

Minutes Approved  
*As Circulated* March 7, 2022  
~~3/21/2022~~ Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday March 7, 2022 at 7:05 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Schneider.

Virtual Council meeting. The recording/audio tape of this meeting is available on City of Elyria Channel on YouTube. (Zoom meeting)

**2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Corbin, Davis, Lipian, Mitchell, Oswald, Schneider, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: SSD Brubaker, Law Director Deery, Asst. Law Dir. Breunig, Clerk Lotko, Finance Dir. Pileski, Police Captain Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti, ASSD Calvert, Engineer McKillips, Superintendent Korzan

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The meeting recessed for the first Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M. Clerk Lotko read the call to the Public Hearing.

You are hereby notified, that on Monday, March 7, 2022,  
Elyria City Council will consider and vote on the following matter:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

President Stewart asked if there were any proponents?

Law Director Deery provided information regarding how the codification process is completed approximately bi-annually by the clerk's office as a housekeeping matter in collaboration with the law director's office and American Legal Publishing. The Law office would be in support of the ordinance.

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**5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED**

requesting close to 1.6 million dollars was received. Some applicants were ineligible or did not meet the criteria for approval.

**Eng. McKillips:** No report

**Superintendent Korzan:**

Provided information regarding a success story at the Oberlin Rd. Townhouse area, where issues with flooding exist. The WWPC sewer crew under the direction of Eren Stefek, Chris Werling, and Brandon Valley were conducting t.v. work in that area and found a child's bicycle stuck in the sewer. The team used a grappling hook to remove the bicycle. After removing the one bicycle, the team removed three other bicycles, a gas tank and several other items. The team will make some repairs to the ditch and will watch the rain events in the future.

**CDM Scott:** No Report

**6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:**

*\*Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. \* The matter of a Resolution of support establishing a joint statement between Elyria City Council and Mayor Whitfield denouncing the senseless aggression by the Russian State against the Sovereign Nation of Ukraine, in flagrant violation of International Law.

**REFERRED BY:** Council Member Andrew Lipian (Ward 1)

**REFERRED TO:** Community Development

2. The matter of creating a support fund for Ukrainian Refugees of \$50,000 to pay first month's rent, utilities and other miscellaneous expenses incurred as a result of their resettlement.

**REFERRED BY:** Council Member Andrew Lipian (Ward 1)

**REFERRED TO:** Community Development and Finance

3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the stabilization repairs of Oakwood School.

**REFERRED BY:** SSD Brubaker

**REFERRED TO:** Community Development and Finance

4. The purchase of a new 2022-23 dual axle plow truck for the Street Department, under the state purchasing program.

**REFERRED BY:** SSD Brubaker

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

**6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES: Continued**

5. The matter of adopting the Qualified Census Tract Business Relocation Program.

**REFERRED BY:** ASSD Dawn Calvert

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

6. The matter of authorizing the Administration to apply for and accept, if offered, a grant through the Lorain County Health Department.

**REFERRED BY:** Director Carrie Reardon

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

7. The matter of a Moral claim as requested by: Eric & Cheryl Greenly.

**REFERRED BY:** SSD Brubaker

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

8. The matter of a moral claim as requested by Rick & Darlene Cross.

**REFERRED BY:** SSD Brubaker

**REFERRED TO:** Finance

**9. Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office**

9. Denied claim for damage: Darlene Cross Windshield Damage.

**7. PETITIONS COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**

**8. PETITIONS LOBBY:**

Jeff Baxter-160 Burns Rd, Elyria, OH- Good Knights

Ann Rothel- 201 Pasadena Ave., Elyria, OH - Storm water, water, sewer service

Pastor Janice Roberts- 223 Clinton ave., Elyria, OH- No Parking Signs

Dawn Guanajuato- 311 Gulf Rd., Elyria, OH- Canceled meeting

Mary Siwierka-119 Fresno Ct. Elyria, OH- American Rescue Plan - Exhibit "A"

**9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None**

**10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING:**

**Sponsored by:**     **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5**  
**Community**         A RESOLUTION ON THE UNPROVOKED RUSSIAN  
**Development:**     INVASION OF UKRAINE, AND DECLARING AN  
T. Callahan           EMERGENCY.  
A. Lipian  
C. Schneider  
D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:		PASSAGE:	
AYE:         11		AYE:         11	
NAY:         0		NAY:         0	
ABSENT:     0		ABSENT:     0	
MOTION CARRIED		MOTION CARRIED	

