

VILLAGE OF HEBRON
February 14, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00pm

This meeting was held remotely and in person.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mockus called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mockus asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Randy Wolf, Councilmembers Jerry Carpenter, Andrea Chapman, Kenney Nauer, Annelle Porter, and Stacy Stoner.

Others in attendance: Mayor Valerie Mockus, Village Administrator Jung-Han Chen, Chief Fiscal Officer Deborah Morgan, Economic & Community Development Director Brittany Misner, Utility Billing Coordinator Brigette Rose, Attorney Jarod Rose, and Clerk of Council Christina Furbee.

Others attending remotely: None

Visitors in attendance: Caroline Carpenter, Jeff Johnstone

ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS

Mayor Mockus acknowledged the visitors in attendance.

NOTICE: MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Mayor Mockus said the minutes for this meeting are being recorded and a written summary will be available by request at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 24, 2024-Public Hearing

Mr. Wolf moved to approve the January 24, 2024 Public Hearing minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

January 24, 2024-Council Meeting

Mr. Nauer moved to approve the January 24, 2024 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE- COUNCILMEMBER JERRY CARPENTER

Mayor Mockus administered the ceremonial oath of office to Councilmember Jerry Carpenter.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT-Utility Billing

Utility Billing Coordinator Brigette Rose said there are 119 commercial, 49 industrial, and 832 residential active water and sewer billing accounts. She provided a monthly water and sewer revenue breakdown for July to December 2023, totaling \$1,643,269.14, and said January 2024 revenue was \$314,442.38.

Mrs. Porter said she appreciates the report.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 01-24- AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CURRENT PAY RATE BY FIVE PERCENT 5% FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, TO AMEND CONTRARY AND INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND AMENDING PARTS THEREOF- **Third Reading**

Mayor Mockus said this pay increase was included in the budget and the Finance Committee reviewed it and recommended it to Council.

Mrs. Porter moved to adopt Ordinance 01-24 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. Mrs. Chapman asked if this pay increase is for all Village employees. Mayor Mockus said yes, except for elected officials. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-01- A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYORAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON FOR THE 2024-2025 TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL- **Third Reading**

Mayor Mockus said this was discussed during the annual Organizational Meeting. She said traditionally, the two appointees are the Tax Administrator and the Mayor, but she asked the Economic & Community Development Director to serve on the committee as her responsibilities seem to be in alignment with the focus of the committee. Mayor Mockus said she will serve as the alternate, in case one is needed.

Mrs. Porter moved to adopt Resolution 24-01 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ORDINANCE 02-24- AN ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, OHIO ESTABLISHES ITS MEETING DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION AND AMENDS ORDINANCE 121.01 TO REFLECT THE SAME-**Second Reading**

ORDINANCE 03-24- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED CODE SECTION OF THE TRAFFIC CODE AND REGULATIONS TITLE 5 SECTION 343 OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON DESIGNATED AS OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, AND UTILITY VEHICLES -**First Reading**

Mayor Mockus said Council requested revisions to remove precise roads from the legislation language discussed at the October Combined Council Committees Meeting. They asked to instead specify mph for use of these vehicles. However, when the Ordinance was passed, the previous version had been presented. Mayor Mockus asked Council to adopt this ordinance tonight so the Hebron Police Department can enforce the correct laws.

Mr. Wolf moved to suspend the readings of Ordinance 03-24, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Ordinance 03-24 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Porter who voted against. The motion passed.

ORDINANCE 04-24- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LIMITS- **First Reading**

Mrs. Porter said this issue was discussed years ago. Mayor Mockus said the previous discussion was for specific individuals, but this legislation will remove the requirement for all Village Administrators going forward. Mrs. Morgan concurred. Mrs. Porter said she would like to lift the requirement for all Village employees.

Attorney Jarod Rose recommended drafting a specific ordinance for other positions.

Mrs. Chapman moved to direct the Village Solicitor to draft legislation to allow the Police Chief and Fire Chief to reside outside the Village of Hebron, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-02- A RESOLUTION INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON WILL PROVIDE TO THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED AS PER THE PETITION FILED BY ELIZABETH SEEDORF, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS - **First Reading**

Mayor Mockus asked Council to consider suspending the readings of the three pieces of legislation regarding this annexation, as per the Village's agreement with Microsoft.

Mr. Wolf moved to suspend the readings of Resolution 24-02, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

Mrs. Stoner moved to adopt Resolution 24-02 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

ORDINANCE 05-24- AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A BUFFER ZONE FOR AN APPROXIMATELY ONE-HUNDRED AND THIRTY POINT NINE (130.9) ACRE PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON LOCATED AT 323 N. HIGH STREET, HEBRON, OHIO 43025 UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ITS ANNEXATION INTO THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON-**First Reading**

Mrs. Chapman moved to suspend the readings of Ordinance 05-24, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Ordinance 05-24 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

ORDINANCE 06-24- AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO AN EXPEDITED TYPE II ANNEXATION PETITION FILED WITH THE BOARD OF LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY ELIZABETH SEEDORF, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONER.-**First Reading**

Mrs. Chapman moved to suspend the readings of Ordinance 06-24, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

Mr. Wolf moved to adopt Ordinance 06-24 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor, except Mr. Carpenter who abstained.

