

Minutes Approved

As circulated  
1/3/2023

December 19, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting  
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Pronesti.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Oswald, Corbin, Mitchell, Tollett, Lipian, Davis, Schneider, Stewart  
ABSENT: Simmons Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mrs. Mitchell to excuse the absence of Mrs. Simmons AYES = 10 MOTION CARRIED

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, Asst. Service Director Calvert, Finance Director Pileski, Law Director Deery, Engineer Schneider, Police Chief Pelko, Fire Chief Pronesti

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The meeting was recessed for the public Hearing at 7:02 P.M. Clerk Lotko read the Call to the Public Hearing:

CALL TO PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 913, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, VACATING A PORTION OF MERCHANTS ALLEY, LOCATED BETWEEN KERSTETTER WAY AND WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO.

President Stewart asked if there were any other proponents? *There were none.*  
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*President Stewart declared the Public Hearing has been held.  
The meeting went back into regular session at 7:05 P.M.*

Sponsored by:  
Community  
Development  
T. Callahan  
A. Lipian  
C. Schneider  
D. Mitchell  
K. Oswald

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-203  
AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 913, CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO, VACATING A PORTION  
OF MERCHANTS ALLEY, LOCATED BETWEEN KERSTETTER WAY  
AND WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ELYRIA, OHIO.

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to be passed on it's first Reading Under Suspension of the Rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Schneider seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022 as circulated. AYES = 10 MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield wanted to welcome the four new Police Officers that were sworn in this afternoon to the Police Department. He also wants to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. Also wants to thank the Finance Committee on the very productive Finance Meeting they had last week. The City has some major Capital items that the City is in need of. We have a great opportunity between ARPA and our current Financial Health to make some Transformational Investments. But there is a Levy Pending and if it doesn't pass it would really flip the City upside down. Therefore he is referring to the appropriate committee, the consideration of the issue of the renewal of the half percent income tax that's been renewed now for over 30 years and it's critical in funding our Police & Fire and without this we would be in some dark places. He believes we'll be in a position this year to make some major investments in our City relating to the Central Maintenance, Police and Fire, Parks and more. He said they will begin working on passing the issue this upcoming May. They've already began to start to develop a Steering Committee with the Chiefs, Parks Director, Administration and as it proceeds through the process they will begin to engage everyone and some of the key stakeholders in the community.

President Stewart said that matter will be referred to Strategic Planning.

Mayor said the next meeting on this issue is on Wednesday, where they'll be meeting to review what was done in the past to help pass this levy. He will spend time with Finance Dir Pileski and really learn about how this has been passed over the last 30 years.

President Stewart asked if it's internally within his office or is it a public forum?

Mayor said the next meeting is the Steering Committee, but anyone can show up. It's scheduled for six o'clock at the American Legion. The goal is to be on the May 2023 ballot.

Mr. Tollett said he wanted to call some gentlemen up to the front to introduce them. Mr. Tollett was not using the microphone so everything was not able to be transcribed. The main thing was that these young men are members of the St. Ed's football team who have won back to back State Championships. And all of these young men are sons of Elyria. They all reside in Elyria and have grown up in Elyria and Mr. Tollett wanted to give them recognition.

Mayor Whitfield also recognized them and presented each one with a proclamation; Devontae Armstrong, Deontae Armstrong, Michael Balough and Camrin Boone.

Assistant Service Director Calvert:

Mrs. Calvert said there is some winter weather in the forecast and they are working with the City Departments to make sure they are prepared and ready to handle any conditions. First Energy is already out and ready for any issues they may have. They will identify the warming shelters and those locations will be posted on social media.

Finance Director Pileski:

Mr. Pileski wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Law Director Deery:

Ms. Deery said that Attorney Breunig is a St. Ed's alum. He would be happy with this recognition. And a bitter sweet note, Prosecutor Oliver will be leaving her office in the New Year, he is moving on to bigger and better things. He will become a magistrate for Judge Sherry Glass at Domestic Relations Court. And she wishes him well. That position has been posted on the City Website.

Police Chief Pelko:

Chief Pelko would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to remind everyone to be safe and to call for a driver if they're going to be out celebrating with alcoholic beverages.

