**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – September 25, 2023**

Council President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:02 pm. Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, and Sovinski were present. CM Baltzell and Scott were absent. Also present were Mayor Hazel, Auditor Shinn and Law Director Moore.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

At 7:05 pm, CM Lochtefeld made a motion to go into executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

The meeting convened in Executive Session at 7:18 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were President King; Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, and Sovinski; Mayor Hazel, Auditor Shinn, and Law Director Moore.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the tentative agreement with the firefighters, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0-1 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

**36-23-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement for Fire Protection with Hopewell Township. Mayor Hazel noted that the last agreement was for one year so they could look at the numbers and the City of Celina is pleased with those numbers and would like to enter a more long-term contract with those exact agreements. CM Sovinski asked if it was all of Hopewell Township or just part of it and it was confirmed that it is about 52% of the township. CM Clausen asked if the map changed and Safety Service Director Hitchcock confirmed that the map did change and that we lost a little bit of territory coverage. CM Clausen also asked about the years on the agreement and the legislation and Mayor Hazel confirmed that we had a one-year agreement prior to look at everything. CM Fleck made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

**14-23-R:** A Resolution accepting donations from C-Town Wings’ 9/11 Fundraiser to the Celina Police Department and to the Celina Fire Department. CM Clausen noted how thankful he and the City of Celina is for these donations that they do. CM Sovinski noted that C-Town Wings will not be here much longer and noted that it may be the last donation and so it seems even more meaningful to him. CM Sovinski made a motioned to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

None.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Third Reading):

**34-23-O:** An Ordinance to establish a City Tree Commission, including establishing the Commission’s purposes and objectives, membership and terms, compensation, and meetings and procedures. CM Sovinski noted that the commission has been working on an Ordinance he believes. CM Lochtefeld asked about the time frame and it was discussed that they can add an emergency measure to they are able to waive the 30-day waiting period. CM Sovinski made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye. CM Lochtefeld made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a toll call vote 5-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel spoke about the Walnut Street project and gave updates and projected times for paving and concrete work. Mayor Hazel noted that a gas company took a little longer than projected which is why it is cutting it close to the original timeline.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton inquired about the admin reports and asked if it would be possible to add in the Paulding, Van Wert, and Delphos into the water plant reports and if they can add the beaches in there just like the other numbers that they report so he is able to compare the beach and the lakes.

CM Sovinski thanked council for their note on his father’s passing and also reminded everyone about the last branch pick up date in October.

CM Clausen asked if there was an issue with the water and CM Buxton noted he just wanted to be able to compare them and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted that it would be reported once a month with the other water reports.

CM Lochtefeld put out a reminder for the City of Celina trick or treat period being October 29th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

CM Sovinski asked about the City’s electric building and asked if council would be able to go through the building once it is complete and Mayor Hazel confirmed that would be done.

A Committee of the whole was scheduled for 6:30 pm 10-09-2023.

A Personal and Finance committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm for 10-23-2023.

President King adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. Didonato, Clerk of Council