**Sponsored by:**     **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6**  
**Community**         A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 REPORT OF THE  
**Development:**     ELYRIA TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL, AND  
T. Callahan           DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
A. Lipian  
C. Schneider  
D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald  
**Finance:**  
P. Tollett  
J. Cerra  
C. Schneider  
B. Davis

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

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**11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING:** None

**12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING:** None

**13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**Sponsored by:** ORDINANCE NO. 2022-37  
**Community Development:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES.  
 T. Callahan  
 A. Lipian  
 C. Schneider  
 D. Mitchell  
 K. Oswald

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

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NAY: 0	NAY: 0
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**Sponsored by:** ORDINANCE NO. 2022-38  
**Finance:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR TOWING SERVICES FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 V. Stewart III  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

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**13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED**

**Sponsored by:** **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-39**  
**Finance:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
 V. Stewart III ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER A CONTRACT FOR  
 P. Tollett THE PIONEER PLAZA PARKING LOT PROJECT, AND  
 B. Davis DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules, and declaring an emergency.

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MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

**14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING:** None**15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING:****16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** 3/14/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

**VIRTUAL/ZOOM**

**FINANCE** 3/14/2022 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**VIRTUAL/ZOOM**

**UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT** 3/09/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/ Law Director, SSD, Engineer

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** 3/21/2022 Immediately following Council All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

**17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

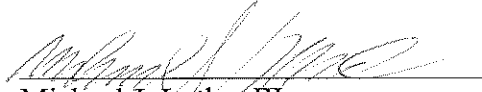
Mitchell motion to adjourn, Schneider seconded at 8:00 P.M.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

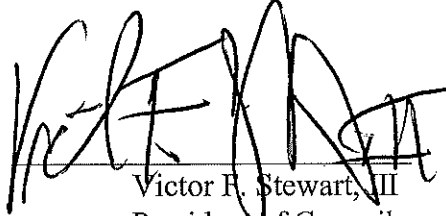
**ELYRIA CITY COUNCIL**

**March 7, 2022**

**MOTION CARRIED**



Michael J. Lotko, III  
Clerk of Council



Victor F. Stewart, III  
President of Council

RLP/





Exhibit "A"

Good evening, Elyria City Leadership

I take this opportunity to ask once again that during your upcoming budget deliberations relative to the American Rescue Plan dollars – that a portion of these dollars be focused on the deplorable condition of the railroad underpasses in the downtown central city gateway.

For years, the City tried to work with the railroads to improve the conditions under these overpasses. It took a train derailment several years ago to force the replacement of the West River/Gateway crossing.

As you may know the railroads operate under archaic laws that date back to before the civil war – these rules insulate them and make them unresponsive to the maintenance of these structures. They insist that the crossings are safe...and that they are structurally sound for train traffic...but certainly they are not attractive or pedestrian friendly. The seven bridges within the central city are rusted, half-painted, covered in overgrowth, or otherwise dripping water (or other unknown substances) from the tracks above. Multiple parking areas that at one time supported downtown – are accessible only by some of these structures.

The sidewalks, lights, guardrails, and drainage of these underpasses have and continue to sit squarely with the city. Over the years the city has spent thousands of labor hours and use of our equipment to routinely wash, sweep, replace lights and fix guardrails under the tracks. In addition, many claims for damage have come forward to the city relative to slips, trips, or other damage occurring under these structures.

It is time to earmark a part of these windfall dollars to this purpose.



I suggest one first step is to utilize the recently retained design firm to study options to make these walkways safer, cleaner, and more in line with the millions of dollars of development slated for downtown.

Elyria programs and projects, of late, seem to need buzz words or an acronym to gain traction...thus I offer – Project BRIDGE – Beautify, Railroads, In, Downtown's, Gateway of, Elyria.





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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Person: Roger Dorsey- President/Executive Director  
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Phone: 440 822 7241

### **Good Knights Releases its bed delivers results for 2021.**

Even with the challenges of Covid this last year **Good Knights delivered 384 beds in Lorain County. 36.5% were delivered in Elyria, 43% delivered in Lorain and 10.7% in Avon.** For the first two months of 2022 they delivered 121 beds and have a waiting list of 82 beds.

"As Good Knights has grown in Lorain County the need has grown as well," said Roger Dorsey, Good Knights president and executive director. "Children without beds is not just a city problem, a race problem or a socioeconomic problem, it is a problem and with the help of individuals, companies and city leaders we can end children sleeping on the floor. We just need everyone to acknowledge the issue and commit resources to the children in Lorain County."

