

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 15, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL of 2022-2023 Councilmembers:

PRESENT: Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser

ABSENT: Greeno

President of Council Harrington pointed out that Councilman Greeno informed him that he would not be in attendance tonight. Councilman Bauman moved to excuse Councilman Greeno, seconded by Councilman Slough. All were in favor. Filed.

President of Council Harrington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ACCEPTANCE/CHANGES TO PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Slough moved to accept the March 1, 2022 Regular Session City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ON/REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA: none

PROCLAMATIONS: none

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: none

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2022 (*Tom Demuth retirement resolution*) **requires one (1) reading**

first reading - adopted

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THOMAS DEMUTH FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF HIS SERVICES TO THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Discussion:

Mayor Murnyn noted that Tom had a very important position with the City. He was a lot of fun to pester early in the morning when she would be driving around and notice issues with lights. He was a great team player, a pleasure to work with, and will be missed, but he has made her a deal to bring her honey periodically.

Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that every time he sat at Baldwin and Main and looked at the light there, he knew it was going to change quickly because Tom was on the job, and if it wasn't changing quickly, he knew it was going to change soon enough because - he was on the job. After Councilman Russel came on board with City Council, he soon began to understand what all Mr. Demuth did for the City and gained an understanding of how the City's traffic lights operate. He even went to other communities to compare their processes. What Mr. Demuth did for the City during his tenure was magical and was much appreciated. He has not heard anyone complain about lights which is accredited to Mr. Demuth's efforts. One concern of Findlay citizens is if their traffic lights are turning green or not. He appreciated Mr. Demuth's top notch expertise in his field. He wished him the best of luck in his retirement.

Councilman Wobser echoed Councilman Russel's comments and added that he has only heard a few complaints about traffic lights. In comparing to other cities, one of the first things that anyone notices are when lights are not functioning properly, but that is not heard here. It is one of the most visible things in a city, besides water being turned on/off and toilets flushing every day, that someone can go down Main Street at an appropriate speed and go from one end to the other end in a very controlled manner and not have to stop at any light. Since moving back to town in 2002, he has often seen Mr. Demuth, alongside his work vehicle, repairing an electrical box at an intersection in which he figured there must have been a mess there in order for him to be working on it, but was at ease knowing he was there to fix it. He has always had a lot of confidence in everything that Mr. Demuth has done. He appreciates his years of service for the City, Air Force, and what he has done for the community for quite some time. He thanked Mr. Demuth and wished him much enjoyment in his retirement.

President of Council Harrington noted that technology must have dramatically changed during Mr. Demuth's thirty-three (33) years of service. He congratulated him on his retirement.

Ayes: Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

PETITIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: none

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

Findlay Fire Department Activities Report – February 2022. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – February 2022. Filed.

Findlay Police Department Activities Report – February 2022. Filed.

Findlay Municipal Court Activities Report – February 2022. Filed.

City Planning Commission agenda – March 10, 2022; **minutes** –February 10, 2022. Filed.

A set of summary financial reports for February 28, 2022:

- Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of February 28, 2022
- Financial Snapshot for General Fund as of February 28, 2022
- Open Projects Report as of February 28, 2022
- Cash & Investments as of February 28, 2022

Discussion:

City Auditor Staschiak reminded Council that during the last City Council meeting, he informed Council that he would be updating the third page of the report (snapshot) in the severance payout reserve fund for moving money that has been set aside for retirements that already have costs incurred. With the increase in wages for 2022, and the recalculating based on that, as well as the amount on employees that did not retire that could have, the City's obligation for 2022 has increased to approximately two million fifty-five thousand dollars (\$2,055,000.00). The amount that was originally appropriated which was good through 2023 is now only enough through 2022, which is a good thing and not a negative thing. The City's obligation for 2023 according to the second half of the budget cycle will need to be an additional three hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$332,000.00). This is reflected in yellow in the report because it is not one hundred percent (100%) covered, but the City is in great shape on it. The City received notice of ARPA dollars that in addition to this two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000.00) award, the City will receive an additional amount of approximately eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$8,600.00) from the Federal Government. The best course of action is not to appropriate the money to projects as originally thought. There needs to be some additional review to determine how exactly this will be done and where exactly the funds would be placed, but the final ruling is that it will be revenue replacement. There is a ten million dollar (\$10,000,000.00) exemption that will allow for that with just over four million three hundred thousand dollars (\$4,300,000.00) remaining. It will be handled similar to the CARES Act. Once the funds come in, he will let Council know what funds came in and where they went, and will provide a full recommendation at an Appropriations Committee meeting.

