

As circulated November 18, 2024
Dec 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on November 18, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. by President Stewart. President Stewart requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent mode. President Stewart opened the meeting requesting a moment of reflective silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Cerra.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Stewart, Schneider, Davis, Siwierka, Lipian, Tollett

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Pyanowski, Asst. Fin. Dir. Farrell, Law Director Deery, Asst. Law Dir. Breunig, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, Engineer Schneider

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve council meeting minutes.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Brubaker: No report

Council member Oswald inquired about funding for Reaser Point. Mayor Brubaker explained meetings have been held weekly with DBR. A follow up meeting is scheduled for November 19th with the Administration's legal counsel and the Law Director's office. Mayor Brubaker explained minor steps are being taken towards the end goal, however they are not quite where they need to be yet.

Safety Service Director: No report

Council member Cerra inquired about leaf pick up schedule. SSD Pyanowski explained no date had been set. He stated he would follow up.

Finance Director: No report

Law Director Deery:

Law Director Deery provided an update regarding an upcoming hearing date for the former Days Inn. She shared information regarding Agenda item number four referencing potential class action litigation and a request for executive session.

EPD:

Chief Pelko provided an update regarding an award the police department received at the Triple AAA Traffic awards for Distinguished Platinum Award for being proactive with traffic enforcement and safety.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Council member Siwierka congratulated Chief Pelko on the award and asked has there been any significant increase in issues related to marijuana since it became legal. Chief Pelko responded it has been relatively quiet and there have been no major issues or anything.

Council member Schneider expressed concern regarding the rerouting of the double turn lane at Gulf and Cleveland Street, that residents are not quite certain of the direction and cause for concern exist with the potential for accidents that he has witnessed a few times. Chief Pelko will provide additional traffic enforcement in the area.

EFD: No report

Eng. Schneider: No report

Engineer Schneider responded to Council member Schneider's concern. He explained that paint markings have recently been applied to the ground as well as turn arrows are on the ground. He is hopeful that the ground markings will help.

Council member Cerra stated that the additional markings were visibly noticeable as he could see the difference on his morning route.

Council member Oswald asked if the city is responsible for keeping the lines painted? Engineer Schneider explained the durability of the markings are over a five-year period.

Council member Siwierka asked if the mid-block crossing at Tannery and East Bridge were required as part of the road diet. Engineer Schneider explained for the safety of residents that were patrons of the Brewery that were crossing the four-lane road, the crosswalks were installed. Council member Siwierka suggested that engineering confirm the existence of a crosswalk sign in the area.

Council member Armstrong provided an update that the Brewery is no longer renting parking space from the Spitzer lot.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

President Stewart explained that items placed in the clerk's office have been placed in front of council members.

1. The matter of adopting the proposed updates to the CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER, ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of a Downtown Historic Redevelopment Program extension request.

REFERRED BY: CD MANAGER, ALMOBAYYED

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

3. The matter of disposal of vehicles no longer fit for municipal use.

REFERRED BY: SSD PYANOWSKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of demo lien referrals.

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

REFERRED BY: BUILDING OFFICIAL FARKAS

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into Amendment #1- Professional Services Agreement with Black & Veatch Corp.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

6. The matter of the 2025 grant writing contract with McCaulley & Company.

REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

7. The matter of a second amended Water supply agreement with Lorain County Rural Water Authority (RLCWA).

REFERRED BY: WATER TEAM LEADER JACOB

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

8. The matter of a Direct Financing Issue for Payment to ABC Development.

REFERRED BY: FINANCE DIR PILESKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

9. The matter of creating a new Capital Project Fund.

REFERRED BY: FINANCE DIR PILESKI

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

10. The matter of Water and Sewer Rates for the calendar year 2025.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES/FINANCE

11. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT for an Urban Paving project of SR-301.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES/FINANCE

12. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to apply, accept and enter into agreement with ODOT for the purpose of constructing new sidewalk/bicycle paths near Burns and Abbe Roads.

REFERRED BY: ENGINEER SCHNEIDER

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES/FINANCE

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6. PRESIDENT’S REFERRAL’S: Continued

13. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bid and enter into a contract for the purchase of Water Pumping Plant and Wastewater Pollution Control Plant for the 2025/2026 year.

REFERRED BY: WATER TEAM LEADER JACOB

REFERRED TO: UTILITIES/FINANCE

14. The matter of re-appointment of the Community Development Committee Chair.

REFERRED BY: PRESIDENT STEWART

REFERRED TO: RULES

Items 15 - 17 received and placed on file in the clerk’s office:

15. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court’s office for October 2024.

16. Income Tax Collections Received in October 2024.

17. Month-end cash and investment balances for all funds through October 2024.

7. PETITIONS- LOBBY: None

8. PETITIONS–COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Finance

- P. Tollett
- M. Siwierka
- B. Davis
- C. Schneider
- J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 42

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rule.

SUSPENSION		PASSAGE	
AYE:	11	AYE:	11
NAY:	0	NAY:	0
ABSENT:	0	ABSENT:	0
MOTION CARRIED		MOTION CARRIED	

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Finance

P. Tollett
M. Siwierka
B. Davis
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 173

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-46,
KNOWN AS THE "2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT:0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Utilities

D. Mitchell
B. Davis
V. Stewart III

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-174

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
INTO A WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
AMHERST, OHIO , AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE	EMERGENCY
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READINGS: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mon. 11/25/2024 All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp., Engineer

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16. COMMITTEE CALLS: Continued

JOINT FINANCE/ UTILITIES

Mon. 11/25/2024 Immediately following Finance All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE

Mon. 11/25/2024 Beginning at 6:00 PM All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Finance Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

UTILITIES

11/20/2024 Beginning at 6:00 PM All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ Law Director, SSD, Engineer

RULES

11/20/2024 Immediately following Utilities All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ Law Director, SSD

COUNCIL/STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 11/21/2024 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council member Lipian stated that he saw a picture of Mayor Brubaker and Council member Armstrong engaged in a chess match, he wanted to know who won. Council member Armstrong stated Mayor Brubaker won with the assistance of the children.

Law Director Deery requested a motion to go into executive session for purposes of discussing pending litigation with Attorney Brian Balsler.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to go into executive session.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Stewart ,Schneider, Davis, Siwierka, Lipian, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Executive session began at 7:22 p.m.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to come out of executive session.

Roll Call Vote:

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17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AYE: Callahan, Cerra, Armstrong, Oswald, Mitchell, Stewart, Schneider, Davis, Siwierka, Lipian, Tollett

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session ended at 7:45 p.m.

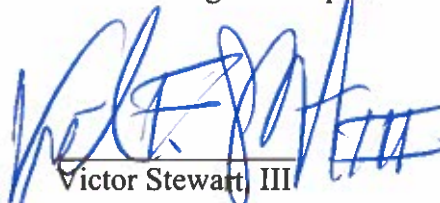
18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Lipian seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council



Victor Stewart, III
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B2Z7vyKuLw>

/RLP