They swore in 4 new police officers today; 1.) Brandon Gonzalez, he's already a certified police officer, 2.) Nicole Gentile, will attend the Police Academy at LCCC which starts January 3<sup>rd</sup> and she will graduate in June and be on the road after that, 3.) Jacob Shackelford who is also a certified police officer and will start right out on the road and 4.) Alex Zigray who will also be attending the Police Academy beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, with these new hires, it will put us at 85 officers.

Pres Stewart asked if the two that are already certified and will hit the ground running, will they have a transition with another officer, how does that generally work?

Chief Pelko said they have an orientation period for three weeks where they do in-house training; firearm, taser, self-defense, sign-off on policies & procedures and they get assigned to an officer who will be their training coach for 5-months, total is about 5 and a half months before they're on their own.

Mr. Oswald asked where the armored car will be parked?

Chief Pelko said that's a good question.... they just got a new parking lot and they have a few options. They could park it at CMG. And they are talking about building a police department storage building behind the police station which would be the ideal place for it. Those funds haven't been approved yet. He said he will be meeting with an architect soon to go over some plans.

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti wished everyone happy holidays. He wanted to let everyone know there is an item that will effect the fire department, which is a radio system that the Commissioners will be voting on in the next week or two. He will need the support of the administration and City Council. He wanted to bring everyone up to speed on this matter. The County has ARPA money that they've been discussing and have decided to purchase new radios which would bring all of the County Fire Departments onto one large system where they will all be able to communicate to each other. This has been discussed for some time now. This new system has to be passed. It will help all the communities in the County. The north east fire departments are already on this system. They did it themselves with a grant and it's proved successful. When the ARPA money came to the county the rest of the fire departments spoke to the commissioners to request this radio system. Once the vote is taken he will come back to ask Council to say that we support this system.

There was a fire in Sheffield Village and Elyria was called for mutual aid and they could not communicate with the other departments that responded, which is very dangerous. If Elyria was going to ask for this radio system alone he would be asking for \$160,000 - \$170,000 and that's not possible.

Mr. Tollett asked if this radio system will interact with the police department?

Chief Pronesti said in Elyria yes, it will. The radios cost \$6,500 a piece. They will be able to communicate to everyone.

Chief Pronesti suggested everyone be careful with space heaters.

Chief Building Official Farkas:

Mr. Farkas said he has prepared a year-end report for the Building Department which was passed out to all council members and a copy is attached herewith, made a part thereof, and designated as Exhibit 'A'.

The Building Department typically deals with interactions with residents and our common goal is life safety. They review residential plans and commercial plans for submittal and approvals. The department is currently staffed by very talented people and certified professionals. The goal is to improve community service. Page one discusses the actual projects that were received over the last 3 years. As of Nov. 28, 2022, they had done 126 commercial projects and they added another 20 since last he checked. The residential homes came in at 109 in 2020, 113 in 2021 and 156 (and counting) in 2022. Right now we are inundated with a lot of new homes. Mr. Farkas listed the active subdivisions; Fieldstone which consists of 201 homes, River Run Landing 109 homes, Four Seasons at Chestnut Ridge (just completed) 229 homes, Pikewood Manor (which are manufactured homes), Ridge Water, Harvest Meadows and Oak Tree which total over a thousand homes within the last few years. There are also proposed subdivisions that are on the horizon; Riverfield Reserve (off Indian Hollow) will be 281 homes and Valley of the Vistas would be 155 homes.

The second page is a chart which shows the projects the Building Dept. is involved with. They are involved in a variety of projects from commercial, new buildings, additions, repairs, electric, plumbing, heating, waterproofing, siding, roofs, fences, etc.

In 2020 they had 672 projects and 2,556 residential for a total of about 3,200 projects. Fees generated from those projects came to about \$791,000.

In 2021 they generated 3,320 projects com & residential for a total income of \$456,273.

And in 2022 they are up to 3,444 and total money is \$682,000 and growing.

Mr. Tollett had asked what the projected totals would be after the fee increases?

Mr. Farkas said they brought in an extra \$211,012 and he had just ran a revised report and that amount is now almost \$250,000. The fee increases are working!

The last sheet goes into the inspection team and he did this for the benefit of the group. It will show who his staff is comprised of and the different certified inspectors and what their responsibilities are. He said it's difficult to get employees to get certified and once they do, it's hard to keep them. He tallied the total number of inspections to give a scope of the amount of work these employees do.

