

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

Others in attendance: Rick Webb

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

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

Mr. Robinson made a motion to excuse Judie Henniger from the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Martin and after a voice vote the motion unanimously was approved.

Minutes – Mr. Moritz made a motion to accept the January 9, 2024, minutes as submitted, and Mr. Lytle seconded it. After a voice vote the motion unanimously was approved.

People Appearing Before Council – Rick Webb

Rick Webb spoke tonight in support of Resolution No. 3, 2024, legislation authorizing the mayor and Logan Tree Commission to file an application with the ODNR Division of Forestry for a grant which would provide funds for the planting, pruning and maintenance of trees in Logan. Daniel Hill would be paid to plant trees and a certified arborist would administer the program.

REPORTS

Mayor – Mr. Fraunfelter said a lease draft has been created regarding the future rental of the Logan American Towers communications tower. For years the rent has been \$400 which needs raised to a more appropriate \$10,000.00 per year, plus \$500.00 per month, with the opportunity to renegotiate the contract every five years. The mayor pointed out the importance of passage of Resolution No. 80, 2023 tonight, regarding the TAP program to construct a roundabout at the St. Rt. 664 S. and Lake Logan Road, as the deadline is January 31, 2024. CGI wants to do another video about Logan in April which would include updates from the previous video about the city. This is good news as the video was very positive for the city. The mayor then explained Resolution No. 70, 2023, regarding a contract to work with Hocking County Commissioners regarding the Hocking County Emergency Management Agency.

Safety Service Director – No report

Auditor – No report

Treasurer – No report

Law Director – No report

Finance- Mr. Robinson submitted the minutes for the January 16, 2024, meeting. Most of the committee business will be addressed through tonight's First Reading legislation. The mayor presented copies of the CEDA agreement between the city and the Falls Township trustees for review. Police Chief Mellinger presented a request from the company that did the feasibility study for a new police station to get a resolution of acceptance from council. He also requested to schedule a question/answer session with council. Robinson suggested providing advance copies of the study for council to review prior to the session. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Utilities – No report

Recreation – No report

Water & Sewer – No report

Streets & Alleys – Mr. Lytle submitted the minutes for the January 16, 2024, meeting. Two haulers have responded in compliance to the new permit application requirements and have been approved (BSS Waste and Vickroy). Seven others have been contacted but have not yet responded. The haulers have until March to submit their application. Michael Hunter informed the committee he would like to help secure funds to restore the walkability of the sidewalks, which is estimated to cost \$150,000.00. The committee encouraged him to pursue this venture.

Public Safety – Mr. Lytle submitted the minutes for the January 16, 2024, meeting. Fire Chief Maley informed the committee the current age of appointment in the City Ordinance is 18-36 as new firefighter qualifications. He feels should the appointment age should be raised to 18-40, to align with the current ORC guidelines. Three firefighter positions will be added to the department, and this will increase the possible applicant pool. There was also a discussion regarding Issue 2 (legal recreational marijuana use) in Ohio and the possibility of banning the sale of it in the City of Logan, which the committee feels would be in the interest of the city. Lytle scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Planning and Annexation – No report

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY:

Resolution No. 3, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF LOGAN ALONG WITH THE LOGAN TREE COMMISSION TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/DIVISION OF FORESTRY THROUGH THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING GRANT

PROGRAM/URBAN GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY This resolution grants support for the Logan Tree Commission to apply for an ODNR grant to enable better management of the city trees. There are no matching funds for this grant. 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. Martin and after a roll call vote the motion unanimously approved. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Martin. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

THIRD 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. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. 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.

SECOND 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.

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.

FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 4, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$32,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND. These funds would purchase a “tractor” to enable the water department water line camera to better navigate the obstacles often found within the lines that inhibit the camera from doing its job. This tractor would be an asset to the department and would save the city money in the long run.

Ordinance No. 5, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND. Due to a billing delay, this money was not spent in 2023 as was predicted, so it is now needed to pay that bill this year. This is not new, additional money spent, just a delay in payment.

Ordinance No. 6, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,039.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND. This is an insurance reimbursement regarding a damaged city guardrail.

Resolution No. 4, 2024

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE GENERAL FUND, OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2023 TOTALING \$2,220.16, WHICH REQUIRE PAYMENT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET.

Resolution No. 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE WATER FUND, OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2023 TOTALING \$8,746.27, WHICH REQUIRE PAYMENT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET.

Resolution No. 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE SEWER FUND, OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2023 TOTALING \$3,168.15, WHICH REQUIRE PAYMENT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET.

Resolution No. 7, 2024

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, OF AN EXPENSE INCURRED IN 2023 TOTALING \$100,000.00, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET.

Resolution No. 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ORDER (PO) PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF THE WICHERT INSURANCE INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,998.00.

Resolution No. 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ORDER (PO) PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF THE DJE, INC. INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,398.61.

Resolution No. 10, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE ORDER (PO) PAYMENT, BY THE LOGAN CITY AUDITOR, OF THE ERIC M. KLINTWORTH, PE INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,223.60.

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 7:48 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Ed Tucker, City Council President