**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – February 8, 2021**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, and Scott answered roll call. CM Sovinski was absent. Also present were Safety Service Director Hitchcock, 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 and discussion of details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. The meeting resumed in Executive Session at 7:02 pm. Attendees of the Executive Session were Council President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, and Scott; Law Director Moore; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Auditor Strawn; Council Clerk Wurster; Patrick Hire, Clemans Nelson Associates (partial attendance); and Judge Speelman (partial attendance). At 7:20 pm CM Buxton made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

The meeting resumed in Regular Session at 7:21 pm.

CM Scott made a motion to amend the Agenda to add Ordinance 3-21-O to New Business, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to accept the amended Agenda, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0-1 Aye. CM Baltzell abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CM Scott reported the Committee of the Whole met January 25, 2021 for discussion of electric vehicle charging stations. CM Scott stated he asked around and found that most golf carts are gas powered. Director Hitchcock stated Administration was told commercial charging stations for golf carts are not available.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Director Hitchcock reported residents should be receiving a natural gas aggregation program letter through the mail. This letter is not a scam. If desired, residents must call to opt out of this rate, even if they have opted out of the City’s plan in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

2-21-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 32-20-O as the First Supplement to the 2021 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Auditor Strawn explained this will allow payment to the Shelly Company for the bid they submitted for the resurfacing project. CM Buxton questioned why this Ordinance is an emergency. Director Hitchcock replied Contracts with Shelly cannot be signed until the funds are appropriated. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. 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.

3-21-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 sergeants and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

5-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the Judge of the Celina Municipal Court to submit a grant application to the Supreme Court of Ohio for “The Technology Grant Fund” to fund a security project for the Celina Municipal Court to improve court security, and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen stated whatever can be done to improve security in the courts is good. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

1-21-O: An Ordinance approving the tentative agreement and authorizing the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with IAFF Local #2603 of the International Association of Firefighters, relative to wages, terms and other conditions of employment, and declaring an emergency. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

3-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the City of Celina to submit a grant application to the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of personnel protective equipment and thermal imaging cameras and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

4-21-R: A Resolution accepting a donation from Princess Sue Hess to the Celina Police Department. CM Scott made a motion to accept the amended Resolution which updated the donation amount to $300, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Resolution to third reading, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

(Third Reading):

1-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the sale by internet auction during calendar year 2021 of municipally owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D). CM Scott made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

2-21-R: A Resolution accepting donations from Asset Allocation Associates, Inc. and Mrs. Ned Hemmelgarn to the Celina Fire Department and the Celina Police Department. CM Scott thanked Asset Allocation Associates and the Ned Hemmelgarn family for their donations. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

None.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton asked if legislation for the charging stations will be presented for Council approval. Director Hitchcock responded an Ordinance will be prepared for a future meeting.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council