In 2020 they issued a total of 3,228 permits and out of those inspections; commercial and residential combined, they did 5,160.

In 2021 there were 3,332 permits issued and a total of 7,122 inspections completed.

And in 2022 they have issued 3,444 and counting, they are at 8,500 inspections. He did a breakdown of the inspections per inspector and if anyone would like to see that he will have it available.

Official Farkas gave a shout-out to the crew because what we do would not be possible without them, they all work so well together and their dedication to the job is 'bar-none' and he thanked everyone for all of their hard work and he introduced everyone;

- 1.) Mary Tomski is the front brains of the department, her title is Financial Project System Coordinator,
- 2.) Steve Hughes is a Residential Building Inspector and out in the field of the new homes,
- 3.) Bobby Green is the Deputy Housing Inspector, one of two property maintenance inspectors and are solely dedicated to the enforcement of property maintenance, (there will be a separate discussion regarding property maintenance coming up), Bobby is primarily responsible for target areas where he goes out and enforces peeling paint, junk cars, etc.,
- 4.) Brandon Borrelli is the Building Inspector and Residential Building Official, he is responsible for commercial projects, schools and large projects and you'll see him on site at those locations,
- 5.) Chris Parker is a Deputy Housing Inspector and he works with Mr. Borrelli.

Mr. Oswald asked about people building 'Tiny Homes~Container Homes', will there be a new set of codes for those?

Official Farkas said the 'Tiny Homes' from a zoning perspective are not permitted, the way our current zoning code is written. It's restrictive in regards to set-backs and have to connect to utilities. The bigger hurdle is through the 2019 Ohio Residential Code in order to get a tiny home to comply. There are certain air requirements, smoke detector requirements, egress window requirements that a tiny home cannot produce. In regards to shipping containers, the last memo he received from Ohio State Board of Building Standards indicated they were unable to certify those units as an industrial unit, similar to a manufactured home because they're shipping containers, they come off a boat, they have caustic wood flooring that's meant to kill bugs so they don't get transport from one area to another. He doesn't know what the State will do with those.

Mayor Whitfield said he was with the Ohio Mayor's Alliance which is the Mayor's of the 30 largest cities in Ohio and this the topic about Ohio's Building Code came up. The Ohio Chamber of Commerce President had mentioned that this might be something to partner on because there's a shortage of housing in Ohio and they were reviewing Tiny Homes and things that may be slowing things down and unnecessary regulations that are on the books. Hopefully we will see some of those changes at the State level which will then trickle down here to the cities.

Mrs. Davis said 'thank you' to Official Farkas and she is glad that she can call and speak to an inspector. She knows they get lots of calls because council gets lots of calls. Mr. Green always returns her calls and she said thank you.

President Stewart thanked Mr. Farkas and all of his employees.

WWPC Superintendent Korzan:

No report, but he wanted to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of a New Liquor License Permit requested by Ohio Mart Group, LLC, DBA Ohio Mart, Elyria, located at 515 Abbe Rd., N [Class C1 and C2]

Referred by: Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Referred to: Community Development

2. The matter of applying for a loan from the State of Ohio to assist with the City's portion of improvements to either Lor-CR-623/East Broad St. Project or Lor-CR-658/Cleveland St. Project.

Referred by: Engineer McKillips

Referred to: Finance Committee

3. The matter of a renewal of the 'One-half of one percent, Temporary 5-Year Income Tax Levy'.

Referred by: Mayor Whitfield

Referred to: Finance Committee

4. The matter of entering into a second-year and third-year option with Republic Services for hauling of sludge from the Elyria Pumping Plant.

Referred by: Superintendent Sam W. Jacob

Referred to: Finance and Utilities Committees

5. The matter of advertising for bids and to enter into a contract for the reconstruction of Lor-CR-658/Cleveland St. Project which includes resurfacing/road diet, traffic signals and other improvements.

Referred by: Engineer McKillips

Referred to: Utilities Committee

6. The matter of advertising for bids and award a contract for the purchase of Chemicals for the Water Pumping Plant for 2023 and 2024 year.

Referred by: Superintendent Sam W. Jacob

Referred to: Utilities Committee

7. The matter of advertising for bids and award a contract for the purchase of Chemicals for the Waste Water Pollution Control Plant for 2023 and 2024 year.

