

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

November 6, 2023

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Tony Geiger, Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff; Meredith Foster, Finance Dir.; Della Bradford, Dir. of Human Resources; Carmillia Zion, Deputy Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods; Amber Martin, Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Dir. I; Jessica Begonia, Public Information Officer; Police Major Ron Holman, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Stewart; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

The invocation was given by Councilor Glenn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Absent: Ehora.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

022-23 A Resolution memorializing the late Thomas Tebben, outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to his family on behalf of the Lima City Council. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Gordon referenced Tom's infectious laugh and explained he looked up to Tom as a mentor. He was blessed to know Tom and expressed his condolences to his family. Councilor Wilkerson recalled back to his discussions with Tom, especially when he decided to run for Council. He thanked the Tebben family for sharing Tom. Councilor Thompson explained she knew Tom through his work with the Democratic Party. She expressed her appreciation for Tom's kindness, dedication and willingness to give good advice. She expressed her condolences. Councilor Dixon explained it was an honor to know Tom and expressed that Tom's legacy lives on. He expressed his condolences. Councilor Glenn explained Tom loved everyone and would try to help in any way he could. He referenced Tom's dedication to his family and the unbreakable Tebben family bond. He expressed his condolences to the family. Councilor Neeper also referenced Tom's dedication to his family and explained Tom will be missed. President Nixon extended his condolences to the family. He acknowledged that although he and Tom had a difference in political opinions they were still able to be friends and have solid discussions about issues. He explained Tom made decisions based on facts and data rather than opinions and he is a better person having known Tom Tebben. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote. Theresa Tebben explained City Council meant a lot to Tom and he took his duties very serious. She further explained Tom loved the people of Lima and loved the Ward that he represented. She thanked Council for the Resolution.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Tamara Wilson, Executive Director of Allen County Veteran Service Commission, 301 N. Main Street, Room 113, explained their purpose is to help Veterans in Allen County with everything from filing benefits claims to assisting with applications for financial assistance. She provided a history of how the Veteran Service Commission was created. She encouraged Council to refer veterans to the Commission so they can help them. She further advised they provide food, rent assistance, transportation assistance and much more. She pointed out that their office is located in the Allen County Courthouse on the first floor and their hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. She announced holiday vouchers are available to veterans during November and December and encouraged veterans to contact their office. Will Thompson announced the upcoming Saturday many business will be offering Veterans Day specials including Frickers, Beer Barrel Pizza, Bob Evans and many others.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to amend the Agenda by adding Keith Hamblen under Privilege of the Floor. Motion carried.

Keith Hamblen, 415 N. Collett Street, explained the many reasons why he loves Lima and summarized the many things that Lima has to offer including many educational opportunities, various service clubs, beautiful parks, many small business to dine and shop and various means entertainment. He requested that Council have a continuing and renewed interest and prioritization of developing our river. (A complete copy of the presentation can be found in the Council Office).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy;
- b. Bd. of Health Minutes of September 8, 2023.

Gordon moved that item “a” of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that item “b” be received and filed, seconded by Neeper, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Auditor requesting legislation to enter into contracts with Miller Auto Inc. and Rush Truck Center.
2. From the Chief of Staff regarding legislation to amend Chapter 1690, Fees Schedule.
3. From the Dir. of Human Resources regarding legislation to enter into contract with Patrick Staffing and Custom Staffing.

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4. From the Public Information Officer regarding a contract with Modo Media.
5. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers, Ltd.
6. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation.
7. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding an agreement with Fontus Blue.
8. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Charles Contracting, LLC.
9. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with Area Energy and Electric Inc.
10. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 127-23.
11. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Noonan Excavating.
12. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2023 budget.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that Communications No. 1 through 12 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

239-23 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Budget. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

240-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with the Shelly Company authorized under Ordinance 127-23. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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241-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Noonan Excavating & Rolloff, LLC for the demolition of residential structures during the 2024 calendar year. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

242-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Area Energy & Electric, Inc., for the Public Works Department. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

243-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Charles Contracting LLC. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to place the ordinance on a second reading. Motion carried.

244-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

245-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation for the exchange of granular activated carbon for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

246-23 An Ordinance amending Section 1690.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio concerning inspection fees for services of the Lima Fire Department completed pursuant to the Ohio Fire Code. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

247-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Life Safety Inspection Vault. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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248-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Patrick Staffing for contracted services for the 2024 calendar year. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

249-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Custom Staffing for contracted services for the 2024 calendar year. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Glenn expressed appreciation to Pastor Hamblen for speaking kind words over the City of Lima. He referenced a meeting he held over the weekend that provided information to tenants regarding home repairs by landlords. He announced there was turkey signup this morning and turkey pickup is November 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He announced on November 9th, Neighbors helping Neighbors will be providing service projects. He announced the 17th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November the 19th at Lima Towers. He announced they will be re-establishing the Kibby Corner and the Hoover Park Neighborhood Associations. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and advised transportation is available for those who need it.

Councilor Neeper applauded Lima Police Department and Safety City for a successful Safety City Trick or Treat. He also applauded the Chamber of Commerce for holding another successful ChamberFest. He attended the Lima Symphony over the weekend and encouraged everyone to attend their shows as they are doing great things. He reminded everyone to put leaves on the tree lawn and not on the streets.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize the absence and salary of Councilor Ehora. Motion carried. He referenced Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to remember the veterans. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson expressed it's great to see the Veterans Service Commission as he has received assistance in the past which he appreciates deeply. He referenced the upcoming Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to thank veterans. He encouraged everyone to speak positive about our community and tell people about the good things Lima has to offer.


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Councilor Thompson thanked the veterans and expressed her appreciation for their commitment and sacrifice. She thanked Pastor Keith Hamblen for being him and expressed her wish that we had more people in the world like Mr. Hamblen. She encouraged those who are working through the NACA process to contact Carmillia Zion or herself for any questions they may have. She thanked the Lima Sertoma Club for hosting a great pancake breakfast. She announced Walk with a Doc will be on Saturday located at the YMCA at 11:00 a.m. She announced Giving Thanks the Mercy Way will be held Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bradfield Center where there will be a coat giveaway and food distribution. She announced Monday, November 13th, Crime Victim Services will be hosting a Teen Ambassador program. She encouraged residents to vote.

Councilor Dixon thanked Pastor Hamblen for his kind and encouraging words. He thanked all Veterans for their service as our freedoms are not free. He reminded everyone that Election Day is Nov. 7th and polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. He advised that RTA is providing free transportation to those who need transportation to vote.

President Nixon thanked Pastor Hamblen for attending and expressed appreciation to Tabitha who attends every Council meeting as part of Calvary Church community outreach. He wished luck to both candidates who are running for Council President. He believes the honorable way to salute on Veterans Day is to participate in voting. He thanked Tony Wilkerson for his service and all other Veterans. He gave a brief summary of Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to thank a veteran.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until November 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President