

**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:** Damon Kuhn, Shaun North, Christin Kilkenny, Rob Kilkenny, Ken Fordyce

President Ed Tucker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mike Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Jim Robinson offering prayer.

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

**Minutes** – Ms. Henniger made a motion to approve the February 27, 2024, minutes as submitted, and Mr. Moritz seconded it. After a voice vote the motion unanimously was approved.

**People Appearing Before Council:**

Damon Kuhn – Mr. Kuhn wants to open a utility vehicle store in Logan. He has seen many UTVs in the Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge areas indicating the popularity of these vehicles is growing. Tourism in Hocking County is nearing the intensity of the Gatlinburg area, so he feels so they could better consider the future demands of the city. After some discussion, President Tucker assigned the topic to the Public Safety Committee which will meet Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Shaun North – Mr. North conveyed concern that downtown merchants were not notified in advance of the Mulberry and Main Street closures which occurred Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, 2024. He complained there should have been prior notice to warn them of the situation. Mr. Kilkenny, who owns Pizza Crossing, also complained, stating that since customers could not access his restaurant, he lost approximately a third of his usual daily business. They both inquired why the streets were closed. The mayor responded the city had only been notified the previous Thursday by ODOT that core drilling of streets and surveying was necessary in preparation for the possible allocation of this important grant Logan administrators were hoping to receive. ODOT did not specify when the workers would come, so Logan leadership was caught off guard when ODOT arrived Monday morning. There was clearly a disconnect in communication; Buckeye Hills is currently overwhelmed with all the preparation demands of this allocation of money. The mayor indicated the situation had been out of their hands. North and Kilkenny continued to voice dismay that there was not a better system of communication with the downtown merchants and hoped that a more effective system of could be found.

**REPORTS**

Mayor – They mayor said that it was his opinion that the city should not provide the sale of marijuana

within the city limits. Since marijuana is a Gateway Drug, and there is still home rule provided in the context of the law, he felt the city should keep a handle on what happens by illegalizing the sale in the city.

Safety Service Director – Mr. Walker said by the end of the week all six water filters will be working at the water plant. Concrete had also been poured at the Culver Street repair project and had reached Phase 3 on the Orchard Street repair project. Lastly, Walker responded to North’s complaint by saying Ed Ogle had notified all Main Street merchants of the necessary street closure Monday and Tuesday.

Auditor – Keeton submitted the February Financial Report. Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the report as submitted which was seconded by Mr. Lytle. After a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer – No report

Law Director – No report

Finance- Mr. Robinson submitted the minutes for the March 4, 2024, meeting. Most of the committee business will be addressed through tonight’s First Reading legislation. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Utilities – No report

Recreation – No report

Water & Sewer – Mr. Berry submitted the minutes for the March 5, 2024, meeting. Greg Cole requested the committee re-examine the city invoice for additional water tap tees for renovations at his building at 44 E. Main Street. The city code formula for his proposed store front and rental units came to \$53,611.96. After discussion it was decided to bill the owner for a water capacity fee for a 2” tap rather than his required 4” tap since it more realistically reflects his actual usage based on hit 2” water meter. The change will save the owner approximately \$13,000.00. After some investigation, it was determined that Logan’s fee schedule is similar to other southern Ohio cities and significantly lower than cities to the north and west. It was decided that each request for fee relief will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The committee also discussed a request from a local septic tank hauler to dump his waste at our sewage treatment plant, alleging he is being arbitrarily excluded from dumping privileges. It was determined that our plant superintendent maintains a list of haulers for dumping privileges and has the discretion to add haulers as a space on the list becomes available.

Streets & Alleys – No report but Ms. Henniger scheduled the next committee meeting for Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Public Safety – No report but Mr. Lytle scheduled the next committee meeting for Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Planning and Annexation – No report but the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Cemetery & Parks – No report

Ad Hoc –No new meeting was scheduled.

**Reading of Communications – None**

**LEGISLATION:**

**EMERGENCY**

Resolution No. 12, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SERVICE DIRECTOR BRUCE WALKER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOGAN, TO ENTER INTO THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE KACHELMACHER PARK PARKING IMPROVEMENTS 2023 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. The previous ordinance concerning this grant did not include authorization to enter into an agreement, which is mandatory to receive the funds. 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 a roll call vote the motion unanimously approved. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Berry. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

**THIRD READING**

Ordinance No. 10, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Moritz. After a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 11, 2024

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

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). Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the ordinance which was seconded by Ms. Henniger. There was considerable discussion prior to voting on this ordinance. Mr. Lytle reminded Council of the statistics he had previously shared regarding the negative impact of marijuana use and sales in Colorado. Mr. Berry countered that 55% of the city had voted to approve marijuana use and he felt passing a law to prevent its sale in the city was not fair to these residents. After a roll call vote the motion was approved, five voting yeas, Mr. Berry and Mr. Martin voting no.

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. Mr. Salizzoni made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Moritz. After a roll call vote the motion was approved, six voting yea, Mr. Berry voting no.

## **SECOND READING**

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.

Ordinance No. 15, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE SEWER FUND.

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.

Ordinance No. 17, 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$131,514.08 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE WATER FUND.

## **FIRST READING:**

Ordinance No. 18,2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE UM OF \$3,450.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND. Auditor Keeton presented the amount needed in the code enforcement IT line item to cover the cost of the service contract for the L.E.A.D.S. program for the remainder of the year.

*Auditor Keeton presented to the committee several transfer items from various funds to direct line items, resulting in the following ordinances.*

Resolution No. 13, 2024

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$92,150.00 BY MEANS OF TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$56,550.00 FROM THE FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FUND AND \$35,600.00 FROM THE FIRE LEVY FUND TO THE FIRE TRUCK DEBT SERVICE FUND.

Resolution No. 14, 2024

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$40,940.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO THE POOL DEBT SERVICE FUND.

Resolution No. 15, 2024

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$3,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO THE RECREATION TRUST FUND.

Resolution No. 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE RECREATION FUND.

Resolution No. 17, 2024

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$33,800.00 FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE DEBT RESERVE FUND.

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 8:17 p.m.

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Merrilee Carlson, Clerk

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Ed Tucker, City Council President