Referred by: Superintendent Korzan

Referred to: Utilities Committee

8 - 9 Received and Placed on file in the clerk's office:

8. List of receipts collected by division of the Clerk of Court's Office for the month of November 2022.

9. Elyria Parks & Recreation Board Minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting.

10. Potential Real Estate Transaction with Elyria City Schools.

Referred by: President Stewart

Referred to: Joint Community Development & Finance Committee

7. PETITIONS--COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

8. PETITIONS--LOBBY: None

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS--FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:	<u>RESOLUTION NO. R2022-32</u>
Finance:	A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY
P. Tollett	SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT
B. Davis	INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF
C. Schneider	COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY
V. Stewart III	AUDITOR.
J. Cerra	

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1(Simmons)
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-204  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-45, KNOWN AS  
 P. Tollett THE '2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE', TO CHANGE  
 B. Davis FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-205  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO  
 P. Tollett TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE SPECIFIED ACCOUNT, AND DECLARING  
 B. Davis AN EMERGENCY.  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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

Law Director Deery made a request that this matter be amended based upon the ordinance language that was placed before each of you at your seats, due to the fact that it was brought to her attention today by the Finance Director Pileski that the amounts to be transferred to the various funds needed to be broken down and therefore she is asking for those who made the motions to concur.

Present Stewart asked if the motion concurs?

Mr. Tollett said the motion concurs and Mr. Schneider said the motion concurs.

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-206  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO  
 P. Tollett PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS TO HIRE A PRIMARY PLANS  
 B. Davis EXAMINER AND A BACK-UP PLANS EXAMINER, AND DECLARING  
 C. Schneider AN EMERGENCY.  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-207  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A FORD EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLE AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR SAME, FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A PARTICIPATING PURCHASING PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-208  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A CAMERA REPLACEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A PARTICIPATING PURCHASING PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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



Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-209  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A LENCO ARMORED VEHICLE, FOR THE ELYRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH A PARTICIPATING PURCHASING PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-210  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE TO REFLECT UPDATED WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ELYRIA MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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

Law Director Deery made a request that this matter be amended based upon the ordinance language that was placed before each of you at your seats, due to the fact that it was brought to her attention today by the Finance Director Pileski, that the ordinance was in error and she would ask that should Council so desire that this ordinance be amended based upon the language that was set before Council.

Present Stewart asked if the motion concurs?

Mr. Tollett said the motion concurs and Mr. Schneider said the motion concurs.

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-211  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAGES OF THE ELYRIA MUNICIPAL COURT ELECTED OFFICIALS PURSUANT TO OHIO LAW, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 P. Tollett  
 B. Davis  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

SUSPENSION	EMERGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)
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Present Stewart asked if the motion concurs?

Mr. Tollett said the motion concurs and Mr. Schneider said the motion concurs.

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-212  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE 2023 OHIO MINIMUM WAGE  
 P. Tollett FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT PART-TIME PAY GRADES AND  
 B. Davis DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

SUSPENSION	EMERGENCY	PASSAGE
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NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
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Present Stewart asked if the motion concurs?

Mr. Tollett said the motion concurs and Mr. Schneider said the motion concurs.

Sponsored by: ORDINANCE NO. 2022-213  
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE 2023 OHIO MINIMUM WAGE  
 P. Tollett FOR PART-TIME SEASONAL PAY GRADES AND DECLARING AN  
 B. Davis EMERGENCY.  
 C. Schneider  
 V. Stewart III  
 J. Cerra

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

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NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

ELYRIA CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 19, 2022

JOINT CD/FINANCE 1/09/2023 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

FINANCE 1/09/2023 Following Joint All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 1/11/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/SSD, Law Director, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 1/03/2023 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Solicitor, Engineer

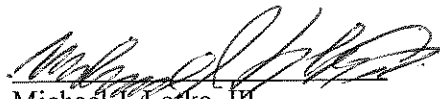
17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

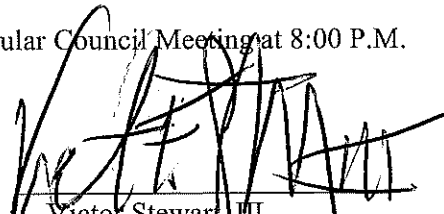
Mr. Lipian wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Gary Gersak who was selected as First Ward Good Neighbor of the Year by the Good Neighbor’s initiative. They put on a Christmas Concert this past weekend where they raised about \$250.00 for Elyria Ukrainian Refugees and Mr. Gary Gersak was selected by his neighbors. Mr. Lipian wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

