

May 23, 2022

Council President Mr. Martin called the May 23, 2022 meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McClead, Mr. Millhone, Mr. Ruth and Mr. Wallace present. Also present was Mayor Lorentz, , City Auditor Mrs. Nolan, City Law Director Mr. Webster, City Treasurer Mrs. Cassady and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Absent from the May 23, 2022 meeting was Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell and Councilman Mr. Null.

Council President Mr. Martin asked that everyone please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ruth gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of Council Mr. Martin reminded council and the administration that if you have a report, please see that the clerk gets a copy of your report.

Mr. Martin also reminded everyone in the audience that is speaking before council to stand, state your name and address for the council clerk to hear and what you are addressing.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes of May 09, 2022 as presented and by-pass the reading. A vote was taken with members of council present voting aye.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor Lorentz reported the Civitan is trying to acquire a grant to refurbish their portion of the parking lot. At this time, I am getting numerous estimates so to apply for Foundations funds.

I reported a few weeks ago that I spoke to the Mobile Home Authority in Columbus about some of our issues here. On Tuesday I met with the Southeast Ohio Legal Services and residents of one of our mobile home parks. Hopefully these folks now have a voice and improvements will be made.

Wednesday May 18th was the official or formal start with the Memorial Bridge rehab. A delegation of chamber members, elected officials and others gathered to hear their plans and celebrate the much-needed improvements and the cooperation between communities.

May 19th the Safety-Service Director and I attended the Chamber Luncheon. The sponsor was North Bend Wealth Management.

Election of officers was held for the Interstate Planning Commission. Randy Rapp is vice chair, and I will again be the Chairman.

One of our dispatchers verbally told Chief Williams of his intent to resign and enter a training school in a different vocation.

The light at Maple and Washington Blvd. should be complete this week. My intent is to have it on a cycle much like the light at the shopping center, active from 7-am until 7-pm and flashing 7-pm until 7-am.

Saturday is National Poppy Day in Belpre. Make sure you stop and get your Poppy from the American Legion Auxiliary Saturday morning.

If anyone knows the whereabouts or knowledge of who soaped our fountain, please let the Chief or me know. The pump, landscaping and flowers get pretty expensive especially when vandalism causes the replacement.

The pool is ready to go with no leaks this year. Our pool slide is repaired and ready for opening day May 30th.

Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell was absent. No report was given in her absence.

City Auditor Mrs. Nolan announced that the items requested from Julian and Grube are 98% completed for the June 6 City Audit.

We continue collecting data from Software Solutions and will deliver as soon as possible.

Legislation is written for the first 2022 Supplemental Appropriations and will need Councils approval.

The April Utility Adjustment report copies are on the back table and needs Councils approval.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to accept the Utility Adjustment Report as presented. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

City Law Director Mr. Webster had no report.

City Treasurer Mrs. Cassidy announced that a copy of the April Treasurer's Report is before you this evening and is needing approved by council. Copies of the report are on the back table and online. A signed copy has been given to the clerk.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report as presented. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Communication and Petitions – none

Reports of Standing Committee –

Finance/Audit Committee Mr. Ferguson reported that his committee met prior to this evening's meeting at 6:30 for the purpose of discussing **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS**. The following Exhibit A was

discussed: 101-9, Police \$24,401.11; 3162 Impound Lot \$24,401.11, 202-17 Street \$24,250.00; 3170 Repairs Streets/Roads \$24,250.00; 602-27 Water/Sewer; 4074 Water Storage Facility \$25,260.33, 4075 Water Supply System Improvement \$12,590.78 equals \$37,851.11 making a total amount for the supplemental \$86,502.22. All members of my committee were in favor of adding this to tonight's agenda. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading A **RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mrs. Dennis, Police and Fire Committee reported last week on May 10th, I attended a Chamber Luncheon that I attended in two capacities, as a city council person and for the non-profit I work for, it was a really great networking event :) Also last week was National Police Week. All officers received a coupon from Jersey Mike's and also, I brought in donuts for the police officers. I hope you all thanked a police officer, a dispatcher and the clerk last week.

