**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – March 13, 2023**

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 were present. CM Sovinski was absent. Also present were Mayor Hazel, Safety Service Director Hitchcock, Auditor Shinn, and Law Director Moore.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

CM Lochtefeld made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

President King discussed the Committee of the Whole that took place on February 27, 2023.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Liquor License Transfer from Max & Ermas Holdings LLC DBA Max & Ermas to Grand Lake Refinery LLC.

Mayor Hazel spoke about the latest price that we have received from a gas aggregate was $6.62 for a 12-month fixed rate but AMP and administration thinks if they wait a little longer, they will get a better price while also reminding the City that they can only accept bids from certified aggregators.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

**7-23-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and Boardwalk Grill, LLC an Ohio Limited Liability Company, for the use of West Bank Road in front of the Boardwalk Grill, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel clarified that with this lease agreement they have to leave a lane open for an emergency vehicle along West Bank Road. CM Fleck wanted to make sure people would have access to their rentals and homes and anything else and it was confirmed they would and have his support for the idea. CM Scott wanted to confirm it was not the same weekend as the Lake Festival and it was confirmed. CM Buxton asked if this would be a part of the DORA and Mayor Hazel noted that it would not and they will be applying for their own F2 permit. CM Buxton also asked if there would be police presence at the event since there will be selling of alcohol and it was confirmed there will be. CM Lochtefeld mentioned that there has to be a nonprofit for an F2 but it was not listed who that was and asked if administration knew who they would partner with and was confirmed it would be the Lake Improvement Association. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. CM Scott made motion to withdraw the motion, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to amend the agreement to add police presence at the event, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**8-23-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and Friends of Grand Lake LLC for the lease of the Bryson Park District. CM Clausen asked exactly what this event was and Kevin Klosterman noted the lack of events going on utilizing the lake and wanted to put something together and start an annual event depending on participation for this event and spoke in detail of what the event would entail. Kevin also mentioned that he would like for the Council to waive or alter the cost for these leases and Council did not state they would waive the costs. CM Clausen asked if there would be vendors for this event but it was confirmed not this year since they are trying to start small but maybe in the ensuing years and confirmed this event would be June 17th, 2023. CM Lochtefeld mentioned the agreement does not mention closing any roads and it was confirmed that no roads need to be closed for this event. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**9-23-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. for Professional Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and appropriating funds. Mayor Hazel spoke about how they have been working with the wastewater superintendent and with OEPA (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency) because we have a high amount of inflow and infiltration (INI) into the wastewater system and also noted that we are required to do this study. Mayor Hazel also mentioned they will be doing this analysis in order to let us know what is a feasible option for us to help improve the INI. CM Clausen asked how long this test would run and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted it is likely to be about four years and CM Clausen asked if this is the only payment we have to make for this and it was determined at this time yes that is the only payment but once they have findings for the analysis we will have to do something to help with the INI. CM Scott noted that has been a problem for years where people will run their sub pumps into sanitary and vice versa and also asked if there would be any penalties for the residents who are misusing these items and Mayor Hazel said when they find stuff, they will have to redirect them because it is illegal but also mentioned they do not want to cite anyone. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**10-23-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds and amending various categories within Ordinance 50-22-O as the First Supplement to the 2023 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. Council spoke about how great the shelter house looks. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Buxton. 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.

