**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – May 12, 2025**

Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Buxton, Fleck, Gray, and Wolfe; Mayor Hazel; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore

Start Time: President King called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

* Presiding Officer: President King
* Council Members Present:
  + Buxton
  + Fleck
  + Gray
  + Wolfe
* Absent Members: Baltzell, Clausen, and Sanford.

2. **Acceptance of Agenda:**

* Agenda Approval: CM Wolfe made a motion, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0 Aye.

3. **Corrections and acceptance of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes:**

* Minutes Approval:
  + Previous Meeting: April 28th
  + Corrections Noted: CM Buxton made a correction to the minutes.
* Outcome: CM Buxton made a motion to pass the corrected minutes, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0 Aye.

4. **Committee Reports:**

* None

5. **Communications:**

* None

6. **Audience Communication:**

* Jeremiah Schmidt who spoke about the Celina Dolphins Swim Team and the agreement that he believed has some legal issues still to be worked out. Jeremiah asked for proof that the City of Celina owns the starting blocks and time systems. Jeremiah noted he believes the other team signed the agreement because they have already taken money from sponsors. Jeremiah voiced his concerns about the pool schedule practice times for the two teams and also questioned who owned the lane lines and the liability. CM Wolfe noted the swim teams should prioritize the kids and work together to make sure everyone is able to swim with all equipment needed. Jeremiah and Safety Service Director Hitchcock confirmed they have been trying to set a schedule but have not made progress. CM Fleck asked about the liability amount and Jeremiah confirmed the 100K limit is fine but the wording within the agreement is where he has concerns. Law Director Moore noted he reviewed the agreement as well as our insurance company and neither party had an issue with the wording of the agreement. Law Director Moore noted his belief that some ORC references are being misinterpreted and that he is willing to work with anyone and discuss the matter further. Mayor Hazel noted that the blocks and timers are owned by the City of Celina. Jeremiah questioned that statement and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted they ran vin numbers and they do belong to the City of Celina. CM Buxton asked about the practice times that were agreed to and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted only one team signed so they are working off that information but if both teams sign, they will honor the previous verbal agreement but noted things can change if a third teams signs up. CM Wolfe noted that the insurance company and City of Celina do not have a problem with the agreement and it is up to Jeremiah to either sign or not sign. Jeremiah noted he would be back.
* Heather Schmidt spoke as a concerned citizen and asked about the elevator being fixed and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted it could still be 10 weeks out. Mayor Hazel confirmed it is important and they have been working on it as soon as it broke down. CM Fleck noted that with ADA we have no choice but to fix it. CM Gray apologized for the inconvenience that it may cause anyone.

7. **New Business:**

* None

8. **Administrator Reports:**

1. Mayor Hazel noted that we had a Firefighter pass paramedic school and another firefighter accept a position with the City of Celina.
2. Mayor Hazel also noted we have some field training officers working toward being on the roads themselves. CM Gray asked for a timeline and it was noted possibly around September and it is usually 12 weeks of training through the Ohio model. CM Gray asked about the firefighters and what would be fully staffed and Mayor Hazel confirmed that 6 per shift not counting the Fire Chief would be fully staffed and should help with call backs.
3. Mayor Hazel mentioned that the Public Works Building getting closer and that the newest restroom at Bryson Park should be done in June.
4. Mayor Hazel spoke about the slide going in at the pool and that the state has to approve the concrete build and that the Bryson Trust is paying for it.
5. Mayor Hazel also noted the gas lines on Mill Street could still be 60-90 days out.

9. **For the Good of the Order:**

1. CM Fleck if things Bryson Trust pays for breaks can we ask them to fix and Mayor Hazel pointed out that is varies because we usually handle maintenance issues but Bryson Trust does help occasionally.
2. CM Gray asked about the dreg out in front of the water intake and Mayor Hazel confirmed that it is periodically done but does not change the water quality.

10. **Executive Session**

* At 7:44 PM CM Gray made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. CM Fleck seconded the motion. Roll call passed 4-0 Aye. The executive session convened at 8:34 PM.

11. **Adjournment**

* Time: 8:35 PM