The purpose of the open projects report is to provide how much money there is for each project. It is broken down by funds (General Funds, the SCM&R (Streets), ARPA dollars, Airport, Sewer, Water). The total appropriation for the water meter system replacement was one million two hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,267,000.00). Council needs to determine how much money is available and not encumbered or what is unspent. The amount currently available to spend is listed as zero because it is all encumbered in a purchase order, so he cannot determine how much of that total amount has been totally spent. As of the end of last month, the column before it shows that one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$154.00) has been expensed (billed to the City and paid). He does not have the ability to account for the difference because of what the departments may or may not have been billed for or not yet have a purchase order for. He is bringing this before City Council now because the Water Department will be making a request for four hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$412,500.00) from water and sewer where the money will then flow into the project. It will be listed as unspent money until it is encumbered by a purchase order as approximately eight hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$824,000.00). When looking into the future when money is requested, Council can quickly look at the project's report and know how much money has been spent on a project, how much money has been encumbered in a purchase order or has been paid out or expensed out, and how much money is still available to spend. Filed.

Law Director Rasmussen – amendment to salary ordinance (Ordinance No. 2022-011, AS AMENDED)

Ordinance No. 2022-011 is on tonight's City Council agenda for its third reading and needs to be amended to be retroactive to December 20, 2021. The ordinance needs to be adopted as amended with this retroactive date. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – Water Meter System Replacement, Project No. 35783300

Due to the long lead times of receiving water meters, City Engineer Kalb is requesting to appropriate funds into the Water Meter Replacement Project now to purchase the meters as soon as possible. Legislation authorizing the Service-Safety Director and/or City Engineer to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for construction and to appropriate and transfer funds is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-019 was created.

FROM:	Sewer Fund	\$ 412,500.00
TO:	Water Meter System Replacement, <i>Project No. 35783300</i>	\$412,500.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 412,500.00
TO:	Water Meter System Replacement, <i>Project No. 35783300</i>	\$ 412,500.00

Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – Findlay Airport North Apron Rehab, Project No. 35210500

The North Apron Rehab Project is currently out to bid for construction, once the project has been sold, a grant application will be submitted to the FAA and ODOT Aviation for additional construction funds. The City's FAA allocation will be covering ninety percent (90%) of the cost of construction and the ODOT Aviation grant will cover five percent (5%) which will reduce the City's funds to only five percent (5%) of the total construction costs. Legislation to allow the Service-Safety Director to apply for grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport and ODOT Aviation and enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration and ODOT Aviation is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-020 was created. Filed.

City Engineer Kalb – State Street and Markle Street Reconstruction (OPWC), Project No. 32803300

Ordinance No. 2021-007 authorized a bid opening that was held on February 24, 2022 for this project. Bids were received from three (3) potential contractors with the bid amounts ranging from \$418,799.75 to \$459,960.00. The lowest and best bid was received from JDR Excavating Inc. of Findlay, Ohio. This project is included in the 2021 Capital Improvements Plan and will be using the grant funding received from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) was previously appropriated to the project for design and advertising. An additional appropriation is needed at this time to cover the City's portion of the construction cost and provide a contingency for the project. Legislation to appropriate and transfer funds for the capital expenditures is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-021 was created.

