \$3,040,946 (not including TIF activity Total tax receipts to date are \$11,003,022.

The State of Ohio audit is complete and council will receive an email regarding 2022 audit. Recommendations were minimal and congratulations to Ms. Caracci and her department.

GHF has revisited the mission statement and made some changes. The new mission statement was shared. Ms. Gunderson reviewed happenings at the farm. Produce is available at the farm and also sent to Findley market.

The recreation department reported the July 4th race brought in over \$10,000. The July 4th fireworks were a huge success and everything went off safely. The Eagles won large team swim championships, women won D3 tennis and other sports programs were reviewed.

The service department reported that crews are getting ready for paving in August. 66 street trees have been replaced. Pickleball courts open and lighting installed. The evaluation committee met and interviewed 3 contractors and decided on Conger Construction. They have experience in facility/maintenance buildings.

Ms. Smiley Robertson reported the police department is reviewing the potential of changing to a 12-hour shift. There will be a "Council as a Whole" meeting to review these changes as well as the fire departments recommendation to hire a fire inspector. Officer Roach has received accommodations from HC SWAT for his use of drone and solving a crime in Woodlawn.

The fire department has reviewed long term equipment purchased which showed large pricing increase and delay of receiving equipment. Anticipated need for a new engine in 2026 and replacement ambulance in 2027. Chief Hauck went through the cost benefit of their schedule change showing a reduction in overtime from 2022 to 2023 was down by 33%.

The CAC is hiring a new program manager. The new roof was installed on old CAC building. Ms. Gordy thanked council for their support. A new contractor will be hired for sound and lighting.

GTC plans have been approved and ground breaking was last week. The vacant lot next to O'Reillys has been sold. Code enforcement continues to work on companies that park their trucks in front of their building.

The mayor reported the pickle balls are open and well received. The mayor is meeting with Metro and the situation with Greyhound and other travelers.

Presentation of ordinances:

The mayor presented ORD #23-46 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE UPON CERTAIN CONTRACTS REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-46 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-46 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-46 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-46 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23 -42 AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CHAPTERS 258 AND CHAPTER 300 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO NONDISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-42 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-42 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-42 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-42 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD#23-43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEGOTIATE THE NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH GAS SUPPLIER AEP ENERGY, AS RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., PROVIDED THAT THE ACCEPTED AGGREGATION RATE IS BELOW THE CURRENT CONTRACTED RATE AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 36 MONTHS AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-43 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-43 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-43 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-43 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-44 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CONGER CONSTRUCTION GROUP AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE EVENDALE SERVICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-44 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-44 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-44 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-44 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-45 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE GRACE MARKLEY-REITER AS A PART-TIME PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion to read ORD #23-45 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-45 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-45 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Albrinck and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-45 adopted.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Mayor

Attest:

Village Clerk