

August 11, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Meeting in Council Chambers

Don Gephart, William Garner, Reilly Hopkins, Tyler McCollister and Josh Parks were present. Councilman Harry Brumbaugh was absent. Mayor Carman presided over the meeting.

HOPKINS/PARKS: Motion to excuse Mr. Brumbaugh. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Revised Agenda was presented to Council

1. Mr. Beckel couldn't make meeting
2. Struck old business
3. Added Resolution 2022-025 Authorizing Mayor John Carman to participate in the OPWC Grant and Loan
4. Executive Session

HOPKINS/GEPHART: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 11, 2022 were presented to Council. [\(typo should read July 14, 2022\)](#)

PARKS/GEPHART: Motion to approve minutes. All voted yea.

Mayor directed a question to the solicitor that an Individual does not have to be at meeting to approve minutes, because they received the minutes beforehand. Solicitor agreed that as long as the individual doesn't have any reason to believe that the minutes are not accurate.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REALLOCATIONS

HOPKINS: Motion to approve bills with exception of line #9 Kidd's Excavating. All voted yea.

MCCOLLISTER: Motion to amend to pay bills and allow solicitor to review self-dealing and provide legal counsel for future approvals. Mr. Don Gephart agreed to the amendment to pay all bills and allow solicitor to research the matter. Mayor John Carman agreed.

Mr. Riley Hopkins motion to approve bills, but to strike line #9, Kidd's Excavation, for the time being. Mr. Riley Hopkins would like more information, because of the potential of self-dealing. Mr. Tom Lee explained that the work was approved in the last meeting and went on to explain that the dirt was donated and hauled for \$100 per load. Kidd's is out of the money for diesel fuel and both his vehicles broke down during hauling. Mr. Josh Parks asked if all of the work was done. Mayor Carman stated all work was done. Solicitor stated the matter needs to be looked into further.

Mr. Josh Parks questioned Line item #4 in the amount of \$7000, Chamber of Commerce. He wanted to know if \$2100 was the original appropriation. Mr. Tom Lee stated it was \$10k last year. Tammy May explained that the dollars are appropriated by account code not by event. The appropriations were previously approved.

MCCOLLISTER: Motion to approve Bills/Don Gephart second to approve bills, but to look into the matter. Mr. Tyler McCollister suggested that the solicitor needs to come back with a guideline for all departments for hiring contractors. Motion failed due to lack of vote.

SOLICITOR explained the code of ethics of self-dealing

GEPHART/PARKS Motion to pay bills as presented. All voted yea except Mr. Riley Hopkins abstained.

REALLOCATIONS:

HOPKINS/MCCOLLISTER Motion to approve reallocations. All voted yea except, Mr. Parks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Meeting cancelled. No report.

Safety & Service Committee – Mr. McCollister nothing report will resume next meeting September 22, 2022.

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Mr. Josh Parks brought up a grant for waste cleanup day. He would like to know if finance would be okay to apply for a grant. Mr. Don Gephart requested Mr. Josh Parks to complete the grant application by the deadline September 1st. The grant is for \$5k with an out of pocket for expense of \$1k.

Cemetery Board – Mr. Tom Lee announced the next cemetery work day will be held at the cemetery on Thursday 18, 2022 at 5:30.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022.022 – Fund for Opioid Settlement Dollars
HOPKINS/PARKS Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2022-023 – Supplemental Appropriations
HOPKINS/GEPHART Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2022-024 – Accepting Amounts & Rates
GEPHART/HOPKINS Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Ordinance 2022-025 – Prepare and Submit Application for OPWC Grant/Loan
HOPKINS/GEPHART Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Department Reports

Solicitor- no report

Parks –Mr. Tom Lee announced the Party in the park August 19th and September 10th Fishing Derby

Police –Chief Houghton reported they received the exterior vest which is easier on the back. They submitted for the money which is a 75% reimbursement. Hopefully the state will send the check soon. Officers participated in the Active Shooter Event at the Wilmington High School and the event will be held at the Blanche School next year. Chief also reported that they now have a patrol rifle program. A rifle will be carried in all patrol vehicles. Mayor John Carman thanked the Chief for all of his hard work.

Street –Mr. Paul Daniels mentioned Orchard View. Mr. Riley Hopkins wanted to speak under Paul's report to see if council valued setting a certain amount of money for curbs. Mr. Riley Hopkins suggested to purchase cement not to exceed 5K.

GEPHART/MCCOLLISTER Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Zoning –Mr. Jeff Hurst reported about the process of changing the Valero Station to a B5 instead of B1. All flyers have been passed out.
Hearing is set for September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Riley Hopkins reported that the Board Chairman was unable to make tonight's meeting and she asked him to bring to council that Jeff Hurst to receive a single step raise. Mayor John Carman stated that the raise would be affected first full pay-period.

HOPKINS/PARKS Motion to approve. All voted yea.

Fiscal –Mrs. Tammy May moved the unclaimed monies balance to the general fund. On the next report a balance will still be on the report, because of the 54 outstanding warrants from 2017. Part of those went back into the unclaimed funds rather than sitting on the outstanding report. She also cleaned up 4 outstanding payroll checks. Also, we have received the OPIOD agreement of \$998.78. Last payment of the American Rescue Plan Act (\$224k), but there is only estimated 12K remaining.

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Matter 1_ To consider the Appointment and Compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1), for the Mayor's Office.

8:04 Call meeting back to order. Mayor John Carman's recommendation to council would be to appoint Carla Flannery as interim-temporary Fiscal Officer until a new fiscal officer is found. Mayor recommended moving Carla to step H-\$20.64 and revert back to pay scale F-\$18.90 once the new Fiscal Officer starts. TYLER/HOPKINS-Approved to motion. All voted yea.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
HOPKINS/MCCOLLISTER:

Approved: August 29, 2022

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Carla J Flannery