Good Knights is always looking for volunteers. They have bed builds scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and Big deliveries scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at their Production Facility 1935 Cooper Foster Drive Amherst, Ohio 44001

### **About Good Knights**

Good Knights is working with nonprofit agencies and first responders to find kids who need a better place to dream. Good Knights is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to providing complete beds to children in need in Lorain County Ohio. Our goal is to do everything we can to ensure that every child in Lorain County has a safe and comfortable bed to sleep in. We engage the community through build days, where through our sponsors, who provide the raw materials, beds are built, and then, through community engagement the beds are delivered to families in need.

"People can donate on our [www.goodknightsoflc.org](http://www.goodknightsoflc.org) or visit our Facebook."

## Good Knights Bed Deliveries - 2021

Date	Elyria	Lorain	Avon	Wellington	Oberlin	Other	Beds Delivered	Other cities	Comments
1/15/2021		4					4		
1/26/2021		4					4		
1/29/2021						4	4	Vermilion - 4	
1/30/2021		2					2		
2/6/2021	2					4	6	Grafton - 4	
2/12/2021	4			1		2	7	LaGrange - 2	
2/20/2021	3	18		1	1		23		
2/23/2021		1					1		
3/9/2021	6	9					15		
3/12/2021		6					6		
3/20/2021	7	4			3		14		
3/26/2021	3	3					6		
3/28/2021	1						1		
4/6/2021	1	4					5		
5/11/2021	5						5		
5/14/2021		5					5		
5/28/2021		11					11		
6/4/2021		4					4		
6/22/2021		2					2		
7/9/2021		1					1		
7/13/2021	1	4					5		
7/17/2021	2						2		
7/26/2021		5					5		
08/07/2021			41				41	Avon - 41	Timber Lake, Journey, Hope
08/12/2021	8						8		Large Family, Cath. Char
08/20/2021						2	2	Avon Lake	
08/21/2021	2					1	3	Sheff. Twp.	
08/27/2021	4						4		Midview Crossing
9/3/2021		6		4			10		
9/5/2021		2					2		
9/18/2021	39						39		Midview Crossing
9/21/2021		7					7		
9/24/2021		2				2	4		2-Lorain, 2-Wakeman
9/29/2021	2	3					5		
10/15/2021	4	3					7		
10/23/2021	5	17			1		23		
11/19/2021	3						3		
11/22/2021		3					3		
11/24/2021	2	8					10		
11/29/2021		5					5		
12/1/2021	2	4					6		
12/3/2021		3				2	5		2-Avon
12/6/2021		2					2		
12/8/2021			1			2	3		2-Sheffield Lake
12/10/2021	4	1					5		
12/13/2021	4	1					5		
12/15/2021	1	3					4		
12/18/2021	23	8			1	3	35		3 - Wakeman
12/22/2021	2						2		toddler & crib
12/27/2021						3	3		Grafton
	140	165	41	6	6	25	384		
	36.5%	43.0%	10.7%	1.6%	1.6%	6.5%			

## Help us help them...

Good Knights helps social agencies and those who are raising children by providing beds for children in need. Your support will give them a safe, warm and better place to dream.

Here's how...

- Donate money or time
- Volunteer to build or deliver beds
- Sponsor a bed build or bedding drive
- Organize a workplace giving campaign

[goodknightsofnc.org](http://goodknightsofnc.org)  
440.420.5430

## Fast Facts

Lorain county is one of the poorest counties in the state.



**Good Knights™**

Every Child deserves a Good Night.

Help us make sure  
that over  
6000  
children  
in Lorain  
County  
sleep in a  
bed not on the floor



PO Box 523  
Elyria, Ohio 44036



# Our simple mission: Every child deserves a good night's sleep ✨

A good night's sleep is fundamental to good health, academic performance and a positive way of living. Too many children in our community sleep each night on a cold hard floor or in other uncomfortable conditions. Good Knights is doing their best to help them to alleviate that problem one bed at a time.

We strive to provide some of our community's most vulnerable children with a warm and safe place to lay their heads. Good Knights works with non-profit agencies, churches and first responders in Lorain County to identify children who need a better place to dream. We engage the community through build and delivery days. The community can help in building beds and/or delivering and assembling beds for children in need.

Good Knights is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that depends on the community for both financial support and time commitments to build and deliver beds. You too can become a Good Knight. Learn more [goodknights.org](http://goodknights.org) or 440.420.5430.

