**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – August 8, 2022**

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 Mayor Hazel, Auditor Shinn, and Law Director Moore.

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

CM Buxton made a scrivener’s correction to the July 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes. CM Scott made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye. CM Sovinski abstained.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

President King asked the council members if they had any questions about the Liquor License Huelskamp & Kremer Inc. DBA Lakeview Liquors and CM Fleck asked if the special license meant that it was a state store or anything special and Mayor Hazel noted that the only difference is going to be the name.

Mayor Hazel spoke about Lake Festival and the 127 Garage Sales and noted how local business owners did see an uptick in sales over that period. Mayor Hazel also spoke about how Fulton Street is in the second section of the project but it is still on schedule with earlier predictions and mentioned they are still allowing through traffic up until they have to pave the road and they are working fast and hard on the project. Mayor Hazel spoke about how the Lion’s Club building on the shelter house is expected to start sometime during this month and they ordered the fencing for the pickle ball court and splash pad but are just waiting for them to come in.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

**31-22-O:**  An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement for Fire Protection with Hopewell Township. Fire Chief Doug Wolters spoke about how they were approached about the contract and how they would like for them to give up a couple sections of the Township to Rockford and that they are having trouble getting the County to give fair evaluations of the Township sections. Fire Chief Wolters also spoke about how they received more money than the last contract stated they should receive because the tax evaluation should have been higher. Mayor Hazel noted the County is not giving us an evaluation on these sections from the County and suggested a Safety Committee meeting to discuss this further while also noting that this is a mutual aid agreement and both parties are receiving assistance from the other. A Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM. CM Sovinski made a motion to pass to a second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**32-22-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to apply for, accept, and enter into an agreement for Bond Anticipations Note(s) on behalf of the City of Celina for the construction of an Electric Distribution Facility, designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel stated that we need this in order to finish our application while the engineering reports are being completed and once AMP gets this application, they will finalize it to OMAP so we know what else we need to have. Mayor Hazel also spoke about indicative interest rates from Jackson Center and the rates were at 3% with a 2.55% yield and the one done before that was Wapakoneta with a 3.5% rate with a 2.75% yield on selling that BAN and that it can be anywhere between six to eight weeks for them to finalize, process, and award that money. CM Clausen noted that this is the right thing to do and asked if this was hinged on the interest rate which Mayor Hazel confirmed it was not and also asked if these other examples were for the same 20-year loan and Mayor Hazel confirmed that as well. Mayor Hazel also noted this was a part of the five-year capital improvement plan so that way they do not have to touch rates. CM Scott noted that the reason for borrowing the money instead of paying it outright is so we do not have to touch rates which is our due diligence to the City. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Lochtefeld made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Second Reading):

**27-22-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 69-01-O to change the Zoning Classification of a portion of property owned by C.J. Nelson Rentals, LLC from B-3 Community Shopping Center to R-O Residence and Offices. CM Sovinski stated the standards that a rezoning map should have and questioned why it was not included for this second reading and Mayor Hazel stated there were unforeseen circumstances that rocked the administrative department and they will have the proper map at the next council meeting. CM Scott made a motion to pass to a third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Third Reading):

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

None.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CM Buxton noted the fifteen parking spaces they added to the park area and asked if there was any way to add more and Mayor Hazel noted that is as close as they can get and are unable to add more parking spots because they do not want traffic closer to where the kids are playing and might put up a barricade to prevent people from parking in the grass for the children’s safety.

CM Clausen thanked the city for putting up a sign on Corey Avenue as discussed in the last meeting and noted it has made a difference in the speed of the traffic.

President King adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. Didonato, Clerk of Council