

MEETING MINUTES OF ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL

PRESIDING OFFICER:
James J. Harris
Council President

June 27, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Mr. Erik Mauter, new Councilor-at-Large replacing Mr. Todd Fleagle, was given the Oath of Office by Law Director, Zach Ferrall, prior to the start of the Council meeting.

ROLL CALL: Bubp, Randolph, Willoughby, Fitzgerald, Uhlenhake, Mauter
Absent: Christman

Moved by Mr. Bubp, seconded by Ms. Willoughby, to accept the Minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

There was a Liquor Permit Transfer request from Charles D. Knous, DBA C & C Loft and Lounge to MRD Entertainment LLC, DBA C & C Loft and Lounge. There were no objections. The permit will sent to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for processing.

There were no other petitions or communications.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS COMMITTEES ETC.:

The Auditor's Report was presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

The Director of Public Service and Safety's Report was presented.

Mr. Foxhoven also informed Council that there is a Facebook link at the bottom of our new City website that will take you to the Facebook pages for the Police Department, Fire Department, the National Guard Monument, and a new one has been added for the St. Marys Bicentennial 2023 celebration.

Mr. Foxhoven said he met with Ann Niemeyer, Executive Director of the Let's Back the Blue non-profit organization in support of law enforcement in Auglaize County. They do a lot of good things and are trying to get more support in the west end of the County. Our Police Department has benefited from this organization. He noted he has a copy of their annual report if Council wanted to look at it to see how they can help.

Mr. Foxhoven also noted that this coming Friday will be the SMART First Friday event for July. He encouraged everyone to attend. The theme will be "Christmas in July."

City offices will be closed Monday, July 4th.

Mr. Foxhoven said that Congressman Jordan will be touring the theater on Wednesday. Doug Spencer has also extended an invitation to all of our elected officials to attend as well.

Mr. Uhlenhake asked Mr. Foxhoven if there were any updates on the paint for the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Foxhoven responded he has not heard, but will check into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee meetings to report.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2022-26 was presented to Council for a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-26 – Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$16,500.00 for the Purpose of Paying the Property Owners' Portion, in Anticipation of the Collection of Special Assessments of the Costs of the O.P.W.C. East Spring Street Reconstruction Project, Phase 1, by Constructing Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, Combination Sidewalks and Curbs, Drive Approaches, Asphalt Pavement and the Repair Thereof, Together With the Necessary Related Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto, and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Foxhoven requested this be passed under suspension of the rules, explaining that we need to retire this note in July. It is an annual process that allows us to borrow money internally to pay property owners' share for the street programs.

Moved by Mr. Bubp, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2022-26. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Ms. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Uhlenhake, to pass Ordinance No. 2022-26 as an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2022-27 was presented to Council for a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-27 – Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$16,800.00 for the Purpose of Paying the Property Owners' Portion, in Anticipation of the Collection of Special Assessments of the Costs of the 2021 Street Program, by Constructing Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, Combination Sidewalks and Curbs, Drive Approaches, Asphalt Pavement and the Repair Thereof, Together With the Necessary Related Improvements and Appurtenances Thereto, and Declaring an Emergency

This being similar to the previous ordinance, Mr. Foxhoven said this needs to be retired by August 5th, and requested this be passed under suspension of the rules.

Moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2022-27. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Uhlenhake, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to pass Ordinance No. 2022-27 as an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2022-28 was presented to Council for a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28 – An Ordinance to Appropriate Monies for Deficiencies in the Original Amended Ordinance No. 2021-39 and Any Other Appropriation Ordinances for the Fiscal Year 2022, for the City of St. Marys, Ohio, and to Declare an Emergency

Moved by Ms. Willoughby, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to read Ordinance No. 2022-28. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foxhoven said the appropriation amount is for \$7,460,000. This is the low interest loan we have from the Ohio EPA. We made application for the loan and have been granted the loan. Now we need to appropriate the money which allows us to spend the money. It was requested this be passed under suspension of the rules.

Moved by Mr. Uhlenhake, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2022-28. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Bulp, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to pass Ordinance No. 2022-28 as an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Moved by Ms. Willoughby, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to excuse Mr. Christman. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a request to go into Executive Session to discuss *Property Acquisition*. Mr. Harris noted there would be no action taken afterward.

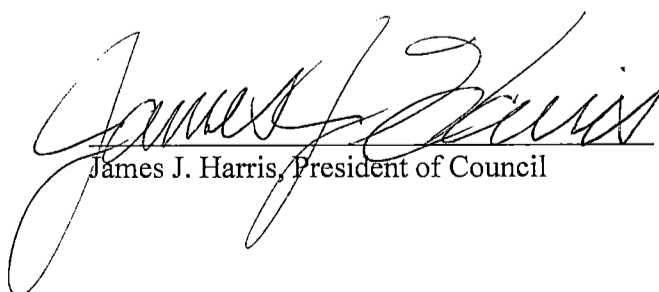
Moved by Mr. Uhlenhake, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to go in, to *Executive Session*. Motion passed unanimously. Council entered *Executive Session* at 6:40 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Bulp, seconded by Ms. Willoughby, to return to regular session. Council returned to *Regular Session* at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Bulp, seconded by Ms. Randolph, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


Debra Kable, Clerk of Council


James J. Harris, President of Council