

Minutes Approved

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Regular Council Meeting

Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday April 4, 2022 at 7:09 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. Tollett.

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, Engineer McKillips, Superintendent Korzan, Asst. Director Almobayyed, Director Reardon

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cerra moved, Mrs. Mitchell seconded that the Special Meeting Minutes of the March 28, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Council President Stewart: None

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield thanked everyone for attending the Special Council meeting that was scheduled on March 28th. Mayor Whitfield shared that Council member Oswald attended one of his recent development team meetings. He expressed his appreciation to Mr Oswald for attending the meeting. Mayor Whitfield expressed that his office will provide updates on tabled items such as Oakwood school building, auxiliary officers, city swimming pools and other items that require additional information as requested. Mayor Whitfield shared that his team is committed to transformation. He provided the following announcements: Easter egg hunt, Saturday April 9, 2022 at North recreation center. The City of Elyria is recruiting summer camp counselors, lifeguards and swim instructors. Visit www.cityofelyria.org to apply.

Safety Service Director Brubaker:

SSD Brubaker shared that at the next finance committee meeting, the dispatcher's contact should be on the agenda. SSD Brubaker requested an amendment to Ordinance 221-192 to make

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

adjustments to the proper accounts from building to issue six economic development professional services.

Finance Director Pileski: No Report

Asst. Law Director Breunig: No report

Police Chief Pelko:

Chief Pelko reported that Lieutenant Welsh graduated from the FBI National Academy, a ten week course in Quantico, Virginia. April 6, 2022 the Elyria Police Department was scheduled to host a “Welcome to the Police Department” lateral transfer from 5-7 PM. Mr. Cerra asked if this was the first time the police department has ever hosted an event such as this. Chief Pelko was not certain, however stated that he could not recall and was making an effort to entice experienced officers. Mr. Cerra inquired if pre-registration is required. Chief Pelko shared at the time of the meeting, three individuals were registered to attend the open house.

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti reported that two job offers were extended to firefighters through the lateral transfer program. The two new firefighters will begin employment in April. The two firefighters are the last two of eleven to be hired with the Elyria Fire Department that was approved through ARPA funding. The goal with the additional workforce is to decrease overtime, that should be reflected once the new employees are on-boarded and trained. Chief Pronesti shared that a new process for hydrant flushing is being implemented. The hydrants will be flushed by wards, starting with ward one. Information will be disseminated.

Superintendent Korzan:

Superintendent Korzan provided information regarding a supply chain issue that impacts agenda item #11. There was an ordinance, 2022-29 that passed in February 2022, the WWPC Plant was going to purchase a 2022 mac semi-tractor. However due to supply chain issues the vehicle can not be secured. The request is to amend the ordinance, to not be model specific and request a more generic vehicle model for purchase.

Mr. Oswald asked if an explanation could please be provided as to why the manhole cover is unable to be repaired on the corner of Depot St. Mr. Korzan explained that it is not an easy repair, however they are working on it and will get it taken care of. Mr. Tollett asked if an explanation could please be provided for what happens in resident’s homes during hydrant flushing in reference to water supply. SSD Brubaker explained that during that during the hydrant flushing process, water in resident’s homes can come through the pipes rusty temporarily. If water discoloration is experienced, residents are encouraged to run the water until it turns clear. There is no contamination or reason to be concerned.

Eng. McKillips: No Report

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

Asst. CD Director Almabayyed: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

**Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of request to remove Community Development Rehabilitation Liens on 131 Parmely.

REFERRED BY: CD Director Scott

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of allowing Elyria Community Partnership to hold Third Thursday events in Ely square for 1 year.

REFERRED BY: P&R Director Reardon

REFERRED TO: Community Development

3. The matter of permit fee increase, and subsequent addendum to the Elyria Codified Ordinance, Section 109.13.

REFERRED BY: BO Farkas

REFERRED TO: Finance

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept, if offered, a grant through AARP.

REFERRED BY: P&R Director Reardon

REFERRED TO: Finance

5. The matter of maturing bond anticipation notes for Chestnut Commons Connector Road Project, Fire Truck and Garbage Truck.

REFERRED BY: Finance Pileski

REFERRED TO: Finance

6. The matter of establishing a lease for the Safety Town program to utilize RAPHA Academy.

REFERRED BY: P&R Director Reardon

REFERRED TO: Finance/ Community Development

7. The matter of a conditional use permit for Indian Hollow Road.

REFERRED BY: K Hovnanian Homes

REFERRED TO: Planning Commission/ Community Development

8. The matter of a conditional use permit for 725 Gulf Rd.

REFERRED BY: Brady Signs

REFERRED TO: Planning Commission/ Community Development

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

9. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional agreement with AECOM Technical Services.

