



## CITY OF PATASKALA

### COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on January 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, and Galik - present. Lee – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director were present.

#### **Citizens Comments**

Mayor Compton explained the council meeting's rules to make sure the meeting is kept respectful and courteous.

Todd Barstow, Sarah Chaulk, Cookie Eckels, Corry Ford, Judy Cafmeyer, Sonya Ford, Barb Brown, Gerry Fornes, Anna Rehl, Margaret Howe, Eileen Derolf addressed City Council. These Comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Walther made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public official. To be included: James Nicholson and Brian Zets. Seconded by Hite. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, and Hite -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and went into Executive Session at 7:52 pm.

Walther made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Hite, and Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and came out of Executive Session at 8:38 pm.

#### **Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters**

Walther would like to remove Resolution 2024-003 from the Consent Agenda and place under #9 New Business, B. Resolutions. Mayor Compton declared the Resolution moved.

Walther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Hite, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, approval of the December 4, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes and approved the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 2024-001** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a use agreement with Renew Wellness LLC.

**RESOLUTION 2024-002** - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Otis Elevator Company to complete the 2024 Elevator Upgrade Project.

### **Reports**

Mayor Compton will start working on the State of the City and would like input from directors and council members by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Bubb asked if we have reached an aggregation representative for the city. Mayor Compton asked Tim Hickin if he would like to take that role, he accepted.

Walther thanked everyone on Council for their support for being elected to return as President of Council and will be putting together committee assignments.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator pointed out at the beginning of the year, Directors will be wanting to hold committees as soon as possible, also looking to get a motion to send a letter to Licking County Land Reutilization regarding the MacLac site and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator gave an update on the RFPs for the GIS and General Engineering and accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director mentioned the closed the books on 2023 and accepted questions from Council.

Trent Howell, Utility Director mentioned Mr. Moore passed his Water Treatment 1 license test and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Services gave an update about the Headley Mill's Bridge closure that happened last Friday and then accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director reminded everyone about the Public Hearing on January 16, 2024, at 6pm for the Fair Lady Project, also still have a vacancy on Planning and Zoning Commission and the interviews for this will be held on January 22, 2024 at the Council Meeting and then accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police stated they made an offer to a Police Officer for the open position, and he accepted and he comes with a K-9 and accepted questions from Council.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

There is none.

### **Unfinished Business**

There is none.

### **New Business**

Mayor Compton read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2024-003** - A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to employment agreement with Timothy O. Hickin

Walther made a motion to amend the first bullet point for Resolution 2024-003 to read from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 an annually salary at the current 2023 level, and then strike bullet point #2 from that compensation section 3. Seconded by Epperson. Walther pointed out that this is to be able to continue discussions for an additional amendment if necessary. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Kohman – yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

Walther made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-003 as amended. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Galik, Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, and Hampshire – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

Walther made a motion to sending a letter send a letter of support to Licking County Land Reutilization Corporation supporting a Brown Field Grant application to address the old MacLac Trucking property located at 250 Mill Street, Pataskala. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, and Galik– yes. Mayor declared the motion passed.

#### **Additional Citizens' Comments**

There were none.

#### **Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments**

Walter wanted to wish Trent Howell all the best in his new endeavors, and he will be missed.

Mike Compton also wanted to wish Trent Howell the best and thanked him for his service.

Kohman is looking forward to working with Council and the Administration.

Epperson thanked everyone for voting him back into the Vice President position, welcomed Kohman to Council, wished Trent Howell the best as well, also thanked everyone for coming in to speak and will be there after the meeting for questions.

Hite welcomed Kohman to Council and looking forward to working with her for the next few years, sorry to see Trent go.

Hite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, and Hite – yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

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Andrew Walther, Council President

