

# CITY OF BRUNSWICK, OHIO

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 27, 2023

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance** The regular meeting of Brunswick City Council was called to order by Mayor Ron Falconi at 7:04 p.m. at the Municipal Complex.

**Roll Call of Members showed the following Council Members present:** Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper.

**Others Present:** Mayor Ron Falconi, City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Acting Law Director Dennis Nevar, Clerk of Council Laura Timura.

**Correspondence** There was none.

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2023.** Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2023, as written, seconded by Kristy Piper. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

### Mayor's Report:

Proclamations were presented to St. Ambrose's 6th Grade Boys Rookie Tackle Football Team, 7th and 8th Grade Brain Brawl Team, and in recognition of the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence:

Mayor Falconi presented proclamations to St. Ambrose School and congratulated them on their numerous accomplishments.

Motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Denise Arnaud to the Ethics Board:

Joseph Delsanter moved to reappoint Denise Arnaud to the Ethics Board, seconded by Nicholas Hanek. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**Clerk of Council's Report** There was none.

### Council Committee Reports:

*Economic Development Committee*.....Mr. Lambert:

Mr. Lambert had no formal reports this evening.

*Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee*.....Mr. Smith:

Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated November 13, 2023:

Tim Smith moved to approve the Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee Minutes dated November 13, 2023, as written, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

*Finance Committee*.....Mr. Hanek:

Mr. Hanek had no formal reports this evening.

*Safety & Environment Committee*.....Mr. Kuczma:

Mr. Kuczma had no formal reports this evening.

*Planning & Zoning Committee*.....Mr. Delsanter:

Mr. Delsanter had no formal reports this evening.

*Parks, Recreation & Community Committee*.....Mrs. Piper:

Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated November 14, 2023:

Kristy Piper moved to approve the Parks, Recreation & Community Committee Minutes dated November 14, 2023, as written, seconded by Tim Smith. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

*Building & Building Code Committee*.....Mr. Abella:

Mr. Abella had no formal reports this evening.

#### **Other Committees, Boards and Commissions**

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated November 13, 2023 and November 20, 2023:

Nicholas Hanek moved to approve the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated November 13, 2023, and November 20, 2023, as written, seconded by Brandon Lambert. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**Petitions from the Public on Legislation** There were none.

#### **Reading of Legislation and Action on Legislation:**

##### **3rd Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 90-2023** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cargill for the purchase of Clearlane enhanced road salt for the Service Department in an amount not to exceed \$79.99 per ton. - **3rd Reading** (Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, Administration/Paul Magovac):

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 90-2023, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

##### **2nd Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 93-2023** - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Any Domestic Work, Inc. to provide custodial services at City Hall and the Division of Police in a monthly amount not to exceed \$4,190.00. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, Administration/Carl DeForest):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

**RES. NO. 94-2023** - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Any Domestic Work, Inc. to provide custodial services at the Brunswick Community Recreation and Fitness Center in a monthly amount not to exceed \$6,195.00. - **2nd Reading** (Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to third reading.

**1st Reading(s)**

**RES. NO. 97-2023**- An emergency resolution requesting an advance release of property tax revenue funds from the Medina County Treasurer collected for the benefit of the City of Brunswick. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 98-2023**- An emergency ordinance adopting the Annual Appropriation Budget for Expenditures of the City of Brunswick for the year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 99-2023** - An emergency ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 104-2022 to provide for a Revised Allocation of Municipal Income Tax receipts during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 100-2023** - An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No.106-2022 and the City's Fund Balance Reserve Policy. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 101-2023** - An emergency ordinance creating an OPWC Pepperwood Drive Improvement Fund (#375) - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.

**RES. NO. 102-2023** - An emergency resolution permitting the City Administration to sell, through public internet auctions, personal property, including motor vehicles acquired for the use of municipal officers and departments, and road machinery, equipment, tools, or supplies, which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, for the year 2024. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Committee-of-the-Whole, *Administration/Carl DeForest*):

Mr. Hanek moved this resolution to second reading.

**ORD. NO. 103-2023** - An emergency ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$12,000,000 to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving a new fire station and preparing, equipping and otherwise improving its site. - **1st Reading** (To be brought from Finance Committee, *Administration/Todd Fischer*):

Mr. Hanek moved this ordinance to second reading.



**RES. NO. 104-2023** - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with TAC Computers for maintenance of various software in the Divisions of Police and Fire in an amount not to exceed \$35,070.51. - **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

Mr. Smith moved this resolution to second reading.

