



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on October 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Hampshire, Galik, and Lee - present. Epperson and Kohman – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director were present.

Citizens Comments

Greta Clouse, Camden Clear, Griffen Clouse and Jessa Shar 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.

Reports

Compton stated that they had the memorial dedication for the Conine Homestead Historic sign at the North Valley Bank and thanked everyone that was involved, this Friday at 4pm at the Living Wellness there will be a ribbon cutting and mentioned to Jude about working on the Explore Licking County Board.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator gave an update that he attended a Licking County Infrastructure Committee meeting last week and the meeting for ODOT was October 10th and went well but would leave the motion under 7c tabled and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator, gave an update on more accurate numbers for the pool revenue and the expenses from this past season, gave an update on the money made and spent on the Bulk Water Station and reminded everyone that the Utility Committee Meeting on October 28, 2024 will include an explanation of the planning phase on the WRF water expansion, then accepted questions from Council.

Jennifer Dennis, Assistant Finance Director mentioned the 1st reading of the budget is on the agenda, Jamie is out of town but will be at the next meeting and then accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director gave an update on the blowers at the water plant, gave an update on the lift station upgrade and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Service said we have been very involved with the South Corridor Study and our import has been well received, Mink Street will be closed between Broad Street and Refugee Road for up to 30 days for the left turn lane going into the development due to some safety concerns that have been brought up with keeping it open during work, they have a funding plan for the Mink Street Garage that will be on the supplemental at the next meeting and then accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police stated the last few nights there have been a group juveniles out of Columbus breaking into about 20 cars and 4 stolen cars, have recovered 2 cars from Columbus that were ditched in Pataskala, they are working closely with Columbus PD on these cases and last week someone was stealing propane tanks for forklifts but was caught and is in jail.

Committee Chair Reports

There were none.

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

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

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, Motion to excuse the absence of Mary Hite from all meetings held on October 7, 2024, October 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-069 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to prepare and submit an application for funding under the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program for the Mill Street Bridge Wing Wall Rehabilitation Project

RESOLUTION 2024-070 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Foundation Park Parking Lot Expansion Project

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4482 for a third reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4482 – Third Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4482. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Lee, Hite, and Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion to adopt passed.

New Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4484 for a first reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4484 – First Reading - An ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-4456 establishing the allocation of income tax collections received by the City of Pataskala pursuant to Ordinance 2010-3959.

Discussion: Walther stated that this is to reduce the percentage of the Public Service budget and he is concerned that our Streets Department is just in as bad of a need for the money as the Police Department and without Jamie not at the current meeting, not wanting to get into a long discussion but would like to have a good discussion at the next meeting. Would like to look at what the Police Department is asking for and seeing if there is any reduce spending there for at least the 2025 budget year to get the Streets Department shortfall of the building.

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4485 for a first reading. Seconded by Galik. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4485 – First Reading - An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Pataskala, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and to authorize approved interfund transfers.

Discussion: Walther would like to also discuss this at the next meeting with Jamie in attendance and have big questions about the Parks and if or if not the new position is included and then pool spending.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Hampshire is looking forward to being on the Explore Licking County Board again.

Walther wanted to congratulate Watkins Highschool Football team for their win of the Battle of Broad Street football game against Licking Heights and reminded everyone that this is the last weekend for the Haunted Forest and will extend the hours until 12 because of having to turn away people.

Compton also congratulated the Watkins Highschool Football team for their win and that 27,000 cans of food were collected, the blood drive and the Spaghetti dinner and was nice to see both teams and the community coming together.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

