



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on February 20, 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

Jerry Levine and Bernadett Szabo 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.

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther stated he would like to remove Resolution 2024-020 off the Consent Agenda and move to Section 8(b).

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

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, Motion to appoint Jessica Cumbo, Clerk of Council as Mayor Compton, Councilwomen Jude Hampshire, Councilman Andrew Walther, Councilman Dustin Epperson, Councilman Brandon Galik, Councilwomen Mary Hite, Councilwomen Deborah Kohman, and Councilman Tom Lee's representative to complete the required House Bill 9 Certified Training on their behalf, Motion to approve an application for an Agricultural District, submitted by West Willaim S & Jerre D, 3670 Headleys Mill Rd SW, Pataskala, Ohio for Parcel Number 063-141780-00.000 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, Motion to approve an application for an Agricultural District, submitted by Geiger William H. & Barara J, 3290 Mink St. SW, Pataskala, Ohio for Parcel Number 063-140670-00.000 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, Motion to approve application for an Agricultural District, submitted by Baker Levin Farms LLC., 3319 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, Ohio for Parcel Number 063-140100-00.000 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, Motion to approve application for an Agricultural District, submitted by Smith Timothy C. & Amanda N., 4671 Headleys Mill Rd SW, Pataskala, Ohio for Parcel Number 064-152958-00.000 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, Motion to approve

application for an Agricultural District, submitted by Visser Johannes H., 13653 Havens Corners Rd SW., Pataskala, Ohio for Parcel Number 063-141564-00.000 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, Motion to approve application for an Agricultural District, submitted by Moreland Ronald E. & Peggy A., 11495 Mill St. SW., Pataskala, Ohio for Parcel Number 064-152808-00.001 located in the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, approval of the February 5, 2024, Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, approval of the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, and approved the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-018 - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to enter into and execute a renewal agreement on behalf of the City of Pataskala with Rinehart-Walters-Danner for the purpose of liability insurance through the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan.

RESOLUTION 2024-021 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a settlement agreement and mutual release with Verdantas LLC. and Prime AE Group, Inc.

RESOLUTION 2024-022 - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract with the Licking County Board of Commissioners for reimbursement of legal counsel for Indigent Defendants in 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-023 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a management consultant agreement with Clemens, Nelson & Associates, Inc.

Reports

Walther mentioned the snow removal from the Streets Department was appreciated during last weeks snowstorm.

Walther asked Zets that in a past meeting about ORC regulations were brought up and if it was being looked into.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator mentioned that their bios were emailed out to them for them to update, May 15th is the financial disclosure form deadline, Utility Director deadline was last Friday and received 4, there was a follow up meeting with the schools last week then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator mentioned the parks storage is up at Foundation Park, the Freedom Park Path is about halfway done, soccer stats for this season so far are 64 teams with nearly 700 participants, gave an update on the fencing in the parks and accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director mentioned there is a first reading of Ordinance 2024-4463 on the agenda that might need to be amended at the next meeting, the resolution for the renewal of liability insurance that was passed during the consent agenda will be signed and paid as soon as possible and accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Interim Utility Director updated council that there will be a meeting about the Creek Road Force Main Project coming up and State sponsored Wastewater Testing Program that the city participates in had an update that there is a spike in Flu A and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Services referred to the Street Committee report that will be given during the Committee Chair Report section of the meeting and accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director gave an update on Ordinance 2023-4458 that is currently tabled on the agenda, there will also be a Public Hearing on March 4th at 5:45pm and accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police stated there has been an offer made to a police officer and going through background now and accepted questions from Council.

Committee Chair Reports

Streets Committee Meeting - Updated by Epperson.

Agriculture Committee Meeting - Updated by Hampshire.

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 2023-4462. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4462 - Third Reading - An ordinance creating and establishing an additional position of employment (full-time police officer) within the City of Pataskala Division of Police.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4462. Seconded by Hite. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Hite, Walther, Epperson, and Kohman – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

New Business

Walther made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2023-4463. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4463 – First Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Discussion: Walther asked Finance to replot the budget line for the Streets Department. Mr. Nicholson stated he already did and explained.

Walther made a motion to read Resolution 2024-020. Seconded by Epperson. The Mayor read the following:

RESOLUTION 2024-020 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute an agreement to purchase three (3) new police vehicles through Jim Shorkey Chrysler in Pennsylvania and have them equipped by Parr Public Safety.

Discussion: Walther asked about the models of the new cruisers. Chief Brooks explained why they chose this specific model.

Walther made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-020. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Galik, Hampshire, Kohman, Epperson, Walther, and Hite – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

Walther wanted to discuss moving the consent agenda order. Wants to move the consent agenda after the department reports. Epperson agreed.

Walther made a motion to rearrange the order of the agenda to include the reports in the 5th position on the agenda and the introduction of the consent agenda after reports. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik and Hite – yes. Mayor declared motion to adopt passed.

Mayor Compton mentioned the Ohio Division of Liquor Control permit #4289689 (STCK). Walther asked Mr. Haines if there would be any confusion with the entrance leading into the property. Haines stated that will be redone during the project of Summit and Broad.

Additional Citizens' Comments

Cory Ford, Jerry Levine and Doug Perry 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.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Hampshire mentioned there has been another Eagle (scout) from Pataskala and thanked the chief for all his work with him.

Epperson thanked everyone that spoke at the meeting and wanted to state he is not able to make the town hall meeting he was invited to but wished them the best of luck.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