President Stewart wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked everyone to be safe out there.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mitchell moved, Cerra seconded to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED

  
Michael J. Lotko, III  
Clerk of Council

  
Victor Stewart, III  
President of Council

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Sponsored by: Utilities, Safety & Environment: D. Mitchell B. Davis M. Corbin K. Oswald	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2022-214</u> AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLACK & VEATCH MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE WATER TRANSMISSION MAINS ASSESSMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

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

Sponsored by: Finance: P. Tollett B. Davis C. Schneider V. Stewart III J. Cerra	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2022-215</u> AN ORDINANCE TO FIX TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) MONTHS OF THE YEAR 2023, AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ELYRIA.
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Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)	ABSENT: 1 (Simmons)
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1/09/2023 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

2022

# Building Department Year End Report

Darryl Farkas, Building Official

Council Meeting 12/19/22



**Commercial / Residential Projects**  
**(Data as of 11/28/22)**

**COMMERCIAL:** (New Bldgs., Additions or Alterations)

**2020.** 138 Projects

**2021.** 129 Projects

**2022.** 126 Projects (Subject to change, as they are still coming in)

**RESIDENTIAL:**

**2020.** 109 New Homes

**2021.** 113 New Homes

**2022.** 156 New Homes (Subject to change, as they are still coming in)

**NEW OR CONTINUING SUBDIVISIONS:**

1. **FIELD STONE LAKE SUBDIVISION;** (Existing Subdivision) William Thomas Homes. Chestnut Ridge / West of Bender Rd. Final Phase of the existing Subdivision, **201 New Single-Family Homes Proposed.**  
**Note: Total 436 for the entire Subdivision**
2. **RIVER RUN LANDING;** (New Subdivision) RBR Development (Rich Beran). Middle Ave (East Side) First Phase of the Subdivision, 41 New Homes. **Total 109 New Single-Family Homes Proposed for the entire subdivision**
3. **Four Seasons at Chestnut Ridge;** (K Hovnanian). Chestnut Ridge & East of Bender Rd. Phase Three, 99 New Homes Proposed. ~~Total of 229 New Single-Family Homes proposed for the entire subdivision.~~  
**Recently completed**
4. **Pikewood Manor;** (UMH Properties) Midway Blvd & Pikewood (Near Lowes). **Total 132 Lots available for Manufacture Homes.**
5. **Ridge Water;** (Yost). West Ridge & Fowl. 13 (Four unit each, 52 total .) **Condos, and 34 Standard Residential lots. Total of 86 New Homes for the entire subdivision.**
6. **Harvest Meadows;** (K Hovnanian). Indian Hollow (West Side) Phase One, 65 New Homes Proposed. **Total of 230 New Single-Family Homes proposed for the entire subdivision.**
7. **Oaktree Place;** (Yost). Abbe Rd. & South Logan (Condos, Eight units each.) **Total of 109 New Homes proposed for the entire subdivision**

**PROPSOED SINGLE FAMILY HOME SUBDIVISIONS:**

1. **Riverfield Reserve;** (104.7 Acres of vacant land on Indian Hollow Road. Elyria, OH 44035.)  
**281 New Single-Family Homes Proposed.**
2. **Villa of the Valley;** (32.4 Acres of land on Gulf Rd. Elyria, OH 44035.)  
**155 New Single-Family Homes Proposed.**





**2022 Elyria Building Department Year End Report for New Projects (Commercial / Residential)**

Commercial /Residential	2020 Permit Issuances	2020 Fee's Collected	2021 Permit Issuances	2021 Fee's Collected
Projects consist of New Commercial Bldgs., Additions & Repairs, New Residential Homes, Additions, Repairs, Electric, Plumbing, Heating, Sprinkler System, Fire Alarms, Klitchen Hoods, windows,doors,sliding,roofing, pools, fences, sheds etc.	Total (Com): 672 Total (Res): 2,556 Grand Total: 3,288	Total (Com): \$301,987.47 Total (Res): \$ 269,906.51 Grand Total: \$571,893.98 Budget: \$ 791,347.39	Total (Com): 645 Total (Res): 2,687 Grand Total: 3,332	Total (Com): \$184,668.33 Total (Res): \$ 271,605.52 Grand Total: \$456,273.85 Budget: \$894,779.59
Fee Increase effective 7/1/22 Comparison: 7/1/21 - 11/28/21 & 7/1/22 - 11/28/22	*****	*****	*****	*****



