

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

Others in attendance:

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

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

Minutes – Ms. Henniger pointed out that the word parity was misspelled. She then made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024, minutes as corrected and Mr. Robinson seconded it. After a voice vote the motion unanimously was approved.

People Appearing Before Council: Daryn Guardino, Shirley Chapman, Roger Stiverson, Carrie Beck, Ben Ziff and Paige Gates.

Daryn Guardino, the new Logan IT specialist, introduced himself to Council, updating them on accomplishments completed so far, projects in progress and goals for future projects as money and time are available.

Shirley Chapman –Having heard that Council was considering legislation to make the sale of marijuana illegal within the city limits, Ms. Chapman reminded Council recreational marijuana use is now legal in Ohio, although each Ohio city is granted by this new law the right to ban marijuana sales within the city limits. She has read the extensive bill, saying it specifies for adult use only, has to be tested and packaged to keep it safe from fentanyl contamination. There are many built-in safeguards, including specifications of security systems at sales locations. She pointed out there was a 10% sales tax which would benefit the city. In her opinion the safest action was to allow sales dispensaries in the city and hoped Council would consider all factors before any action is taken on this matter.

Roger Stiverson – Mr. Stiverson, representing Logan Transit, gave a summary of the successes and impressive growth since it first started transporting passengers in the county. Since the city provided funding every year, he gave data to verify that it has historically been a good investment for the community. He announced he is now retiring and introduced Carrie Beck as his replacement. She introduced two new employees, Ben Ziff and Paige Gates who will expand the mobility services. The Council expressed appreciation to Stiverson for his dedication to the Logan Transit System and the community.

REPORTS

Mayor – Mr. Fraunfelter reported on the status of numerous city projects. Work on the City Building improvements will begin soon. The Mingo Park entry gates have been repaired and can now be closed.

Allen Field can now be used for baseball, the pickleball courts are completed and the basketball courts are updated. Mingo Park bathrooms have been updated but the concession stand, and storage shed still need work. New funding is available for new playground equipment at Kachelmacher Park. The mayor has a four-year goal of having all city infrastructure ready for the development of new job opportunities in the city.

Safety Service Director – Mr. Walker said the water distribution department installed a manhole at the five-way stop near State Farm Insurance. LA Horn used hi heavy equipment to assist with the project, enabling the task to be completed in one day. He said the Culver Street and Terrace View Water line projects were both near completion and the installation of new fencing will begin soon.

Auditor – No report

Treasurer – No report

Law Director – No report

Finance- Mr. Robinson submitted the minutes for the February 13, 2024, meeting. Most of the committee business will be addressed through tonight’s First Reading legislation. Chief Malley shared information regarding a potential grant through the Ohio BWC for necessary rescue equipment which would ease the burden on the city budget. Malley also said Engine 311 had repairs recently costing over \$19,000. The current truck payment ends this year on the newest engine. He said replacement costs are estimated at \$800,000-\$1,000,000.00 and since there is a two-year lead time for ordering a new engine, Council should consider ordering one soon. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 4, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Utilities – No report

Recreation – Mr. Moritz submitted the minutes for the February 15, 2024, meeting. They expressed support for the Mingo Park new sign project developed by Eagle Scout candidate, Sean Mulroony, but did not feel they should provide him money. They provided suggestions for community civic organizations that might provide Mulroony donations.

Water & Sewer – No report but Mr. Berry scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Streets & Alleys – Ms. Henniger submitted the minute for the February 20, 2024, meeting. Marijuana use in the DORA was discussed. Since marijuana use in public is illegal, marijuana use in the DORA will not be permitted. They also heard from Jane Redfern about the Athens-Hocking Recycling Sutton Road Station. Drafts of the renovation for the Sutton Road Drop Off Station were received. Redfern also talked about Hocking County leading other communities in recycling. Crissa Cummings joined Redfern in discussing the proposed establishment of a Council of Government. Presently there are two members that have decided to participate (AHJSWD and Amesville). Under discussion are Athens, Athens Township, Athens County and city, Logan, and Nelsonville. Cummings and Redfern will be invited to discuss this with City Council soon.

Public Safety – No report

Planning and Annexation – Mr. Martin submitted the minutes for the February 20, 2024, meeting. Martin submitted two names for consideration as new members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Danielle Arnett and George Dennis. Ms. Henniger made a motion to appoint Danielle Arnett as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals which was seconded by Mr. Robison. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Robinson made a motion to appoint George Dennis as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved. Bill Toole from Toole & Associates attended the meeting, describing the service he provides to 30 jurisdictions as their Building Department. It is a fee-based system where the city owns the department and Toole & Associates provide residential and commercial service to the department. This service will provide a quicker turnaround rather than relying upon the state, enabling them to deal with issues at the local level. Fire Chief Malley and Code Enforcement officer Posey both advocated for a building department for the city.

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Ad Hoc – The previously planned meeting was postponed, and no new meeting was scheduled.

Reading of Communications – None

LEGISLATION:

EMERGENCY

None

THIRD READING

Ordinance No. 4, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$32,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Lytle. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 5, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 6, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,039.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Martin. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Ms. Henniger. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Moritz. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Lytle. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Robinson made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to pass the legislation which was seconded by Mr. Robinson. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 10, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND. This money will provide the larger sewer line camera tractor requested by Ed Ogle.

Ordinance No. 11, 2024

AN ORDINANCE DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ARPA GRANT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,640.06.

Ordinance No. 12, 2024

AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF RECENTLY PASSED STATE ISSUE 2 (CHAPTER 3780 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE) REGARDING ADULT USE CANNABIS PROCESSING, DISPENSING, LABORATORIES, CULTIVATION AREAS AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY SET FORTH IN R.C. 3780.25 (LOCAL AUTHORITY REGARDING ADULT USE OPERATORS).

Resolution No. 11, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOGAN, TO ACCEPT THE 2023 LOGAN SAFETY FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY.

FIRST READING

Prior to reading Ordinance No. 13, 2024, Auditor Keeton spoke up to say a mistake had been made and Ordinance No. 13, 2024 was a duplicate of previous legislation and was not needed. Mr. Robinson made a motion to table Ordinance No. 13, 2024 indefinitely, which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a roll call vote the motion unanimously passed.

Ordinance No. 13, 2024 **TABLED**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$31,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND.

Ordinance No. 14, 2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW LINE ITEM WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND THE SUM OF \$16,000.00 TO THE NEWLY CREATED LINE ITEM. It was discovered that an actual graveled city street was mistakenly on private property and needed moved back to its original platted position. To do so, trees must be removed which will cost \$16,000.00.

Ordinance No. 15, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY

IN THE SEWER FUND. This money is to be placed in the sewer refunds line item to cover ta cost for a sewer tap that was paid for, but not needed.

Ordinance No. 16, 2024

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A LINE ITEM WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND THE SUM OF \$1,500.00 TO THE RENAMED LINE ITEM. This money cover the cost of two laptop computer to be used by the recreation director and the pool manager who are both currently using personal computer for their city jobs

Ordinance No. 17, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$131,514.08 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND. These funds will cover the \$51,514.08 cost of additional fire hydrants, and water plant legal services of approximately \$80,000.00.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Moritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Salizzoni. After a voice vote the motion unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

Ed Tucker, City Council President