



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 2024

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on September 16, 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 Lee - present. Galik – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director were present.

Citizens Comments

Scott Brown awarded the city with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.

There were none.

Reports

Mayor Compton mentioned that the POW/MIA is this Friday at 6pm at Veterans Green, the Grow Licking County breakfast is October 30th at the Double Tree in Newark from 7:30am to 9am and he will be asking for a motion for the Power Show this weekend.

Any Walther, Council President, wanted to thank Tim and Chris for their efforts on meeting with Council about the budget before the special council budget workshop.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator mentioned the Southwest Water and Sewer District has been in the news and talked to the city's representative, Mrs. Carter, and would like to come in on the October 7th meeting to give council an update, the audio only equipment has been malfunctioning in council chambers so committee meetings will now be on the YouTube feed, there is an ODOT meeting coming up and they have asked to keep the motion that is currently tabled, tabled, until after that meeting and then accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator, gave an update on the plants that were donated to Freedom Park, stated that at Foundation Park there will be trees removed and replaced after the Power Show, talked to CJ from the Water District and they are implementing a Voluntary Drought Management Plan for their service area and then accepted questions from Council.

Jamie Nicholson, Finance Director stated they have completed the budget document and is ready for the budget meeting on the 30th, a week ago they had a web call with Moody's about the direction of the city financially and was told the city has been upgraded from a AA3 to a AA2 rating and explained what that meant and very proud of that and then accepted questions from Council.

Joseph Peterson, Utility Director gave an update about the blowers at the water plant and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Director of Public Service gave an update on the Streets Program, would need to set up a Streets Committee Meeting to discuss the Mink Street Garage and then accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director reminded everyone that there is a Development Committee Meeting on September 17th at 5:15pm and then accepted questions from Council.

Mike Compton stated that the Annual First Responders Softball Tournament happened and WLFD got 1st and the Pataskala PD got 2nd and the new officer started this week.

Committee Chair Reports

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Update given by Epperson

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hite, Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, 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 Deborah Kohman from all meetings held on September 3, 2024, Motion to excuse the absence of Andy Walther from all meetings held on September 3, 2024, Motion to advertise for the expiring Board of Zoning Appeals terms, September 3, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2024-059 - A resolution accepting parcel number 064-069330-01.001 from the Licking County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2024-060 A resolution to accept and confirm infrastructure improvements for the Pataskala Public Library Improvements Project for public maintenance and operation by the City of Pataskala

RESOLUTION 2024-061 A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a service contract with the City of Columbus for snow and ice removal services and supplies

RESOLUTION 2024-062 A resolution consenting to the Ohio Department of Transportation's project to make safety improvements to the intersection of Broad Street and Taylor Road (PID number 121958) in the City of Pataskala

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2024-4481 for a second reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2024-4481 – Second Reading - An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 of bond anticipation notes by the City of Pataskala, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of Water Treatment Plant and facility repairs and improvements, including all necessary appurtenances thereto, and matters related to such bond anticipation notes.

New Business

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

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

Epperson made a motion to allow camping, pets and if allowed by the county, campfires at Foundation Park for the Pataskala Antique Power Show. Seconded by Walther. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Lee Hite, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Additional Citizens' Comments

There were none.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Lee congratulated the Finance Department and the rest of the directors, they should be very proud

Kohman also congratulated and thanked the Finance Department

Hampshire said it was nice to see the Boy Scouts in the audience and would like a Safety and Tech Committee Meeting on September 30th at 6pm.

Walther congratulated the Finance Department as well and that the Haunted Forest will start in October

Compton mentioned the Power Show and congratulated the Finance Department

Hite congratulated the Finance Department and appreciated everything that Jamie does

Epperson stated that there will need to be a Streets Committee Meeting soon and congratulated the Finance Department. Also stated to the Scouts if anyone had any questions, he would be available after the meeting

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther, Council President

