

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

October 23, 2023

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Mayor Sharetta Smith; Eric Pheneger, Deputy Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff; Meredith Foster, Finance Dir.; Della Bradford, Dir. of Human Resources; Carmillia Zion, Deputy Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods; Amber Martin, Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Dir. I; Police Major Ron Holman; Fire Chief Andy Heffner; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

The invocation was given by Councilor Dixon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Absent: Neeper.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Agenda be amended by adding Communication No. 12 and Ordinance 238-23. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Walt Upshaw, 604 Pilgrim Place, discussed issues in the City.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy;
- b. Treasurer's Report of September 30, 2023.

Gordon moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that item "b" be received and filed, seconded by Wilkerson, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with Lima Memorial Health Systems.
2. From the Chief of Staff regarding the Life Safety Inspection Vault software.
3. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Schimmoeller Construction, Inc.

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4. From the Deputy Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to procure a Ford F450 Dump Truck for the Street Department.
5. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract for bulk fuel purchases for 2024.
6. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the purchase of vehicles for the Utilities Department.
7. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation for payment to Everett J. Prescott, Inc.
8. From the Acting Dir., Dept. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to enter into contract with Linwood White Construction.
9. From the Acting Dir., Dept. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding a contract with Caty's Enterprise.
10. From the Auditor regarding the September, 2023 Financial Reports.
11. From the Deputy Law Dir. regarding legislation to enact Section 404.17 of the Codified Ordinances to establish the use of Public Service Vehicles by employees.
12. From the Workforce and Small Business Development Coordinator regarding a petition for a special assessment for Special Energy Improvement Projects.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, that Communications No. 1 through 12 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Ric Stolly provided Council with the wrap-up of the summer activities in the Parks Department. He explained the summer maintenance includes mowing, trimming, power washing and painting. He pointed out a few special projects including putting new equipment and pavement at Cook Park, enhancement of the shelter house at the bottom of Cole Street, hosting Star Spangled Spectacular, tree removal at the Schoonover observatory and the addition of the kayake rentals at Schoonover Lake. He referenced the success of the SNAP program where 66 vouchers for spay/neutering cats were distributed within the City. He explained the playground program this year was the largest since prior to COVID. He advised there were over 110 volleyball players this year and 65 matches. The Youth Boys and Girls Baseball/Softball was a success with over 77 teams participating in 490 games. He advised the adult softball league had 416 players and 173 games scheduled. He referenced the value of the different community partnerships within the

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parks programs. He advised the Lima Locos averaged about 400 folks per game which is a great opportunity for people to see baseball in the community. He referenced additional programs that were offered over the summer including the Dances in the Park and Concerts in the Park. He explained in order to have successful programming, you must have a cooperative Council, an administration with a vision and a hardworking staff. He reminded everyone that Trick or Treat for Lima is Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6-8:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

020-23 A Resolution supporting the Lima City Schools 6.709 Mill Renewal Levy. Ehora moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Ehora explained the core of the success of the City of Lima is the health of the Lima City Schools. She expressed the importance of supporting the schools. Councilor Glenn referenced all of the things the Lima City School kids are involved in and expressed the importance of supporting the city's school system. Councilor Wilkerson expressed the school legacy should always be supported. Councilor Dixon stated to be a Spartan is always a Spartan no matter how far you live or where you go. He expressed his support of the levy and asked everyone else to do the same. Councilor Thompson explained she continues to be impressed with the Lima City Schools and all they have to offer. She encouraged the public to engage with the students and see what the schools have to offer. Councilor Gordon explained his kids and grandkids have all gone through the Lima City Schools and they are thriving. He doesn't believe the Lima City Schools get enough credit and he believe the City is blessed to have the schools. President Nixon expressed his support for the renewal levy as it is important to the current students and the future students. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

021-23 Approving the Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710; approving the necessity of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District; and declaring an emergency. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

228-23 An Ordinance enacting Section 404.17 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima regarding Public Service Vehicles. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

229-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Lima-Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau using funds from the Hotel-Motel tax. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, to amend the Ordinance on Page 2, Section 2, to insert the words "as amended by Ordinance 087-08" after the words Ordinance No. 239-07. Motion carried. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

230-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Lima Memorial Health Systems for firefighter physicals. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

231-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the purchase of vehicles for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

232-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Everett J. Prescott, Inc., for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

233-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of bulk fuel for 2024. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

234-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Schimmoeller Construction, Inc. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

235-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Valley Truck Centers, Inc. to purchase rolling stock for the Public Works Department. Ehora moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

236-23 Determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District; and declaring an emergency. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

237-23 Levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District; and declaring an emergency. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

238-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Linwood White Construction, Inc. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a Resolution congratulating the Lima Senior High Football Team for winning the Toledo City League Championship. Motion carried. Dixon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to authorize a Resolution congratulating the Midget Football League Gators for winning their 8th City Championship. Motion carried. Dixon reminded residents to slow down as trick or treat is on Thursday and children will be running through the neighborhoods. He asked everyone to obey the speed limits at all times and be mindful. He announced the Peacemaker's Neighborhood Association is taking a small break and will resume meetings at the beginning of the year.

Councilor Glenn announced Wednesday, October 25th will be a landlord meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Wingate. He expressed his appreciation to the Judges for meeting with him to discuss landlord issues. He announced there will be a Halloween Party on October 29th from 4-7 p.m. at the Old American Legion Building parking lot located on the corner of Second and Main Street. He further announced he will be doing his annual 6th Ward Walk on the South End of Lima on the 29th from 11-1 p.m. He announced they will be having their annual turkey giveaway and sign up will be on November 6th at the Bradfield Center. He advised he is accepting nominations for the Annual I have a Dream Award Banquet. He announced there will be a dinner at Lima Towers on November 9th. He expressed his excitement for the Lima Senior football team.

Councilor Gordon reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson recited Thessalonians 5:12-13.

Councilor Thompson thanked Mr. Stolly for what he is doing in the Parks Department. She reminded everyone the City has great green space. She encouraged residents to give out candy. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on Wednesday at 200 North Metcalf Street, Suite B at 6:00 p.m. She reminded everyone to download the See Click Fix App and utilize it. She announced November 11th there will be revamped version of the 3-part blessing at the Bradfield Center from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. where there will be a food and coat giveaway. She gave a shout out to the Lima Astronomical Society. She expressed the need for the observatory have Wi-Fi access.

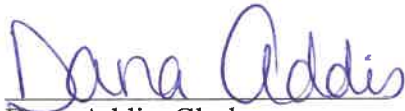
Councilor Ehora moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution honoring Phil Thomas on his retirement from Hometown Stations. Motion carried. She referenced his career in the City and involvement in City Council meetings. Motion carried. She invited everyone to go the Facebook and look at the Lost, Found, and Rehome pages for the City of Lima. She explained there is a puppy and dog problem in the City as well as cats. She referenced animal breeding. She expressed the need to address the animal issue within the City. She referenced Trick or Treat and encouraged everyone to drive carefully as not every neighborhood has sidewalks. She explained the reason why trick or treat was coordinated with the other townships. She would love for a time


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when Lima City kids are trick or treating back in their own neighborhoods.

Councilor Nixon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Neeper.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President