**REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – August 12, 2024**

President King called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 pm. Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, and Wolfe were present. Also present were Mayor Hazel, Safety Service Director Hitchcock, and Law Director Moore.

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

CM Sanford made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0-1 Aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

President King spoke about the Liquor License Transfer: Holiday Sports LLC to Midwest Buckeye Liquor LLC. CM Clausen noted it had the same address and asked if it was a company taking over and Mayor Hazel confirmed that to be correct and to be at the shipyard.

Mayor Hazel spoke about Lake Festival as well as the good weather that has been helping get City projects progress as expected.

Mayor Hazel spoke about Pond Street and how the school applied for grants that will help pay for the project and the City did the water mains to extend and loop those lines in.

Mayor Hazel spoke about a planned power outage from the City electric department to help complete a project. CM Fleck confirmed that it was by the football stadium and Mayor Hazel noted that the electric department gave notices to every house that would be impacted.

**AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Heather Schmidt who resides at 417 Magnolia Street asked if people who do not live within the City limits but work within the City limits can speak at a Council Meeting. President King noted that they are able to come speak and that anyone is welcome to speak but on certain nights depending on the topic and how many speakers they will let residents speak first.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (First Reading)

**50-24-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the City of Celina to enter into a Contractual Agreement with the Celina City Schools for the purpose of a School Resource Officer and declaring an emergency. Mayor Hazel spoke about the nine and a half months the officer will be in the school and how that time in the school will be paid for by the school and their grant. CM Clausen asked if it was a multi-year agreement and Mayor Hazel confirmed that it is a multi-year agreement where the grant pays for three of the four years up to a certain amount. CM Clausen confirmed that all duties the officer does is attached as exhibits and the school has agreed to it and Mayor Hazel confirmed the school has already passed the agreement and all parties are pleased. CM Buxton pointed out some duties the school resource officer should not be doing such as secretarial duties and grabbing food for teachers offsite. CM Baltzell asked about the SRO training and course work and how it says they may instruct students and Chief Wale explained that would be the officer possibly giving a presentation during a civics class and the officer would not act as a substitute teacher. CM Sanford asked about the 40 hours of specialized training for the SRO and Chief Wale confirmed those are done during the off months when school is out of session. CM Baltzell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**51-24-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds and amending various categories within Ordinance 48-23-O as the Seventh Supplement to the 2024 Annual Appropriations and declaring an emergency. CM Gray noted that the funds being transferred will be enough for four police cadets and if only two cadets get hired what happens with the remaining funds and Mayor Hazel noted at the end of the year, they all get zeroed out and any extra will go back into the general fund and can be reappropriated the next year if necessary. CM Gray asked about the status of the MOU and Mayor Hazel noted he was told by officers that they will meet on Wednesday to discuss. Mayor Hazel spoke about the potential trainees and how this will allow us to pay for the training. CM Sanford noted this is beneficial to the City. CM Sanford made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**52-24-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Celina and the Greater Celina Area Soccer Boosters (GCASB) for the lease of Westview Park and declaring an emergency. CM Gray noted how this is a great event that helps fund seventh and eighth grade club soccer. CM Clausen mentioned that these tournaments bring in a lot of people and asked if it use to be later in the year and administration noted it is the same tournament but they moved it up a couple of weekends. CM Buxton asked if the teams were charged and it was confirmed they are and Mayor Hazel noted this is not a City recreation program. CM Gray explained why they are charged and where the money goes. CM Fleck made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Baltzell made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**53-24-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 15-24-O to add a second Battalion Chief/Paramedic and Police Officer Trainee(s), and declaring an emergency. CM Clausen made a motion for the law director to read the title only of section two, seconded by CM Baltzell. Voice acclimation passed 7-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. Mayor Hazel noted why he believes these positions are needed and how important they are. CM Sanford asked about the funding for the battalion chief paramedics and if they would be funded in 2025 and Mayor Hazel noted that when they created the position in February it was going to act as the assistant and work a 40-hour shift but with the changes to the department they will work for 24 hours on and 48 hours off and this is to gives us an idea of how to determine a dollar amount and try to fund them in 2025. CM Buxton asked about the number of total employees and Mayor Hazel noted that the number is unchanged. CM Buxton made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen 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):

None.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Third Reading):

**47-24-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept bids for the Mill Street Improvement Project. CM Buxton confirmed the starting and stopping points of the project as South Mill to Touvelle and administration confirmed it was the whole street. Safety Service Director Hitchcock spoke about a handout that shows existing funds in the account lines and where they would be after paying for the project while noting that is subject to change based on the bids. Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted they would like to have it bid by the end of the year and asked if they can add an emergency clause. CM Buxton asked if this was planned to be completed next year and administration confirmed that to be correct. Safety Service Director Hitchcock spoke about how most of the money left over in the 321-account line is meant for the upcoming Sugar Street project. CM Wolfe asked for the OPWC to be explained and administration explained that it stands for the Ohio Public Works Commission and it is a voter initiative source of funding where voters get to vote on 10 years’ worth of funding for capital projects and that this is our last year receiving the money but it will hopefully be brought again to be voted on. CM Clausen made a motion to amend the Ordinance and add an emergency clause, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Hazel spoke about the potential of a special meeting depending on the status of the MOU. Mayor Hazel noted the start date of the Wright State police campus and how the due date for the funding for those classes is September 6th.

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CM Fleck spoke about the Bryson Park bathroom across from the splash pad and how the handicap door is broken. Mayor Hazel noted they would go out and fix it.

CM Wolfe noted a suggestion that he received during Lake Festival and that while the festival was going on there was a large crowd at the Amphitheatre and recommended leaving the lights on during the Lake Festival because people were climbing all over it and thinks have the area will be lit would deter some of that and recommended having all lights turned on in that area.

CM Sanford noted that soccer and football sign-ups are going on right now and we have a higher number this year which is wonderful. CM Sanford noted that he toured the new school today which was exciting.

CM Sanford spoke about the Tree Commission and some people may receive letters or door hangers and they can respond if they are willing to receive a free tree.

CM Gray thanked administration for picking up the extra limbs that were caused by the last wind storm and not waiting until the beginning of the month.

CM Gray noted that he did a ride along with some of the police officers and noted that he thought it was neat and believes that we need to keep working in good faith and getting things accomplished and suggested that other council members look into it.

CM Buxton asked if there is a date for the old Kerns building to be torn down and administration noted they do not because they are dealing with insurance.

CM Buxton asked about the old Celina motel lot and Mayor Hazel confirmed it will be going to the planning commission the following Thursday. Mayor Hazel noted that they are not zoned for parking.

CM Gray asked if they should set a time for the special meeting and Mayor Hazel noted they need more information to make sure one is needed before scheduling one.

President King asked about the light by the football field and if they can reset it so it does not go off on a timer anymore and Safety Service Director Hitchcock noted that will be done once they finish the electric for the school.

President King noted there would be a ribbon cutting at a new salon opening on Main Street on Wednesday at 5:30 pm and invited anyone from Council to attend if possible.

President King adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. Didonato, Clerk of Council