FROM:	OPWC Grant	\$ 300,000.00
TO:	State & Markle Street Reconstruction (OPWC), Project No. 32803300	\$ 300,000.00
FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 40,000.00
TO:	State & Markle Street Reconstruction (OPWC), Project No. 32803300	\$ 40,000.00
FROM:	Sewer Fund – Stormwater Restricted Account	\$ 40,000.00
TO:	State & Markle Street Reconstruction (OPWC), Project No. 32803300	\$ 40,000.00
FROM:	CIT Fund – Capital Improvements Restricted Account	\$ 140,000.00
TO:	State & Markle Street Reconstruction (OPWC), Project No. 32803300	\$ 140,000.00

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser pointed out that when he adds up the numbers that are being moved over to this project, they add up to five hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$520,000.00) but that the awarded bid was a maximum of four hundred fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$459,000.00). City Engineer Kalb replied that the City's portion of the agreement is a maximum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00). The City Auditor's Office wants the entire amount appropriated into the project because there is no way to determine if that amount will go up or down throughout the life of the project, so he is asking to appropriate the maximum amount. If the entire amount is not going to be spent, he will then determine what fund(s) the remaining money will go to. There are also contingency amounts built into the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and CIT Fund so that in case there are any problems, funds are readily available to address them without having to come back to Council for small changes. Councilman Wobser pointed out that City Engineer Kalb stated in his letter what the range was and who won the bid, but did not list the winning bid amount. City Engineer Kalb replied the winning bid amount was four hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy-five cents (\$418,799.75). from JDR Excavating Inc. Filed.

Service-Safety Director Martin – Marathon Solar Panel Field

Marathon Petroleum Company LP entered into an agreement with the City of Findlay in 2012 to build a solar field on the City's Water Pollution Control Center's campus. The City provided approximately six (6) acres for this project, and Marathon built the solar farm at their expense that enabled them to study various types of solar panels over several years, and the viability and feasibility of it being an economical source of electric energy. Since the solar field began operating in 2013, the City has experience nearly five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) in energy savings. Marathon has completed their objective research and would like to transfer of ownership to the City. The farm is still providing energy to the Water Pollution Control Center and still has many years of life left to continue to provide a benefit. There are specific repairs required to components of the field that Marathon has agreed to complete prior to the transfer. The field will be one hundred percent (100%) operational prior to the transfer of ownership. The City is prepared to take over the maintenance of the equipment and the property. The experienced energy savings will exceed the anticipated maintenance costs. The City welcomes alternative arrangements from other local firms that may be interested in a mutually beneficial operating agreement. Transfer date is anticipated to be May 2022. Legislation to exit the current Solar Field Agreement with Marathon and authorize a transfer of ownership of the solar field from Marathon is requested. Ordinance No. 2022-022 was created.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked for an explanation of what this request is. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that in 2012, Marathon had a R&D Project for renewable energy and partnered with the City on it. The City provided approximately six (6) acres of land to put this solar field on for their project. The City benefited approximately sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) a year from the energy from this project. It provides energy to the Water Pollution Control Center. The solar panels have been there since 2012 and now Marathon is done with their research. It is still a viable source. The life expectancy is thirty (30) years. Marathon is willing to hand it over to the City and are getting the equipment up to one hundred percent (100%) functional. They are in the process now of repairing one of the inverters. The energy savings year after year that the City has experienced and will continue to experience will outweigh the operation, maintenance (mowing, etc.) and preventive maintenance on the equipment and will provide a net benefit year after year. Councilman Wobser asked Service-Safety Director Martin if he is confident that the panels will have a thirty (30) year life as he has not heard of any solar panels having that long of a life, especially those that were made back in 2011. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that research on life expectancies of commercial solar panels that are one hundred percent (100%) functioning are between twenty-five to thirty (30) years if properly maintained. Councilman Wobser asked if the panels degrade over time. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that there probably is some degeneration over time, but he has seen continued or sustainable kilowatts year after year for the first ten (10) years. Councilman Wobser asked if the panels are about half (1/2) way through their life. Service-Safety Director Martin replied they are about a 1/3 of the way through. Councilman Wobser asked Service-Safety Director Martin if it is known what Marathon's maintenance has been over the last decade. Service-Safety Director Martin replied yes. They budgeted approximately twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) a year for preventative maintenance. The City was making approximately sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) on the energy savings that will be down to approximately forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

Councilman Wobser asked if Service-Safety Director Martin is confident the City will be able to maintain that same level of maintenance going forward. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that Siemens out of Bellfountain will continue to provide maintenance on the panels. They have been providing the preventative maintenance on them. There are other options for continuity and sustainability for them to continue to provide the maintenance and do not anticipate any major changes. Marathon is bringing the system to one hundred percent (100%) functionality to make sure everything is functioning at one hundred percent (100%). Councilman Wobser replied that he is always concerned with maintenance costs going forward whenever the City is given an asset.