REFERRED BY: Engineer McKillips

REFERRED TO: Finance/ Utilities

10. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bid and enter into a contract for the 2022 Street Sweeping Program.

REFERRED BY: Engineer McKillips

REFERRED TO: Finance/ Utilities

11. The matter of amending ordinance 2021-192 on the agenda for the next Finance Meeting.

REFERRED BY: SSD Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance/ Utilities

12-14 Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office

12. Report of Brookdale Cemetery for the period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

13. Report of Brookdale Cemetery for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

14. Denied Claim for Damage: Kathryn Weese.

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by: **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-8**

Community Development: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE ELYRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

T. Callahan
A. Lipian
C. Schneider
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald

Finance:
P. Tollett
B. Davis
C. Schneider
V. Stewart III
J. Cerra

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

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

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

Sponsored by: **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-9**
Finance: A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT
P. Tollett FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.
B. Davis
C. Schneider
V. Stewart III
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider 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. 2022-10**
Finance: A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT
P. Tollett FOR MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY.
B. Davis
C. Schneider
V. Stewart III
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider 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

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

(COMPANION ORDINANCE TO RES. ITEM #2)

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-49**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OR
V. Stewart III SAFETY SERVICE TO DISPOSE OF, BY THE BEST
P. Tollett MEANS POSSIBLE, CITY PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT
C. Schneider FOR MUNICIPAL USE.
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance 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	

(COMPANION ORDINANCE TO RES. ITEM #3)

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-50**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OR
V. Stewart III SAFETY SERVICE TO DISPOSE OF, BY THE BEST
P. Tollett MEANS POSSIBLE, CITY PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT
B. Davis FOR MUNICIPAL USE
C. Schneider
J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance 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	

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-51**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
 V. Stewart III ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO
 P. Tollett DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR
 B. Davis THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT.
 C. Schneider
 J. Cerra

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

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

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-52**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
 V. Stewart III SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPT, IF
 P. Tollett OFFERED, THE 2021 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
 B. Davis GRANT SPONSORED BY THE NORTHERN OHIO
 C. Schneider VIOLENT CRIME CONSORTIUM (NOVCC), AND
 J. Cerra DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-53
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE
 V. Stewart III DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE SPECIFIED
 P. Tollett ACCOUNT.
 B. Davis
 C. Schneider
 J. Cerra

Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this ordinance 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: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-54
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
 V. Stewart III SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER
 P. Tollett INTO A CONTRACT FOR NEW COPIERS AND
 B. Davis PRINTERS FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA.
 C. Schneider
 J. Cerra

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

SUSPENSION:		PASSAGE:		EMERGENCY:	
AYE:	10	AYE:	10	AYE:	10
NAY:	1	NAY:	1	NAY:	1
ABSENT:	0	ABSENT:	0	ABSENT:	0
MOTION CARRIED		MOTION CARRIED		MOTION CARRIED	

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-55**
Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
V. Stewart III ENTER INTO A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH
P. Tollett VERIZON WIRELESS FOR WIRELESS SERVICE DATA
B. Davis ACCESS FOR COMPUTERS AND MODEMS IN CERTAIN
C. Schneider DEPARTMENT VEHICLES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA,
J. Cerra THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO PURCHASING
PROGRAM OR EQUIVALENT PROGRAM.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-56
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-29
TO PERMIT THE PURCHAS OF ALTERNATIVE MAKE
AND MODEL SEMI-TRACTOR FOR THE WASTEWATER
POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT,, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to consider this ordinance without the benefit of a committee report.

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

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

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

14. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES-THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 04/11/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

FINANCE 04/11/2022 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 04/13/2022 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/ Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 04/18/2022 Immediately following Council All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

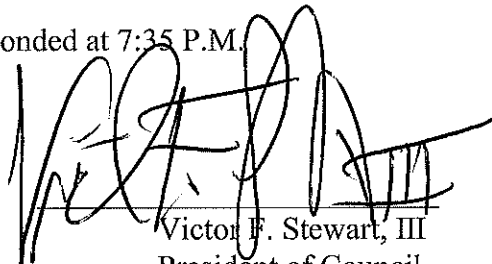
18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell motion to adjourn, Schneider seconded at 7:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED



Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council



Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council

RLP/