

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

November 7, 2022

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

Attending were: Mayor Sharetta Smith; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff, Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Sheena Conley, Deputy Finance Dir.; Della Bradford, Dir. of Human Resources; Andria Perkins; Dir. Of Housing & Neighborhoods; 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; Stephanie Hemphill, Public Information Officer; Police Chief Angel Cortes, 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: Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Absent: Gordon.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to amend the Agenda by moving Jerome O'Neal to Reports of Officials and adding Communication No. 12 and Ordinance 247-22. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dave Smith, 515 W. Ashwood Avenue, expressed his concern to Council that the monthly rental income tax language has not been updated since 1996.

Natasha Kaufman, Resource Development Dir. for the United Way of Greater Lima, announced they have kicked off the City's United Way Campaign which will run through November 18th. She expressed her appreciation to the City for their support of the United Way Campaign which is a great resource for the community.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy;

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

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit application for Beer Barrel, Inc., 147 S. Main St. & 113 E. Spring Street. Councilor Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received, filed and approved, and authorized the Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objections. Motion carried.

2. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health.

3. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Motorola Solutions.

4. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2022 Budget.

5. From the Workforce & Small Business Dev. Cord. regarding legislation to provide tax abatement for CDC Real Estate Holding, LLC for 201 S. Central Avenue.

6. From the Mayor regarding legislation to designate a “One-Time Discretionary Bonus” for City workers who performed essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

7. From the Dep. Dir. of Parks, Recreation and Forestry regarding legislation to receive and expend funds from the Johnny Appleseed Cooperative Parks Improvement Grant Program.

8. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation declaring the necessity of constructing certain designated sidewalks and requiring that the abutting property owners construct the same.

9. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract for bulk fuel purchases for 2023.

10. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to establish the salary for the Public Information Officer.

11. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to establish a City of Lima Tax Incentive Review Council.

12. From the Mayor regarding legislation to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Lima Community Improvement Corporation.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that Communications No. 2 through 12 be received, filed, approved, authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation and to refer Communication No. 6 to the Council of the Whole Committee. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Jerome O’Neal provided Council with a presentation on the Stem Camp that was created with the help of the City of Lima CDBG funding. He introduced a young individual who went from a student in the Stem Camp to a teacher. Dr. Willie Heggins, Dir. of Heir Force Community Schools, explained on July 23, 2022 and August 6, 2022 they partnered with Dr. Sreenan to provide hands on opportunities for kids to seek careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He advised they also partnered with a Doctor in Columbus who gave the students an opportunity to design electronics and create drones. He announced on Friday, November 11th, they will be partnering with Proctor and Gamble to present “Blinking Lights, Using and Integrated Circuit”. He explained how critical it is to align curriculum for the younger generation that is stem related. Dr. J.J. Sreenan, Dir. of Graduate Medical Education at St. Rita’s Medical Center, expressed his desire to get students interested in STEM particularly in the healthcare related field. He explained students were able to get a hands on experience during the two days of STEM Camp. He explained if they can get students to be hands on at an early age, they can get the students interested in the field. Council heard from a student who expressed how important it is for kids to be hands on at an early age. He provided Council with a summary of his experience throughout the camp and expressed his desire to work in the Engineering field.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Public Works Committee Meeting Report of Monday, October 24, 2022. Ehora moved, seconded by Neeper, that the Committee report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED:

018-22 A Resolution declaring the necessity of constructing certain designated sidewalks and requiring that the abutting property owners construct the same. Ehora moved, seconded by Dixon, that the resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

233-22 (SECOND READING) An Ordinance vacating two alleys between the 300 blocks of South Jameson Avenue and South Charles Street. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Ordinance be defeated on the second reading. President Nixon reminded Council a yes vote will be to defeat the Ordinance. He also advised Council that there is a replacement Ordinance later on the Agenda. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance is defeated on the second reading by a 7-0 vote.

236-22 An Ordinance amending the 2022 annual budget. Neeper moved, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

237-22 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 Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

238-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of one file cabinet for the Department of Housing and Neighborhoods. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

239-22 An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Public Information Officer. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

240-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to pay a One-Time Discretionary Bonus to City Workers who performed essential work during the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be tabled. Motion carried.

241-22 An Ordinance vacating two alleys between the 300 blocks of South Jameson Avenue and South Charles Street. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

242-22 An Ordinance establishing a Tax Incentive Review Council. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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243-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of Bulk Fuel for 2023. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

244-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for reimbursement of the cost of fluoride equipment for the water treatment plant. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

245-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept grant funds from the Johnny Appleseed Cooperative Parks Improvement Grant Program for new playground equipment. Ehora moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

246-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to purchase console equipment for the Police Department. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

247-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Lima Community Improvement Corporation for the rental of office space at the Cambridge Center. Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. 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 expressed his appreciation to the Lima Police Department for the Trick or Treat that took place at Lima Senior High and the event that took place at Safety City. He explained those events really show what community is all about.

Councilor Glenn thanked everyone who donated and helped out at the Halloween Party. He thanked the City workers who worked during COVID. He recognized the students who played a part in the Shakespeare Play and thanked everyone who was involved in the production. He

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advised he had a great meeting with Rumpke's new Regional Manager. He thanked those who donated turkeys as they have many people signed up. He reminded individuals that leaf pickup starts next week.

Councilor Neeper thanked the Lima Police Department for having their trunk or treat event over the weekend at Lima Senior. He thanked the business for participating and thanked the citizens for attending without incident. He also recognized Safety City for their trick or treat event. He encouraged everyone to go out and vote as every vote counts. He referred the issue of parking meters in the 300 block of North Main Street to the Public Works Department for review. He announced Budget Hearings will take place January 24, 25, and 26, 2023 in Council Chambers.

Councilor Wilkerson explained he did not hear of any significant incidents happening on Halloween Night which is great for our community. He reminded everyone that Friday is Veterans Day and encouraged them to sit down with a Vet and listen their stories. He expressed his opinion that voting day should be a holiday in his opinion. He reminded everyone to be good neighbors.

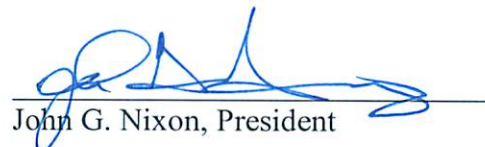
Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Councilor Ehora announced leaf pickup will start November 14th starting with even wards. She explained how voting has changed so much from when she was younger. She expressed the importance of voting and this day and age it has become so anxiety ridden. She explained the Flag doesn't belong to one party, it belongs to the United States of America. She encouraged the public to vote.

President Nixon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to authorize the absence and salary of Councilor Gordon. Motion carried. He advised leaf bags are available at the City of Lima Utilities Dept. and the Streets Dept. He advised green yard waste containers are available for \$20.00 and can be purchased by calling the Utilities Dept. at 419-998-5555. He reminded residents there is no burning of leaves in the City of Lima. He encouraged the public to vote. He advised Friday the 11th is Veterans Day. The 11th Day of the 11th Month of the 11th Hour is the time to remember that there are men and women who, either through volunteering for the military or were drafted in to the military, haven given their lives for us to exist and have the rights we have today.

Dixon moved that Council adjourn until November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Glenn, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President