Mr. Ruth, Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer reported that he did a follow-up with Dave Shaffer regarding some of the items that came up at the last meeting. Some of the items were the pot holes on Murray Street. He was informed that they are trying to get to that this week or the first of next week. Also mentioned was the pool that they have been working on to get it ready to open and the traffic light that Dr. Brian Eaton addressed at the last meeting. Mr. Ruth was informed that they are bringing in a 3rd Party person that will reset that light from 7am-7pm. I also asked about the grass problems and the Clayton and Poplar Storm Sewers which are all being addressed.

Mr. Millhone, Utilities Committee stated that he has a continuation petition with 40 signatures on it regarding the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Maple Street traffic light. You have eluded that the light is going back on however I will submit the petition to the clerk. I also received a letter from Carl and Lynn Nelson 115 Elm Street in regards to the light at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Maple Street. Mr. Millhone asked the mayor if the traffic signal was going to be turned back on. According to the mayor the light will be on from 7am-7pm just like the one in front of the shopping center

Mr. McClead, Parks and Recreation Committee reported that his committee met at 7pm prior to this evening meeting to discuss the RC Track at the park. Also, I was contacted regarding the Volleyball Court needing tilled and sand. I will get with Connie about this when she returns from vacation.

Mr. Wallace, Planning and Zoning Committee announced that a public hearing has been scheduled for June 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council chambers located at 715 Park Drive, Belpre Ohio. This hearing is to allow property owners within 100 feet of the proposed requested area to express any concerns.

The property owner(s) of 712 Franklin Avenue is requesting a zoning variance on the from setback regulations as per Ordinance 1149.02 (e) A-3. The proper front yard setback is twenty feet. The proposal is for a 12x21 foot metal carport, no sides, to be placed over a concrete driveway. The structure will sit within the 20-foot front setback area. The front of the structure is approximately 6 ½ feet from the curb. The corners of the proposed structure are marked with yellow flags.

Mr. Wallace, Economic Development Committee had no report.

Mr. Null, Rules Committee was absent. No report was given in his absence.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only ((President of Council will ask if there is anyone wishing to address City Council on any agenda items.)) **None**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ((President of City Council will recognize that there is or is not any Unfinished Business this evening)).

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for third reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE BELPRE SENIOR CENTER.** No discussion. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson moved this be **Resolution 12, 2022-2023** and duly passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for second reading **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye. This will lie over until the next meeting of council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson brought before council for first reading **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson moved to suspend the rule of council on three different days to allow for the second reading of **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye except Mr. Wallace who voted nay. The vote was 5 ayes and 1 nay. Motion failed. The legislation will lie over until the next meeting of council.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Bill Locke 726 Tuttle Street stated that he would like to mention how nice the pool looks with the slide and the painting.

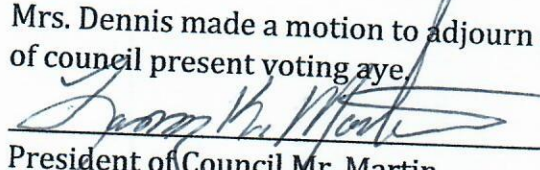
Jacqueline Walker 2124 Murry Street reported that she appeared at the last council meeting in regards to the parking in grass issue on Murray Street. She was told to contact the Safety-Service Director about the problem. She informed council that she called her on Thursday after the meeting and has yet to hear back from her. She was told that the Safety-Service Director was out of town however Mr. Ruth is researching the problem per the President of Council.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to adjourn however she withdrew her motion.

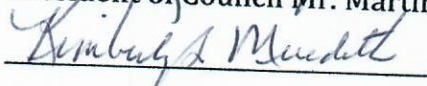
Mr. Millhone made a motion to excuse Mr. Null from these evenings meeting due to a family matter. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

ADJOURN:

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to adjourn at 7:52PM. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.



President of Council Mr. Martin



Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith