**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – September 25, 2017**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:05 pm. Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Larmore, LeJeune, 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 accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

At 7:07 pm, CM Scott made a motion to enter into Executive Session for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, seconded by CM LeJeune. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. The meeting resumed in Executive Session at 7:08 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were President King; Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Larmore, LeJeune, Scott and Sovinski; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Strawn; Law Director Moore; Patrick Hire and Wendy Schimmoeller, Clemans, Nelson & Assoc.; and Council Clerk Wurster.

At 7:48 p.m., CM Sovinski made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

The meeting resumed in Regular Session at 7:49 pm.

CM Buxton made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Sovinski made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Special Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CM Lejeune reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met September 11, 2017 for discussion of Eastview Park equipment to be funded by the State Line Item Grant. The Game Time Pro 5000 series obstacle course was recommended by the Committee members. This project would not be completed until sometime at the beginning of next year. CM LeJeune stated he also wants to see a toddler playground area be included at Eastview Park. A resident who lives on East Livingston Street expressed concerns of her street at the meeting, and stated she has seen bagworms on evergreen trees in Eastview Park.

CM Sovinski reported the Utilities Committee met September 18, 2017 for continued review of the Electric Rate Schedule.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Hazel reported another successful Grand Lake Marathon was held this past weekend. Both the half and the full marathons ended in Celina. Mayor Hazel further reported that Maharg will be installing another transfer station at their current location, and he will get the Council Members a copy of the notification required by EPA regulations. CM Sovinski stated the City should not be affected by the closing of the local landfill, except for the recycling. Mayor Hazel explained the City is working with the County in maintaining the Solid Waste Plan.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

21-17-O: An Ordinance approving the tentative agreement and authorizing the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director to enter into contract with the Celina Municipal Employees Representative Committee (CMERC), and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel stated Administration has been very pleased with CMERC and the employees through this negotiation process. CM Scott asked if Administration feels it is fair on both sides. Mayor Hazel replied it is a fair and equitable Agreement for both the City and CMERC. CM Sovinski asked if the legislation needs to be approved with three readings within 30 days. Patrick Hire, Clemans Nelson Assoc., explained that SERB requires action within 30 days. CM Buxton asked when other union contracts end. Patrick Hire stated they are coming up around the same time as CMERC. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

16-17-R: A Resolution to adopt the Mercer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. CM Scott asked if Celina and another communities are under the umbrella of the County. Director Hitchcock replied that is correct. CM Sovinski pointed out that the Plan directs the City to take certain actions. Director Hitchcock stated this is an update to the Plan. CM Sovinski stated he is not against this Plan, but wants to be certain we know what the City’s requirements will be. CM Larmore stated a lot of it the City already does, but we do need to be certain what the additional requirements will be. Mayor Hazel suggested a Committee Meeting be held for review of the Plan. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (Third Reading)

15-17-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 Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM LeJeune. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel stated there should be enough money in the State Line Item Grant to pay for the proposed obstacle course at Eastview Park. He believes it will be heavily used and be a great addition to the park. The recreation program has been successful for youth, but this would provide an activity for adults and teens. CM Scott stated there is a want/need for these types of activities.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton asked the Assistant Chief for update on adult beverage establishments in regards to police calls. Assistant Chief Harting replied there have not been a lot of issues. There was one establishment that the liquor agency visited regarding some violations, and they are working with the establishment to resolve them. CM Buxton further asked about the possibility of making Livingston Street no parking on one side from Grand Lake Road to Eastview Park. Director Hitchcock responded it could be done, but it may make people drive faster if there are no obstacles.

CM Clausen stated he noticed a lot of glass on Hierholzer Street at Riley up to Jill Ave. Assistant Chief Harting stated the Police Department received a call on this. Director Hitchcock stated the Public Works Department also received a call. CM Clausen asked about a pilot study at the Water Treatment Plant. Director Hitchcock explained it is a system to replace a clarifier. Administration would like Council members visit the Water Treatment Plant to view it. CM Clausen further asked about the tax abatement that was to be discussed in the Council of the Whole meeting. Mayor Hazel stated a committee meeting will be scheduled in November or December for that discussion.

CM Sovinski stated being two-thirds through the year, the revenues seem to be higher than and expenses. Auditor Strawn reported the estimated carryover is $2.9 million. CM Sovinski stated the water operating statement shows a negative line on the net income and asked why this is. Director Hitchcock responded he will look into it.

CM Larmore asked when Administration would like to start the process of the 2018 budget. Director Hitchcock stated department heads have until the end of September to get their requests to Administration. Mayor Hazel suggested a committee meeting be held prior to the first regular meeting in October. A Personnel & Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm October 9th.

The Mercer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan changes will be discussed in the Communications section of the October 9th Regular Council Meeting.

President King stated he has had residents question why West Wayne Street in front of IC School is been closed. Director Hitchcock stated it was closed because there was a dust issue with the school due to the construction. Director Hitchcock further explained Dominion Gas Co. is working on the gas lines on East Wayne Street.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council