**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – March 9, 2020**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott and Sovinski answered roll call. Also present were Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Mayor Hazel, Auditor Strawn, and Law Director Moore.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

None.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading)

7-20-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Mercer County Commissioners for Indigent Defense Services in Municipal Court. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

8-20-O: An Ordinance updating Chapter 935 of the City of Celina’s Codified Ordinances by repealing the current Chapter 935 (Storm Water Protection Plan) of the City of Celina’s Codified Ordinances and replacing it with an updated Chapter 935. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

5-20-R: A Resolution accepting a Memorial Donation from Chalmer ‘Whitey’ Kuhn to the Celina Parks and Recreation Youth Programs to purchase baseball equipment. CM Sovinski made a motion to accept the amended Resolution which changed the donation amount from $100 to $200, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Resolution to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

(Third Reading)

5-20-O: An Ordinance modifying, amending, and clarifying certain portions of the “Celina Utilities Service Policy and Regulations” enacted through Ordinance 60-03-O, and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

6-20-O: An Ordinance appropriating money from the General Fund for deposit in the Police Capital Fund, Fire Capital Fund, Street Improvement Capital Fund, Park Capital Fund, and Montgomery Field Investment Fund, and to transfer funds. CM Scott stated we are able to do this because of the extra ½ % taxation. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

4-20-R: A Resolution accepting a donation of two automatic external defibrillators from Robert and Peggy Bollenbacher. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel stated the notice from OPWC was received for the 2020 Various Street Improvements project for paving 4.5 miles for $371,000.00. Dominion East Ohio has ceased all construction in their territory until additional safety rules and policies are approved. They cannot start the West Market Street gas line replacement project until after this. With the warmer weather, residents are asking for the potholes to be filled. Hot mix cannot yet be received to fill these potholes.

Chief Wale reported around 5:00 pm this evening, officers responded to Wal-Mart for a theft. The canine located a significant amount of meth or heroine in the suspect’s vehicle. A Van Wert area man was arrested and is being held in the Mercer County jail awaiting charges.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Fleck stated the new park was very busy with the warm weather this past weekend. This is something to be proud of. St. Henry Landmark is getting close accepting semis at their new facility which may alleviate traffic at Celina’s Landmark.

CM Buxton stated the turn arrow light that was put in at Grand Lake and Havemann is very helpful. Director Hitchcock stated this was done in the last couple weeks to try to help alleviate traffic backup.

CM Clausen stated the wedding dress store went out of business because of problems with the building. He asked if the City can enforce a regulation that property owners be responsible to keep their building rentable. He encourages moving forward with a discussion of a penalty for buildings that have no businesses for an extended period of time. Mayor Hazel stated there was water damage in this store. That building has multiple other tenants in it. This is more a tenant landlord issue. There are other downtown owners that are not being proactive on fixing up their buildings and trying to fill the storefronts. We have had some positive moves downtown, which will hopefully give incentives to other property owners. The grant for the Main Street – Fayette Street building will be submitted after the March 10, 2020 public hearing.

CM Lochtefeld asked if there is an update from the Planning Commission for 680 N Main Street. Mayor Hazel stated it was tabled at the meeting.

CM Sovinski stated a week from tomorrow is primary election time. Residents can also go to the courthouse to vote early. Mayor Hazel stated the school levy is on the ballot. This is for our kids and for the future. We have great teachers and kids in the school system and business and people look at the school for relation to Celina.

CM Sovinski asked if an update of bar incidents will be discussed in the spring. The police department will put something together for a future meeting.

CM Scott asked if the spring pickup has been scheduled. Mayor Hazel responded it has been scheduled for April. Restrictions of items for pickup will be publicized. Maharg has done a phenomenal job of the pickups. CM Clausen stated he had a citizen that saw the garbage and recycling bags being thrown in the same truck. Mayor Hazel responded that both bags are thrown into a garbage truck, but they are picked up separately. If there is garbage in a recycling bag, they will pick it up with the garbage bags.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council