**RES. NO. 105-2023** - An emergency resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CDW-G for the upgrade and renewal of Microsoft licensing in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. –

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (To be brought from Services, Utilities, Technology & Cable Committee, *Administration/Robert Marok*):

Tim Smith moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Resolution Number 105-2023, seconded by Keith Kuczma. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

**City Manager's Report** Carl DeForest reminded that the City of Brunswick Christmas party would occur on Sunday, December 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center. He went on to say that drop boxes for the Brunswick Food Pantry are available 24/7 in the outdoor lobby area of City Hall. Mr. DeForest encouraged residents to donate non-perishable items that are not expired.

Mr. DeForest explained that Red Kettle Drive is for the northern Medina County Salvation Army. Those wishing to volunteer to ring the bell, should contact the City Manager's Office for their phone number. Both individuals and groups are welcome to volunteer. The bell-ringing program will run through Christmas Eve and include bigger stores such as Giant Eagle. The funds raised will stay in northern Medina County, which includes: Brunswick, Brunswick Hills, Valley City, and Hinckley. Monies raised will provide assistance with heat and rent.

**Open Forum** Lee Meyer (2976 Grafton Road) expressed concerns regarding the road project on West 130th Street. He asked when the road would be back to normal conditions. He stated that he understands that construction and improvements take time. However, he feels that the road conditions will be treacherous as potholes fill with snow during winter. Mr. DeForest explained that weekly meetings are held every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Columbia Gas. This project is mandated and is in the utility right of way. They are pushing the gas line to the north and will go across Boston Road. There will be temporary repairs there and within approximately 4 or 5 weeks visqueen will be placed and 2 to 5 inches of concrete. Permanent repairs will be made next Spring. At that time, a top layer will be removed and asphalt can begin once the hot asphalt plants are open and as weather conditions allow. Mr. DeForest expects there to be improvement within the next 4 to 5 weeks. Concerns were brought up to Columbia Gas regarding traffic, snow plows, and salt application.

Mr. Meyer remarked that a light on Grafton Road turning on West 130th had been retimed. He felt the use of a magnetic strip to time the light to change when cars pulled up to the intersection helped traffic flow onto West 130th within a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Meyer asked that the traffic light be retimed to what it was prior to the construction project. He added that he was proud of St. Ambrose's students, who were honored.

Commissioner Aaron Harrison (4774 Lexington Ridge Drive, Medina, Ohio) announced that at the NOACA meeting on Friday there would be a resolution considered which would demonstrate NOACA's opposition to the Boston Road interchange. The resolution was included on their agenda prior to public comment. If anyone in the community would like to be heard, they are encouraged to attend NOACA's meeting on Friday at 9 a.m. Commissioner Harrison disclosed that this issue has gone before NOACA and the General Assembly. This was a product of good efforts and stewardship by City Council, the Administration, and the community. He extended his appreciation to everyone who kept this issue in the limelight, and he was happy to be involved in the process.

**Unfinished Business** There was none.

**New Business** Nicholas Hanek noted Commissioner Harrison's contributions to the City's efforts to oppose the interchange. They included going to Columbus for press conferences, helping to prepare a resolution opposing the interchange, and involvement with NOACA. Councilman Hanek added that he is proud of our legislators, commissioners, residents, and local officials who all work together to provide a unified front. He felt Commissioner Harrison's efforts were exceptional and commendable as a real advocate for the City of Brunswick.

Brandon Lambert pointed out that it is important to attend the NOACA meeting in Cleveland on Friday. If this resolution is passed, it will bring us one step closer to getting Columbus to do the right thing. It will likely be a long but productive day.

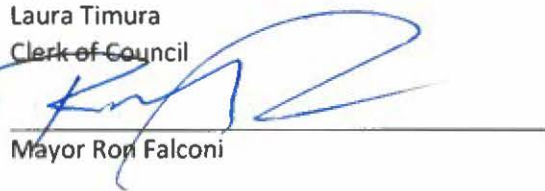
**Adjournment** Nicholas Hanek moved to adjourn, seconded by Joseph Delsanter. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nicholas Hanek, Brandon Lambert, Michael Abella Jr., Keith Kuczma, Joseph Delsanter, Tim Smith, Kristy Piper. Nays - 0. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Timura  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor Ron Falconi

12/11/2023  
Adopted