**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – October 11, 2021**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott and Sovinski answered roll call. CM Baltzell was absent. 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 Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Sovinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0-1 Aye. CM Clausen abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Hazel reported the downtown merchants had their fall festival last Saturday. It had beautiful weather and was well attended. The clerk of council position opening had no applicants. It will be advertised again.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

15-21-R: A Resolution accepting a donation from Princess Sue Hess to the Celina Police Department. CM Clausen extended a thank you the Princess Sue Hess for her continued donations. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Resolution to second reading, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**: (Second Reading):

46-21-O: An Ordinance accepting a donation from the Celina Moose Lodge #1473 for the Celina Fire Department for an ice rescue suit and appropriating funds. CM Fleck extended gratitude to the Moose Lodge for their donation. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

47-21-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 32-20-O as the Tenth Supplement to the 2021 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Auditor Strawn explained the amendment was the addition of funds for Meyers Road Sidewalk Project and basketball courts engineering. CM Sovinski made a motion to accept the amended Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

48-21-O: An Ordinance enacting a new section of the City of Celina’s Codified Ordinances which shall be known as Chapter 1186 of the City of Celina’s Codified Ordinances; and declaring an effective date. CM Clausen asked if there has been any discussion regarding limiting numbers of facilities. Mayor Hazel stated the licenses should be issued for additional dispensaries beginning November 4th. Mercer, Van Wert and Paulding Counties are in one group. The City has had multiple inquiries on locating in Celina. It is his understanding at this point it is just one license. If there is a viable business permitted by the state, the City has to make allowances for it to locate within the corporation limit. Law Director Moore stated it is his recommendation not to have a blanket ban on any medical marijuana facilities. President King distributed a comparison map of current vs. proposed license medical marijuana dispensaries. CM Lochtefeld stated the original intent was to keep it off of the Main Street historic district, but it looks to him like it is a lot more restrictive outside of this area. This is nearly a blanket ban. Mayor Hazel stated most people who have shown interest have been looking at Havemann Road, which is within compliance with the proposed zoning. CM Clausen asked if a B-1 district can be made restrictive. Law Director Moore stated a recreational facility would not be compared to a medical marijuana facility. If recreational becomes legal, it is his opinion the City can apply further restrictions. CM Sovinski stated if we want further restrictions for recreational facilities, we can propose an Ordinance under the zoning code. CM Clausen stated he is concerned that paraphernalia be visible from the street. Law Director Moore stated smoking marijuana is still illegal. He does not believe any paraphernalia would be visible in a medical marijuana facility. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-2 Aye. CM Lochtefeld and CM Scott voted Nay.

(Third Reading):

43-21-O: An Ordinance accepting the matching grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program for outdoor recreation projects at the Bryson Park District, to establish and appropriate funds and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

44-21-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise and receive bids into an agreement for the 2022 Various Street Resurfacing Projects, appropriating funds, and declaring an emergency. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

45-21-O: An Ordinance accepting the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program, to establish and appropriate funds and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

12-21-R: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates for the City of Celina as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

13-21-R: A Resolution accepting the Local Government Fund amount and rate as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, and declaring an emergency. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

14-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Celina to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel reported the lowered electric rates went into effect in September with the October billings.

Law Director Moore reported January 2, 2022 is the deadline to further opt in to the national opioid settlement. The City needs to opt in to this a second time. Director Hitchcock has the forms for this and should let him know if he needs anything from him.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton stated he noticed there was damage in the Westview Park and asked if it was a result of the Tic Toc challenge. Assistant Police Chief Harding stated it may have been. These violators were caught because of the good cameras in the park.

CM Scott stated he talked to the Livingston Street property neighbors. They are very pleased with the effort that the City has been putting forth to resolve their issues.

At 7:33 pm CM Scott made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase or lease of property for public purposes and for conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. The meeting convened in Executive Session at 7:36 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott and Sovinski; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Strawn; Law Director Moore; and Council Clerk Wurster. At 8:01 pm CM Sovinski made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

The meeting resumed in Regular Session at 8:01 pm.

CM Sovinski asked if there was someone in Administration to fill in for the Clerk of Council. Director Hitchcock stated he has a few that could do it part time.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council