**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – September 24, 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 Larmore made a motion to amend the Agenda to add a voice acclamation vote as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the approval of the purchase of playground equipment for the Bryson Parks District, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to accept the amended Agenda, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CM Fleck reported the Buildings and Grounds committee met September 10, 2018 for discussion of parks infrastructure and maintenance.

CM Larmore reported the Streets and Alleys Committee met September 10, 2018 for discussion of grass clippings being thrown into the streets. Mayor Hazel stated the Law Director found similar Ordinances from Ashland, Ohio and City of Shaker Heights and distributed a copy of both. Law Director Moore explained the nuisance definition comes from the ORC. It would be okay to add a definition to the existing nuisance Ordinance, if desired. CM Fleck stated some specific problem residents are rental properties and language needs to be included to hold the property owner responsible. CM Sovinski stated these examples give a lot better reference to specifically define what a nuisance is. CM Fleck stated it is important to determine who is ultimately responsible. Law Director Moore stated the Ordinance could be similar to the current tall grass and junk violations Ordinances which make the property owner the ultimate responsible party. A Streets and Alleys Committee meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.

President King called for a vote for support of the Bryson Trust purchase of all-inclusive playground equipment from GameTime to be constructed in the Bryson Park District. Support was shown by a voice acclamation vote 7-0 Aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Jeff Rasawehr, 221 Baldwin Road, Birmingham Michigan stated he is here because of a special kinship to the Bryson Trust. He is requesting a Resolution to be considered on behalf of children of Celina. He explained there are three pillars to his proposal. Pillar one is Mr. Bryson’s intention of excellent parks and recreational properties for the children to the City of Celina. Pillar two is the entrustment of the responsibility of the trust to First Financial Bank. Pillar three is the nature of the intent of the trust fund is for Celina. The City is doing a great job on the parks. Mr. Bryson had a desire to make this a value for the children. Mr. Rasawehr is requesting a minimum of $100,000 be allocated to the parks yearly by the Bryson Trustees. He is asking the Council that in the spirit of the will, Ed Bryson and the excellent community parks, the City provide more programming for the children of Celina. CM Fleck asked if the suggested allocation is for assistance with those who cannot afford the fees. Mr. Rasawehr stated the $100,000 could help out with handicap children, children in need, additional programs and improvement of programs. The spirit of a trust is not to build up a huge amount of trust money. CM Larmore asked if it is possible to use Bryson Trust money for non-capital projects. In the past, Bryson used to give $75,000 per year for operation of the pool, but it was phased out to be used only for capital improvements. Mr. Rasawehr explained he would like Council to pass a Resolution to pursue the possibility. Molli Schleucher stated the trustees can allocate trust moneys towards this if it is approved through the Probate Court. A lot of money has been allocated towards the Bryson Parks District. These allocations are within the confines of the trust, meets the qualifications, and has been approved by the Probate Court itself. CM Sovinski stated Mrs. Rasawehr is right in the thinking that we need to look at the emphasis of where the money will be spent in the future. Capital projects being built need to be maintained. He agrees in looking at putting more assets towards maintenance and programs to use these new facilities. The City will be doing a lot of thought process of how to use this money, but he would not feel uncomfortable requesting a specific amount before Council does further evaluations on how much will be needed for operational funding. Mr. Rasawehr stated his number of $100,000 was just a starting point suggestion, the amount can be adjusted. Mayor Hazel stated collectively the Bryson Trust has released $75,000 since 2012 which was put towards maintenance and explained other allocations to the City. The City has been fortunate through grants and the Bryson Trust for the improvements to the parks. Mr. Rasawehr makes a very good point, but we are also very fortunate for what we have received.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

18-18-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. Auditor Strawn explained the rates have not changed from last year. CM Sovinski made a motion to amend the Resolution to add the filing date of October 1, 2018 to Section Two, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Scott 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 Resolution, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

19-18-R: A Resolution accepting the local government fund amount and rate as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen made a motion to amend the Resolution to add the filing date of October 1, 2018 to Section Two, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck, made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

20-18-R: A Resolution accepting a memorial donation from V. Leion Shaner to the Celina Parks and Recreation youth programs to purchase baseball equipment. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the Resolution to second reading, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

21-18-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. Director Hitchcock explained this is standard boilerplate language from the State for the money being received by the City for West Market Street improvements. CM Scott stated the City has been fortunate of being able to take advantage of the grants for street improvements. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

17-18-R: A Resolution accepting a donation from the Celina Rotary to the Celina Fire Department to help with the purchase of an EMS Boat. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the Resolution to third reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

(Third Reading):

26-18-O: A Resolution amending Resolution 43-17-O creating the pay grade for the Human Resource Coordinator. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel gave a thank you to all the people who put on the Fall Festival this past Saturday at Eastview Park. There were hundreds of people who attended and the kids loved it. He further reported The Shelly Company will start the repaving of East Livingston Street within the next two to three weeks.

Auditor Strawn reviewed the General Fund Monthly Summary Report for the month ending August 13, 2018. The estimate unencumbered balance at the end of the year is $3.08 million.

Law Director Moore stated at last meeting the Council had a discussion of the opposition of State Issue 1. The Ohio Municipal League has drafted a Resolution of opposition, which will be presented at the next Council meeting.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Larmore asked for an update on the Market Street sidewalks which need to be repaired. Director Hitchcock replied he will need to get with Engineering for the date they are to be repaired.

CM Buxton asked for an update of the North Main Street project. Director Hitchcock explained they are on schedule with the projected completion date of November 15th.

CM Sovinski asked if there will be a conflict on the West Market Street paving with Landmark. Director Hitchcock explained the project will take a year and a half to complete and the City will work with Landmark.

CM Sovinski further asked if the curb cut mentioned in the Administrative Report is for the structure being built on Grand Lake Road. Director Hitchcock explained the building being put in will be used by Edward Jones, and have a shared entrance with Happy Daz Restaurant. The curb cut Sovinski is asking about is for the Tractors, Inc. building expansion. Mayor Hazel explained they will be adding at least eight new full time employees.

A Streets and Alleys Committee meeting was scheduled for October 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm for continued discussion of grass blowing on the streets.

A Personnel & Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm for 2019 Budget review.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council