**11-23-O:** An Ordinance appropriating money from the General Fund for deposit in the Police Capital Fund, Fire Capital Fund, Street Improvement Capital Fund, Park Capital Fund, Economic Development Fund, and Montgomery Field Investment Fund, to transfer funds, and to declare an emergency. CM Scott made a motion to read title only and an explanation of the numbers afterward by administration, seconded by CM Buxton. Voice Acclimation passed 5-1 Aye. Mayor Hazel explained all-line items in the Ordinance and confirmed what is coming out of the half percent fund which is technically coming from general funds and what is coming out of general funds not a part of the half percent to fund these projects. CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**12-23-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds to pay the tax recoupment for parcel 27-007000.0201 (609 Meyer Road) in order to apply for property tax exemption, and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen asked if the entire property was being used as the gun range and it was confirmed that was correct. 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 Ordinance, seconded by CM Lochtefeld. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**13-23-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds for the prepayment and retirement of the outstanding principal amount of the Wastewater System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2011, and declaring an emergency. Auditor Shinn spoke about how these bills are now callable without penalty and it will save the City of Celina almost $45,000 in interest by paying it off early. CM Scott spoke about how pleased he is with the departments being well off enough to pay these bills early and save the City of Celina money in the process. CM Clausen asked when this would have matured and Auditor Shinn confirmed it would have been 2026. CM Clausen also mentioned that when adding all the numbers it does not equal the amount stated in the Ordinance and Auditor Shinn confirmed that was correct and because some of the accounts already had some money appropriated in it and some accounts are going to end up with surplus money to spend throughout the year. CM Scott 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 Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**4-23-R:** A Resolution to terminate the City’s first right of refusal to purchase excess state-owned property abutting Grand Lake at the terminus of Leblond Street and accepting an easement over same for utility usage. Mayor Hazel spoke about how we have to refuse our first rights so the neighbors can split the property since the City has no need for it and the neighbors already take care of the land. Mayor Hazel also mentioned there is a storm sewer system that the City will be able to replace when it comes time. CM Clausen asked about a map discrepancy and it was noted the property was sold so it belongs to someone else currently then the name on the map. CM Fleck made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Buxton.

**5-23-R:** A Resolution accepting a donation from Princess Sue Hess to the Celina Police Department and declaring an emergency. CM Buxton pointed out how thankful they are for the donation. CM Buxton made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

**6-23-O:** An Ordinance establishing salaries of the Mayor, Law Director, Auditor, Treasurer, Council President, and Council Members. **(AMENDED 2/27/2023).** CM Clausen spoke about how this will help us compete with the pay of neighboring cities. CM Clausen made a motion to pass to a third reading, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Third Reading):

**3-23-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and Small-Town Pride for the lease of the Bryson Park District. CM Fleck made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel spoke about the shelter house and how great it looks and how they are currently waiting for the states final approval on it and spoke about the walk way that is going to go around it that our public works department is working on. Mayor Hazel spoke about how the old restroom was taken down the week before and is officially gone. Mayor Hazel spoke about how the parking lot out there has been stoned out per the design.

Mayor Hazel spoke about how the Silicon Valley Bank was closed down last Friday and they partnered with PSN who currently does our credit cards and we have not received our payments since the closing, so the City of Celina will suspend receiving credit card payments or any payment through PSN until this issue is resolved since we are owed about $30,000 currently through PSN. Mayor Hazel stressed that this is not PSN’s fault and they have been a great company to work with for the City over the years. President King asked how people will be notified of this decision and Mayor Hazel noted this decision was just made and they will open it back up once the payments go through and everything has been settled but they will take the option off the website and stop taking them in the building until further notice. CM Scott noted he believes people will understand that it is for their financial safety as well as the City’s. CM Lochtefeld asked if PSN has given any indication of when to expect restoration of services and Auditor Shinn noted they have not been given a specific time frame. CM Clausen asked if there was any concern with the banking that we do use and Mayor Hazel mentioned not at this time we do not have any concerns. Mayor Hazel mentioned we will keep monitoring it for the people and if PSN attaches with another financial institution to do this then it will be as simple as changing some routing numbers but until something happens all PSN services will not be authorized to pay their bills. CM Clausen asked if this is something they should be worried about because they have many different accounts and some are probably being past the limit that the federal government would cover and Mayor Hazel noted he believes there is nothing to worry about yet but they will be the first people he calls if something happens.

Safety Service Director Hitchcock asked for clarification when Mr. Klosterman asked for the leasing fees to be waived did Council grant that and Council explained they did not waive the fees.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton asked if the restrooms that were knocked down and if they were able to put electric in the pole and Safety Service Director confirmed they are able to put electric in the pole if the Lake Festival had the need for it.

President King adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. Didonato, Clerk of Council