

Guests: President Ed Tucker, Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, City Service Director Bruce Walker, Law Director Abby Saving, City Auditor Britny Keeton absent: Treasurer Jen Fickel

Others in attendance: Michael Hunter, Logan Daily News and Hocking Hills Times reporters

Prior to opening the meeting, Mayor Fraunfelter, Auditor Keeton, Council President Tucker, and all city councilmen were sworn into office by Common Pleas Court Judge Jason Despetorich.

President Ed Tucker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Roll Call: Present – Mike Berry, Judie Henniger, Lester Lytle, James Martin, Chuck Moritz, Jim Robinson and Bozz Salizzoni

Mr. Robinson made a motion to appoint Merrilee Carlson to the position of City Council Clerk. Ms. Henniger seconded the motion and after a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lytle made a motion to appoint Jim Robinson as Council President Pro Tempore, which was seconded by James Martin. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed.

Minutes – Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the December 12, 2023 minutes as submitted and Mr. Salizzoni seconded it. After a voice vote the motion unanimously was approved.

People Appearing Before Council – Michael Hunter

Michael Hunter – Hunter offered an apology for his previous lack of respect when he last appeared before Council. In his frustration with ongoing community issues, he said he overlooked the dedication the council members had to their work and expressed much deserved appreciation for their commitment to the city. He too was committed to the city, having lived in Logan now for ten years. He hoped he could be an asset to the community and work with council in solving its problems, more specifically, to make improvements to city sidewalks, which he pointed out are in great disrepair on numerous streets. He said he felt Orchard Street was particularly unsafe. He proposed working collaboratively with council and community members to obtain federal and state grants aimed to improve sidewalk conditions. He had researched some specific federal and state programs that might offer funding and was seeking permission to initiate the grant writing process to apply for funding.

Mr. Robinson expressed a thank you to Hunter for his apology, and all of council expressed interest in more information about the specific grants that Hunter felt were applicable for improving sidewalk conditions.

REPORTS

Mayor – No report

Safety Service Director – Mr. Walker said there would be a public meeting in Council Chambers Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. when the DLZ will answer questions regarding the Phase 3 sewer project.

Auditor – Keeton submitted the financial report for the months of August through December. Jim Robinson made a motion to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Les Lytle and after a voice vote the motion was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer – No report

Law Director – No report

Finance- Mr. Robinson submitted no report but scheduled the next Finance meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Robinson also announced there would be a meeting held by the Lake Logan Association January 27, 2024, at the Hocking Hills Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

Public Utilities – No report

Recreation – No report

Water & Sewer – No report

Streets & Alleys – No report, but Henniger scheduled the next committee meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Safety – No report but Lytle scheduled the next committee meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Planning and Annexation – No report

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY

Ordinance No. 1, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$10,248.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Auditor Keeton explained that Ordinance #1-3, 2024, were to all for casualty/liability insurance for 2024. Mr. Robinson moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the Second and Third Reading by title only. The motion was

seconded by Mr. Lytle and after and after a roll call vote the motion unanimously approved. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Ms. Henniger. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 2, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$1,218.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Robinson moved to suspend the rule of council to eliminate the Second and Third Reading by title only. This motion was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni and after and after a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Lytle. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 3, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$850.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE SEWER FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Salizzoni moved to suspend the rule of Council which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

THIRD READING

Ordinance No. 89, 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 117.02, ENTITLED BOND REQUIRED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO INCREASE THE BOND AMOUNT TO BE FILED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 90, 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2022, ORDINANCE NO. 65, 2019, ORDINANCE NO. 52, 2017, ORDINANCE NO. 35, 2017, ORDINANCE NO. 66, 2016, ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2015, ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 65, 2019 APPOINTING THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOGAN, OHIO, FIXING THE DUTIES AND SALARIES FOR SAID CLERK. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

SECOND READING

Resolution No. 79, 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HOCKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AND RECEIVING SERVICES OF THE HOCKING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

Resolution No. 80, 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023-2024 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION “TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)” AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

FIRST READING

Resolution No. 1, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOGAN, AND AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF DZL OHIO, INC., TO TENTATIVELY AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE LAKE ERIE CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE MINGO FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL BASE AND ALTERNATIVE BIDS COMBINED AMOUNT OF \$215,880.00.

After the reading Resolution No. 1, 2024, a mistake was noted. Mr. Robinson made a motion to change DZL to DLZ and Mr. Salizzoni seconded the motion. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2, 2024

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LAKE LOGAN ASSOCIATION’S EFFORTS TO RESTORE LAKE LOGAN BY APPEALING TO THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST IN REVERSING THE DECLINE OF LAKE LOGAN, A PLACE OF NATURAL BEAUTY AND AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Robinson made a motion that Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible imminent litigation. Mr. Lytle seconded the motion and after a roll call vote the meeting went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Council returned to the regular session at 8:35 p.m. Since there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Moritz. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Ed Tucker, City Council President