**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – November 23, 2020**

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.

At 7:01 pm, CM Clausen 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 Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. The meeting resumed in Executive Session at 7:04 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were Council President King; Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott and Sovinski; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Strawn; Law Director Moore; Council Clerk Wurster; and Patrick Hire and Joshua Onyemachi, Clemans Nelsan Associates. At 7:47 pm CM Sovinski made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

The meeting resumed in Regular Session at 7:48 pm.

CM Sovinski made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the consideration of acceptance of tentative Agreements between the City of Celina and the FOP Dispatchers, FOP Police Officers, and CMERC and to add Ordinances 40-20-O, 41-20-O, and 42-20-O to the Agenda, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to accept the amended Agenda, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CM Clausen reported the Personnel and Finance Committee met November 9, 2020 for continued discussion of the 2021 Annual Budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

CM Sovinski made a motion to accept the consideration of acceptance of tentative Agreements between the City of Celina and FOP Dispatchers, FOP Police Officers, and CMERC, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS (**First Reading)

35-20-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement for Ambulance Service (EMS) with Mercer County and declaring an emergency. Chief Wolters explained the County’s and City’s responsibilities per the Agreement and changes to the Agreement, and answered questions posed by Council Members. CM Sovinski made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

36-20-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for City projects and capital equipment for Fiscal Year 2021. CM Scott made a motion to read the Ordinance by Title, Whereas clauses, and Sections Two, Three and Four, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a voice acclamation vote 6-0 Aye. Mayor Hazel stated the improvements made in the Courts are approved by the Judge and recommended the elected officials be added to the legislation. CM Sovinski made a motion to amend the Ordinance to add “and other appropriate appointing authorities” in Section One, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Sovinski stated the items listed in the Ordinance are the annual operating capital activities for the continued operation of the individual departments. The parks restrooms are the only items outside of normal activities. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

37-20-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for certain materials, services, supplies and equipment needed during 2021. CM Scott made a motion to summarize the items in Section One, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a voice acclamation vote 6-0 Aye. Director Hitchcock gave a summarization the items in Section One. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

38-20-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 34-19-O as the Twelfth Supplement to the 2020 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. CM Buxton made a motion to Amend the third Whereas to read “Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Dollars”, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. Mayor Hazel explained the needs for the supplemental appropriations. CM Sovinski made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

39-20-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 34-19-O as the Thirteenth Supplement to the 2020 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. CM Lochtefeld made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

40-20-O: An Ordinance approving the tentative Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with the Celina Municipal Employees Representative Committee (CMERC), and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski explained the existing agreement has expired and it is important to accept the provisions of the new Agreement. CM Scott thanked the Administration and CMERC for the negotiations process. 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 Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

41-20-O: An Ordinance adopting schedules of salaried and hourly ranges, employee benefits along with personnel provisions for non-union officers and employees as well as provisions not covered in contracts with union employees of the City of Celina, Ohio, to repeal all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency. CM Sovinski stated this is not a bargaining agreement and asked if the terms of this agreement mirrors the bargaining unit agreements. Director Hitchcock explained the only changes to the benefit Ordinance are the 2.5% annual wage increases, the addition of the Assistant Public Works Superintendent and the Bailiff and Municipal Clerk of Court wages are established by the Judge. He also noted a typo on page four of the Exhibit. The effective dates should be October 1st not October 30th. CM Sovinski made a motion to amend Exhibit A to reflect the effective date correction of October 1, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

42-20-O: An Ordinance approving the tentative Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with the Fraternal Order of police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing the police officers and declaring an emergency. CM Fleck made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Scott asked if a special meeting would need to be scheduled for acceptance of the dispatchers tentative Agreement. Patrick Hire, Clemans Nelson Assoc., explained Council has thirty days to accept the tentative Agreements, therefore an Ordinance can be passed at the next regular scheduled meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading)

32-20-O: An Ordinance to make appropriations for expenses and other expenditures of the City of Celina, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen asked the Law Director to explain his payroll, consultant and contractual assistant line items. Law Director Moore explained the assistant line was the former Law Director’s assistant. That payroll is $0.00. The Law Director Payroll line is his income. The consultant line is for attorney’s assistants. He has two office assistants paid from the contractual assistant line item. He further clarified he asked for the same numbers as 2019. Director Hitchcock understood that to be what he expended, not his requests. He reported he increased one of his assistants pay by $2.00 per hour because of her added responsibilities due to COVID. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

34-20-O: An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 18-20-O to add an additional Bailiff/Probation Officer and to add an Electric Distribution Assistant Superintendent and to eliminate an Electric Distribution Crewleader. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance third reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mayor Hazel stated he has had a lot of conversations with citizens regarding masks. The businesses are the ones who will suffer the consequences if its customers are not wearing masks. We want to support our local businesses and make sure they are not closed down.

Auditor Strawn requested the Council members’ insurance packets be returned by Wednesday.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

CM Buxton thanked the Public Works Department for the leaf pickup. He asked if the COVID 19 vaccine for the City’s first responders would be paid for when it is available. Mayor Hazel stated it still needs to be figured out. It is not mandated for the City’s first responders to receive a vaccine at this time.

Council President King announced the next Council meeting will be held December 21, 2020.

Mayor Hazel reported the legislature extended the allowance of Facebook live or Zoom of the meetings to allow Council to continue meeting without public presence. This was extended for six months.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council