2022 Elyria Building Department Year End Report. (Construction & Property Maintenance Code Inspections)

Current Inspection / Support team	2020		2020		2021		2022		2022	
	Approvals /Permits Issued (Commercial & Residential),	Inspections Completed	Approvals /Permits Issued (Commercial & Residential),	Inspections Completed	Approvals /Permits Issued (Commercial & Residential),	Inspections Completed	Approvals /Permits Issued (Commercial & Residential),	Inspections Completed, as of 11/28/22	Approvals /Permits Issued (Commercial & Residential),	Inspections Completed, as of 11/28/22
*****	Total (Com): 572 Total (Res): 2,556 Grand Total: 3,228	Total (Com): 3,571 Total (Res): 3,426 Total (PMC): 163 Grand Total: 5,160 <small>(Some Reviews Not Included)</small>	Total (Com): 645 Total (Res): 2,687 Grand Total: 3,332	Total (Com): 1,553 Total (Res): 5,450 Total (PMC): 419 Grand Total: 7,122 <small>(Some Reviews Not Included)</small>	Total (Com): 681 Total (Res): 2,763 Grand Total: 3,444	Total (Com): 1,399 Total (Res): 6,873 Total (PMC): 455 Grand Total: 8,507 <small>(Some Reviews Not Included)</small>				
Brandon Borrelli: Certified as a Commercial Building Inspector and Residential Building Official.	—	519 Commercial 114 Residential 2 PMC	—	427 Commercial 800 Residential 14 PMC	—	258 Commercial 750 Residential 5 PMC				
Ray Langston: Certified as a Commercial Building Inspector, Residential Building Official, & Residential Building Inspector.	—	493 Commercial 590 Residential 11 PMC	—	474 Commercial 484 Residential 35 PMC	—	402 Commercial 752 Residential 21 PMC				
Dan Hamrick: Certified as a Commercial / Residential Plumbing Inspector & Residential Building Inspector.	—	238 Commercial 1,572 Residential 3 PMC	—	264 Commercial 1,748 Residential 17 PMC	—	314 Commercial 1802 Residential 25 PMC				
Steve Hughes: Certified as a Residential Building Official.	—	(Not yet on staff)	—	981 Residential 4 PMC	—	Commercial, N/A 1790 Residential 27 PMC				
Billy Madden: Certified as a Commercial / Residential Electrical Safety Inspector, Residential Building Inspector & Electrical Plans Examiner.	—	307 Commercial 1,144 Residential 2 PMC	—	369 Commercial 1,076 Residential 11 PMC	—	311 Commercial 1,623 Residential 7 PMC				
Bobby Green: Certified as a Property Maintenance Inspector & Residential Building Inspector trainee	—	143 Property Maintenance Inspections	—	179 Property Maintenance Inspections	—	170 Property Maintenance Inspections				
Chris Parker: Certified as a Property Maintenance Inspector.	—	(Not yet on staff)	—	156 Property Maintenance Inspections (New Hire)	—	176 Property Maintenance Inspections				
Finnael (Project Systems Coordinator (Secretarial Wizard), Currently pursuing state certification as a Secretary Clerk, Currently pursuing state certification as a Permit Technician	—	Entered all issuances listed manually into the tracking system	—	Entered all issuances listed manually into the tracking system	—	Entered all issuances listed manually into the tracking system				
Darryl Barbas: Certified as a Building Official, Residential Building Inspector, Commercial Building Inspector, Mechanical Inspector & Residential Building Inspector	—	(Not yet on staff)	—	(Not yet on staff)	—	(New Hire) Assist with permit issuances.				
	—	14 Commercial 6 Residential 285 Zone Request 2 PMC	—	25 Commercial 61 Residential 291 Zoning Request 3 PMC	—	14 Commercial 56 Residential 342 Zoning Request 4 PMC				
	—	(Permit Responsibilities)	—	(Permit Responsibilities)	—	(Permit Responsibilities)				