RESOLUTION 24-03-A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF PERMITS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, OHIO RELATED TO THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, OR DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY-**First Reading**

Mayor Mockus said a Township Trustee said within a day after the marijuana moratorium passed, the Township got a phone call from someone looking to open a dispensary. Mayor Mockus said Council may want to consider suspending the rules for the three readings of this legislation. She said residents in Hebron voted to allow this type of use, so the Village should bear that in mind but this moratorium will allow the Village time to see what the state is going to do.

Mrs. Chapman moved to suspend the readings of Resolution 24-03, seconded by Mrs. Porter. Mr. Wolf said he did not see a timeline for lifting the moratorium. Attorney Rose said the legislation states the resolution will be in effect until Council votes to lift the moratorium. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mrs. Chapman moved to adopt Resolution 24-03 as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ORDINANCE 07-24-AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP AND RE-CLASSIFY THE ZONING FOR THE A PORTION OF THE PARCEL KNOW AS 3261 HEBRON ROAD, HEBRON, OHIO 43025-**First Reading**

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

January 2024 Bank Reconciliation

Mr. Wolf moved to acknowledge receipt and review of the January 2024 bank reconciliation, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Jung-Han Chen said there is a special haul, four large loads that include a combustion chamber and kiln, that will be coming through the village with a total of 12-14 vehicles. He said they will travel down US 40, to SR 79, to O'Neill Drive. He said the trucks weigh about 50-60 tons and wires will need to be raised. Mr. Chen said the Ohio Department of Transportation will let us know the date to expect the vehicles, and he will let Council know. He said the information will also be posted on the village website and Facebook page, as traffic disruptions can be expected as they move through the village. There was some discussion about concerns regarding potential damage to pavement on US 40 that was previously fixed.

Mr. Chen said the Well #7 subcontractor completed the test boring and the village is waiting for the results. He said drilling will potentially start in April.

Mr. Chen said the Southwest Licking Water District started the hydro technical drill. So far, they have done two south of SR 70. They will do one north of SR 70 as well. He and Jason will visit the drilling site this Friday.

Mr. Chen said the Ohio EPA did an annual inspection at the Water Reclamation Facility and found that we may not have submitted a sanitary overflow report and a permit for industrial stormwater will need to be done as well.

He said a Public Works Committee meeting will be scheduled to refresh the topic of a stormwater utility, as well as a Water and Wastewater Committee meeting to talk about the operation side of Water Reclamation, and future improvements as well.

Mr. Chen said the annual Park Users Meeting was held last Thursday. This year, two separate contracts were provided—one for Evans Park and one for Canal Park, because the T.J. Evans Foundation needs to be listed as an additional insured on the Evans Park leagues' insurance. He said he and Public Works Superintendent CJ Ward will meet with the softball league president this Friday to discuss improvements needed at Canal Park.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Mrs. Stoner wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day and welcomed Mr. Carpenter to Village Council.

Mr. Nauer said the Southwest Licking Water District started drilling on February 6th. He said they went down 28 ft and hit water, and then hit sand and gravel, which is good.

Mr. Nauer said repairs to one of the West Licking fire trucks should be done this month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mockus welcomed Mr. Carpenter to Village Council.

She said the Newark Public Library will be voting next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. regarding moving the Hebron branch into the strip mall by Kroger. She said she plans to attend the meeting.

Mayor Mockus said she has information about an Ohio Municipal League New Council training seminar with three dates. She said if any Councilmembers are interested, she can share the information. Mrs. Chapman asked about Sunshine Law training. Mayor Mockus said we will get the information out when it is available.

Mayor Mockus said a productive meeting was held with Union Township today. She said there was discussion about Microsoft, and development in general. She said it seems to be a good sign to figuring out a working relationship with them.

Mayor Mockus said the recent Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) meeting was about development and transportation within the county, and best options for a growing population. She said one topic was about offering a new bus route that would come from Newark through Heath to Hebron, and possibly beyond. The challenge is that the round-trip route would have to be completed in full in 50 minutes.

Mayor Mockus said the speed indicator signs have been moved to new locations in the Village and will be updated to a 25-mph speed limit on Main Street.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None

REVIEW OF EXPENSES

Councilmembers acknowledged review of the expenses. There were no questions about the expenses.

MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

February 19, 2024- CLOSED for Presidents' Day
February 21, 2024-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
February 28, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
March 4, 2024-6pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers
March 13, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
March 20, 2024-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting. Council Chambers
March 27, 2024-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
March 29, 2024-CLOSED for Good Friday

ADJOURN

Mrs. Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

_____(on file)_____
Mayor Valerie Mockus

Attest:

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Deborah Morgan, Chief Fiscal Officer