Councilman Russel asked if the maintenance with Siemens is a fixed expense, if it will be a long-term agreement with them, and asked how the contract will work. Service-Safety Director Martin replied it will be a year over year preventative maintenance contract. Councilman Russel asked if the City will enter into a contract with Siemens when the City assumes responsibility. Service-Safety Director Martin replied yes. Councilman Russel asked if a City employee will be trained to do any maintenance on them. Service-Safety Director Martin replied no.

Mayor Muryn added that there have been a couple other vendors from across the country that reached out to the City interested in partnering with the City in a similar fashion. Marathon did look into microgrids and different projects, so there may be opportunities for the City to leverage this in other ways, but cannot do so until the City assumes ownership. Filed.

Lizzy Essinger, Grant Administrator, Hancock Regional Planning Commission

In December 2021, the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) released two new funding programs available to Hancock County. The Demolition and Revitalization Program set aside five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for each county in Ohio for the demolition of commercial and residential buildings and revitalization of surrounding properties on sites that are not brownfields. The Brownfield Remediation Program set aside one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each county in Ohio for the remediation of brownfield sites. The application for the ODOD Demolition and Revitalization Program was submitted last month that included fourteen (14) properties. The structures to be demolished on these properties included residential and agricultural buildings with the number of structures to be demolished varied per property. The Demolition costs associated with the fourteen (14) properties listed in the application are expected to be well below the five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) budget. Hancock Regional Planning Commission has contacted the ODOD and is awaiting confirmation that any remaining funds can be put towards additional demolition in Hancock County. The application for the ODOD Brownfield Remediation Program was submitted in January that included two (2) brownfield sites in the area: the former bulk petroleum storage area north of 99 and the former nickel-plating facility on Clinton Court. The combined project total for both of these applications total seven hundred twenty-three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$723,800.00) leaving two hundred seventy-six thousand two hundred dollars (\$276,200.00) available for the County to put towards additional projects in Round 2. The deadline to submit projects for Round 2 funding consideration is April 30, 2022. Both the application for the ODOD Demolition and Revitalization Program and the Brownfield Remediation Program Round 1 are awaiting approval. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2022 (*Tom Demuth retirement resolution*)

See page 1 (**RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS** section)

RESOLUTION NO. 010-2022 (*no PO*) **requires one (1) reading**

first reading - adopted

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE AUDITORS OFFICE ON THE ATTACHED LIST OF VOUCHERS WHICH EITHER EXCEED THE PURCHASE ORDER OR WERE INCURRED WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER EXCEEDING THE STATUTORY LIMIT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00) ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41(D).

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXV, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-011, AS AMENDED (*amendment to salary ordinance*) **requires three (3) readings**

third reading - adopted

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-116, KNOWN AS THE SALARY ORDINANCE, OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Russel moved to amend the Ordinance to add the retroactive date of December 20, 2021, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann. Councilman Russel moved to adopt the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellman, Niemeyer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-011 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-014 (*Cypress Ave – Women’s Resource Center vacation*) **requires three (3) readings** **third reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO AS THE CYPRESS AVENUE VACATION) IN THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Councilman Slough moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hellmann.

Discussion:

Councilman Wobser asked if this should have a public hearing before it is passed. Council Clerk DeVore replied no public hearing is needed for alley vacations when all abutting property owners have signed in agreeance with it.

Ayes: Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-014 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-015 (*2021 Ordinances/Resolutions changes*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE FINDLAY CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-017 (*first Capital Improvement appropriation of 2022*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, WHERE REQUIRED, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR SAID CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if there is any kind of price pressure for projects being bid out. City Engineer Kalb replied that prices are going up fast. The price for asphalt from Friday to Monday went up forty percent (40%). Prices last year were in the one hundred fifty to one hundred fifty-two dollars (\$150.00-\$152.00) per cubic yard of asphalt and is anticipated to be one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) or higher this year. As gas prices go up, project estimates go up at the same time. The Bright Road project was bid out early allowing the City to obtain good pricing before gas prices went up. The City was one of the first ones to bid their projects out enabling some of the best pricing out there, but increased costs will still have a reflection on them. Companies no longer hold their pricing, so pricing will go up. Councilman Russel asked if any projects will be put on hold because of pricing. City Engineer Kalb replied that if pricing does come back down, there are some add-on projects that could be done this year. What is in the base bid right now is how the City stays on track and doesn't get behind. Projects this year will stay on track, but they may not be able to add on additional streets because of pricing. The Engineering Dept and Street Dept try to team up to and get a lot of things done. They can get a lot done cheaper and faster than contractors can. Some things the contractors can get done faster such as curbing, but may not be cheaper to have the contractor do the work. The City and the contractors working together the last couple of years seems to be stretching the dollar a little farther every year. Councilman Russel asked if concrete on streets will ever become a viable option. City Engineer Kalb replied that maybe at some point it could, but would be difficult to get it down in a timely fashion. Roller compacted concrete could be put down like a paver that would require a roller go over it, but no one around here does it. The nearest contractors that does that is in Columbus, so it will have to be determined if it is cheaper to bring someone from there as a mobilization charge will have to be paid to do so. It will have to be determined what will give the City the best price before it goes out to bid. Councilman Russel asked if this ordinance is passed tonight if it would allow bidding to go out without having to deal with pricing pressures. City Engineer Kalb replied that a lot of the bidding will be on equipment and vehicles that will involve state contracts who will not hold pricing and may ask for rebids. The City's projects have funds included for street resurfacing. One of the benefits to getting bids out early is that contractors want to get started early which gives the City an advantage because they tend to be their first jobs for the year so they get the job done quicker. By having the funds set aside early, he can get the contracts signed and projects can get done early.

Mayor Muryn added that even the Police Department is ordering boots for new hires early because of the supply chain and length of time they arrive which may not be until October. The sooner items needed for projects can be ordered, the better so that it is ensured that we will receive them.

Councilman Wobser noted that asphalt directly related to the crude oil price has gone up over the last two (2) weeks, but could come down just as quickly depending on what happens in the world markets, so the City needs to be cautious in buying too far in advance and could end up with a much better price towards the end of the season.

President of Council Harrington added that Spot Oil went below a hundred dollars (\$100.00) today for the first time in quite awhile which made the markets go wild.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its third reading, seconded by Councilman Bauman. Ayes: Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel. The Ordinance received its third reading. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-017 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-018 (*Riverside Pool operations via Findlay YMCA*) **requires three (3) readings** **second reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE-SAFETY OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FINDLAY YMCA TO OPERATE THE RIVERSIDE SWIMMING POOL FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED YMCA PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC AND RECREATIONAL USE FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY FOR THE 2022-2024 SEASONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-019 (*Water Meter System Replacement*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, WHERE REQUIRED, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that he would like an update in writing on this project before giving it its second reading. He would like to know the number of transmitters that have been installed and what the projections are. Service-Safety Director Martin replied that the supply chain has been the nemesis of this situation putting a full court press on the installation of the meters. It is the hope to obtain another two thousand (2,000) meters by the end of April that were ordered fourth (4th) quarter 2021. There will also be some coming in July. Their arrival is based on availability of them. The City is pressuring them heavily. The commercial side is about done. Approximately five hundred (500) were to be done last week. The cycle 1 process will be started on the residential side and will work their way south. It is based on how many meters the City has and is not a lack of manpower efforts, but is because of the supply chain. He will email Councilmembers on the timeline.

Second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-020 (*Findlay Airport North Apron Rehab*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel noted that this simply authorizes the City to enter into agreements to share costs and is something that traditionally is taken care of in one Council meeting, so he will move to give it all three (3) readings tonight.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Wisener, Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Palmer. Ayes: Wobser, Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palme, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-020 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-021 (*State St & Markle St Reconstruction (OPWC)*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading - adopted**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion:

Councilman Russel asked if this is in Council's best interest to pass tonight. City Engineer Kalb replied that this project has already been bid out, so it is just to appropriate money to write contracts. The City will not see any additional cost savings, but will allow purchase orders and contracts to get out to the contractors so that they can secure material and avoid any unnecessary hits in pricing changes. If passed tonight, he will be able to get contracts out next week and will be able to start sooner. It does not have to be passed tonight, but would be beneficial for everyone if it did. Councilman Russel asked if improved pricing is given due to the City getting projects out to bid early and if the relationship between the City and the contractors build a good will. City Engineer Kalb replied yes.

Councilman Wobser pointed out that this request is for a significant amount of money that does not allow for the public to have input on it until the next Council meeting.

Councilman Russel pointed out that this request is a team effort of both the vendors and the City that has been in the Capital Plan and is OPWC money, so if it allows the City to help the vendors that are providing services to the City with inflation pressures, so it is being responsive on the City's part.

Councilman Russel moved to suspend the statutory rules and give the Ordinance its second and third readings, seconded by Councilman Niemeyer. Ayes: Bauman, Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser. The Ordinance received its second and third readings. Councilman Wobser moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Warnecke. Ayes: Hellmann, Niemeyer, Palmer, Russel, Slough, Warnecke, Wisener, Wobser, Bauman. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume XXIII, Page 2022-021 and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-022 (*Marathon Solar Panel Field*) **requires three (3) readings** **first reading**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO SIGN THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY LP'S SOLAR PANEL FIELD THAT WAS BUILT ON THE CITY OF FINDLAY'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER'S CAMPUS.

First reading of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Wobser: **STRATEGIC PLANNING** meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00pm in the first floor Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (CC).

agenda: TBD

Mayor Muryn pointed out that a representative from Marathon was planning to be in attendance tonight to answer questions about the solar panels, but their schedule changed and were not able to be here. A representative will be present at one of the future readings.

Mayor Muryn thanked the Findlay Police Department, Findlay Fire Department, Public Works, and Engineering with their assistance with a number of fires over the last couple of weeks. They responded in a manner that was expected which makes the City very proud of them working in cold conditions and in all weather conditions. She reminded everyone to share the reminders of utilizing space heaters safely by keeping them away from items as that has been a cause of a number of fires within the region recently.

Mayor Muryn noted that the City of Findlay has not made any commitment to the County on the bearcat. Council will be informed prior to that potential commitment.

Mayor Muryn noted that things are working out very well with CCNO and the rest of the prisoner housing contracts. The City is looking to increase the number of contracts for this service after figuring out the logistics and flow. CCNO has been a great partner who has already picked up some inmates this morning. There currently are six (6) or seven (7) of the City's inmates there, a couple of which were taken there last week who only had to serve a couple of days, are done serving their time and have already been released. The Findlay Police Department appreciates Council's support in making sure the justice system is working appropriately.

Councilman Wisener asked if the CCNO comes to Findlay and picks up inmates. Mayor Muryn replied yes, they come down once a week and have offered to come down more often. They provide transportation and the housing of inmates at a rate of \$80/day. The City is working through the logistics to make sure it is going smoothly. CCNO had picked up some of our inmates last week, and then a couple of hours later, Findlay PD had to take someone up there in which CCNO stated they could have done the second transport that day. They have been great to work with.

Councilman Russel asked what CCNO stands for. Mayor Muryn it stands for Corrections Commission of Northern Ohio. Councilman Russel asked where it is located. Mayor Muryn replied in Stryker, Ohio which is in Williams County. They also house the U.S. Marshals. It is a federal prison facility. Some of the inmates transported there were not pleased to be going there as it might scare them straight due to their different operational process than the Hancock County Justice Center.

Councilman Wobser was approached by a couple of different food truck owners stating that food trucks are not allowed in the business district on Main Street. There is an ordinance that does not allow them to be there. He believes it would be worthwhile to have a conversation about why that may or may not be allowed in the future as an addition to D.O.R.A. Current existing land based restaurants have a concern with food trucks being in the area which is something the City needs to be cognizant of and aware of. It may be a way for the City to find a reasonable happy medium that would still allow for the vendors to provide in the downtown business district. As this goes forward, he will provide Council with information for consideration.

Councilwoman Warnecke asked where food trucks would be stationed downtown. Councilman Wobser replied in parking spots on Main Street.

Councilman Russel moved to adjourn City Council at 7:51pm, seconded by Councilman Wisener.

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