**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – January 8, 2018**

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

CM Sovinski made a motion to amend the Agenda adding an Executive Session after for the Good of the Order, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to accept the amended Agenda, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Larmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye. CM Baltzell abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Hazel welcomed CM Baltzell to Council. He also reported he will give his State of the City report at the next Council meeting.

President King distributed the listing of the 2018 Council Committee Assignments. CM Fleck made a motion to accept the new assignments, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a voice acclamation vote 7-0 Aye.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

1-18-R: A Resolution authorizing the sale by Internet Auction during calendar year 2018 of municipally owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D). CM Sovinski stated it would be nice to have a list of the prior year’s sales to give Council an idea of the scale and type of material that the City is disposing of. Administration will have the list available at the next meeting. CM Scott asked how often this is used. Director Hitchcock explained the sales are performed throughout the year as needed. CM Buxton asked if the percentage is the same as last year. Director Hitchcock responded, yes it is. CM Buxton further asked if there is a maximum amount of days the item can be out to bid. Director Hitchcock stated he will need to check into this. CM Larmore asked if the funds collected go back to the General Fund. Director Hitchcock replied they go back to the respective funds. CM Clausen asked if there is any liability in selling unfit items. Director Hitchcock responded the items are listed as being sold as is. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

2-18-R: A Resolution authorizing the City of Celina to submit a grant application to the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus and declaring an emergency. CM Scott asked if these are replacement units. Director Hitchcock responded, yes. He further reported $8,000 is in the budget for the match. CM Sovinski asked if this would give everyone in the department their own unit. Director Hitchcock responded it will be for all full time plus auxiliary members. CM Fleck asked if they each need their own because they are individually fitted. Director Hitchcock replied yes. He will have a unit available for Council to see at the next meeting. CM Sovinski made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

36-17-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to award a contract for an Amphitheater by ICON at Bryson Park to DWA Recreation (c/o David Williams & Associates, Inc.), and declaring an emergency. Director Hitchcock reported the quote is good until the end of January, so Council can read the legislation a third time. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

37-17-O: An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $300,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay costs of the construction and installation of a walkway along Westbank Road and Lakeshore Drive adjacent to Grand Lake referred to as the “Celina Rotary Walkway Project”, and including restrooms, shelter house(s), parking, and connecting bike paths, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski explained that we go through this yearly in terms of a one-year note, and encouraged CM Baltzell to ask any questions he might have. Auditor Strawn explained this note finances the West Bank Walkway. The City has been able to reduce the note $100,000 to $200,000 per year. The initial note was for $1.3 million, with the new balance to be financed being $300,000. Mayor Hazel reported the Grand Lake TIF is the source of repayment, and explained what a TIF is. CM Scott stated no General Fund money was used for the walkway payment. Auditor Strawn reported there is approximately $300,000 in the Grand Lake TIF. CM Sovinski made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

38-17-O: An Ordinance appropriating money from the General Fund for deposit in the Police Capital Fund, Fire Capital Fund, Street Improvement Capital Fund, and to transfer funds. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel gave kudos to Bill Kincaid in regards to the newspaper story of funding of a splash pad to be donated ($200,000) by Kathy Sharkey of Ergo Desktops. He further reported the old Dollar General store (on Main Street) is being made into a business center by the property owner. RG Sounds has requested a reduction in rent for their equipment on the water towers. They currently pay $3,800 annually. A Community Betterment Committee is requested to review the current Lease Agreement. Law Director Moore reported the Lease Agreement expires March 31, 2018.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton asked for confirmation of the re-opening of the businesses on Havemann Road. Director Hitchcock replied that to his understanding, all the businesses that were damaged will re-open.

CM Larmore asked if all the public boat docks are insured. Director Hitchcock responded, yes they are.

CM Sovinski stated the income tax collections are down slightly compared to 2016. Auditor Strawn reported it includes refunds given, which is higher than what they were in the past. She will talk to the Municipal Tax Director to verify why it is lower.

Law Director Moore reported he had someone contact him asking about an extension of the 48 hour residential parking rule. Chief Wale stated generally by the time the police department gets the complaint, the vehicle has been parked for a couple weeks. They then mark the tires and wait to see if the vehicle has been moved before making a citation. CM Sovinski stated it is only brought to attention if it is a problem. CM Scott stated the request was for an extension and asked Chief Wale for his thoughts. Chief Wale responded 48 to 72 hours seems fair. The police department attempts to make contact with the owner when they receive a complaint. He does not see this as a big problem. Mayor Hazel stated a junk vehicle that is inoperable might get pushed up or back 2 feet to avoid a ticket. The process then starts over. CM Sovinski stated the intent of the regulation is allowing the City to address a problem situation. Extending the time only makes the tool more difficult in a problem situation. CM Larmore stated he does not believe it should be any longer than 48 hours.

CM Buxton stated the citizens and uptown businesses are required to clean their sidewalks. City workers should not make it more difficult for these residents to do so by pushing the snow from the streets up onto the walks.

President King reported the December 2018 Council meeting should be scheduled for December 17th. The 2nd meeting of May (Memorial Day) will be determined dependent on the legislative action needed.

A Community Betterment Committee meeting was scheduled for January 22nd at 6:30 pm for review of the RG Sounds Lease Agreement.

At 7:46 pm, CM Sovinski made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the considerations of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, and/or compensation of a public employee of official, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. The meeting resumed in Executive Session at 7:52 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were Council President King, Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Larmore, Scott and Sovinski; Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Mayor Hazel, Auditor Strawn, Law Director Moore; and Council Clerk Wurster.

At 8:36 pm, CM Scott made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council