**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – February 22, 2021**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott and Sovinski answered roll call. Also present were Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Mayor Hazel, Auditor Strawn, and Law Director Moore.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

CM Clausen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye. CM Sovinski abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Hazel reported he was pleased at how well the staff did during the recent snow events. The City maintained a level two snow emergency because the streets remained passable. He also reported he was contacted by the Mariners baseball team. They would like to be able to sell beer at Montgomery Field for their 2021 season as approved by Ordinance. The 2019 Ordinance states the Mayor is authorized to sign off on beer sales as long Council has no objections. The Mariners are asking for beer sales for all home games. There were no problems with the beer sales in the 2019 season. They had no games in 2020. Council relayed no objections to the request.

**NEW BUSINESS** (First Reading):

4-21-O: An Ordinance vacating a portion of the alley described as “the east/west alley between Stella Street and Zillah Street that is north of 725 West Logan Street and south of 314 Stella Street, starting at the right of way on the west side of the alley and heading in an east direction one hundred thirty-one and one-half (131.5) feet”, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel explained the grocery store wants to have a drive through on the north side of the business. CM Clausen asked if the house or store sells in the future, the alley would need to be reestablished. Director Hitchcock explained they would need to do a lot split to transfer the land if the house is sold. The alley will be made a one-way alley. CM Sovinski asked if there will be any provisions for the snow plowing. Director Hitchcock stated it will no longer be the City’s responsibility to plow the alleyway. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

5-21-O: An Ordinance updating certain sections of the Celina Codified Ordinances pertaining to “Vehicle Impounding Fees”, and declaring an effective date. Law Director Moore pointed out a Scribner’s error in Exhibit A. The letter (c) was erroneously left off, therefore the sections will be renumbered a through f. Police Chief Wale was present to answer questions posed by Council members. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

6-21-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with ChargePoint for the purpose of leasing two (2) “Charge Points” within the City of Celina for the purpose of charging electric vehicles for a period of five (5) years, and declaring an emergency. Mike Mertz, Electric Distribution Superintendent, was available to answer questions posed by council members. He explained the quote is only guaranteed until the end of February, but he does not see it increasing if an Agreement is not reached by then. CM Sovinski said the agreement states that all pricing is confidential and stated the company will need to know this needs to be waived since the City cannot keep it confidential. CM Scott stated this is an investment in the community and asked if the City will receive any financial compensation. Mayor Hazel responded the City would only receive pay back for electrical costs. CM Scott asked Chief Wale if there will be parking violations for vehicles that park at the charging station and are not charging their vehicle. Chief Wale responded there would need to be an Ordinance outlining restrictions. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

7-21-O: An Ordinance accepting a donation from Mercer Savings Bank to the Celina Fire Department for the purchase of tables and chairs for the training room and appropriating funds. CM Fleck thanked the organizations for their donations. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

8-21-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 32-20-O as the Second Supplement to the 2021 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Director Hitchcock answered questions posed by Council members. He explained it is believed that the pumps were faulty, but are outside of warranty. CM Sovinski made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

6-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Celina to submit a grant application through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Paddling Enhancement Grant Program for improvements or development of recreational boating access for hand-powered watercraft at the Bryson Park District, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel explained these would be for launch ramps for kayaks and canoes. This would be a one hundred percent reimbursement grant if awarded. CM Sovinski requested the project specifications be reviewed in a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

7-21-R: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Celina to submit a grant application through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program for the development of pickleball courts at Eastview Park. Mayor Hazel explained the location of the pickle ball courts would be at the old tennis courts. CM Sovinski stated this should also be reviewed in a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass the Resolution to second reading, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Third Reading):

4-21-R: A Resolution accepting a donation from Princess Sue Hess to the Celina Police Department. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel reported the Illusions Building bid opening will be this coming Thursday. The new Greeks Pizzeria facility is moving ahead with their restorations. A Civil Service Exam for Patrolman will be given March 27th. Any interested applicants must apply by March 4th.

Law Director Moore reported TMobile USA rents space at the City’s water tower for equipment. TMobile has asked for modifications to their Agreement to expand their rental site. Law Director Moore requested a committee meeting be scheduled for review of the request. Mayor Hazel stated he believes it is forward of the company to want more space without any additional compensation. Law Director Moore explained in addition to the requested footprint addition, they are also requesting the deletion of the assignment paragraph in the original Agreement.

Law Director Moore reported Administration was presented with an Agreement from SolarVision regarding the Meyer Road solar project. SolarVision would like to sell the solar facility to another company, but needs the City’s permission to do so. Mayor Hazel reported energy from the solar field accounts for one to two percent of the City’s annual electrical baseload.

Law Director Moore reported the City has environmental performance standards for maximum permitted sound levels (Section 1180.14 of the Zoning Code Ordinance 26-99-O). The City recently had a concern from a citizen of decibels coming from a business. He suggested the decibel limits in the regulations be reviewed in a committee meeting. Director Hitchcock stated the first complaint has been addressed, but Administration would like Council to look at the code before there are other complaints.

A Utility Committee was scheduled for March 8 at 5:30 pm fore review of the SolarVision Agreement. A Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for March 8, immediately following the Utility Committee meeting, for decibel regulations review.

Utility Committee was tentatively scheduled for March 22nd at 6:00 pm for review of the T-Mobile Agreement amendment request.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Scott stated there are people pushing the snow across the ice at Pullman Bay and playing hockey. Instead of having people on the lake, he would like to see an ice rink created in an available parking lot. This could be a good addition to our park. CM Sovinski stated the City tried doing this a few years ago, but did not deem practical for the City. The problem is that the weather cannot be guaranteed to maintain the ice. Director Hitchcock stated he knows of other communities have tried this, but it did not work. Parking lots are not designed to be an ice rink; it causes a lot of maintenance problems.

CM Sovinski stated the resurfacing project has been bid and requested a map to show the streets scheduled to be paved.

Council President King adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council