

City of Olmsted Falls
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Olmsted Falls City Hall
26100 Bagley Road – Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

Council President Cornel Munteanu called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was conducted Councilmen Brian Chitester, Lori Jones, Jay McFadden, Sean Wolanin, Yvonne Buchholz, and Scott Saari were present.

Also, in attendance: James Graven, Mayor, Alexandra Eckrich for Max Rieker, Law Director, and Odis Rogers, Police Chief. Audience: 1.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chitester moved to **approve** the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of March 28, 2023; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays (Saari, Jones) **Motion carried**.

Consideration of Amendment to the Agenda - None

Mayor's Report and Appointments

Mayor Graven asked for a motion to appoint Joanne Kleem to the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Chitester moved to **appoint** Martin Manuel to the Architectural Board of Review term to expire 12/31/2025; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Mayor Graven wished Councilwoman Yvonne Buchholz a Happy Birthday.

He stated that regarding Resolution 14-2023 he spoke about this at the last meeting. He believes the Flock safety license plate recognition cameras will increase the safety of our citizens and talked about it at length two weeks ago and asked that Council consider voting on this resolution tonight.

Evergreen Update – He stated that last week, he and Tom Jordan had a meeting with County Economic Development Director and Laura Chalker from Ohio Means Jobs. We will continue to monitor the situation and work to help people find other jobs. We will also assist in any way that we can with marketing the property to bring in a new industry. We have been told that there is currently some active demand in the Northeast Ohio region for industrial properties.

HB 1 – He stated that last week Director Swaisgood reported on the latest development with House Bill 1. There are no major updates as this is just getting started. As the finance director stated at the last meeting possibly there could be an annual loss to the city's property tax revenue of up to \$90,000 per year. Also unknown at this time is the impact on the Local Government Fund revenue from the state.

He stated that he spoke with Service Director Borczuch and the service department has started working on the new playground in East River Park. The equipment will not be received by the city until the middle of summer but they are preparing the area.

We worked with North Olmsted to give our residents discounted fees at the North Olmsted Recreation center and adults will pay \$24.00 per month and seniors \$20.00 per month.

Income Tax – He stated that there is good news regarding income tax. The April advance was \$9,000 higher than April's advance last year. Year to date, income tax is up 6.7% and we remain cautiously optimistic concerning our finances.

Communications from Residents - None

Approval of Bills:

Ms. Buchholz moved to **approve** Pay Ordinance 2023-07; Mr. Chitester **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Officials Reports:

Odis Rogers, Police Chief

Chief Rogers stated that last week he had the pleasure of addressing the Chamber of Commerce at the invitation of the mayor. He spoke about where we are in the department, where we were last year and how we are moving forward. One of the topics he talked about was Alert training. We take active shooter situations seriously with the Falls and Township working together; we share the schools, even though only one of the schools is here, we train with them a lot. Last year we sent two of our officers to be Alert instructors, it's like a train the trainer, and Officer Swope and Officer Daugherty, our K9 officer, are both certified instructors for Alert. The township also sent a couple of officers to be instructors and this year we are able to train together as well as train all of our officers on this rapid response training, which is through Texas State University. The city has been kind enough to allow the use of the third floor in this building. There are a lot of different rooms upstairs and the township has some partitions that we will use to turn it into a school or office building, etc. On June 3rd our instructors are going to meet with the township instructors to put together a lesson plan. At the end of June beginning of July all our officers, both Falls and Township, will train together for this advance rapid response training.

He stated that regarding Resolution 14-2023, the Flock cameras, he also spoke about this two weeks ago and is certainly willing to answer any questions. He would also ask that Council vote on this tonight. The quicker we can order them the quicker they will be installed, and we can start utilizing them for investigations, etc.

Mr. McFadden stated that the agreement is massive one section states that if the cameras are not placed in the right spots and have to be moved later there will be a charge and asked if we researched the placement. Chief Rogers stated that he would be meeting with the company representative on Monday at 10AM and met with them a couple of weeks ago to discuss where we thought the best places to strategically place them would be with forward thinking because the township will also be getting cameras. Most cities already have them, North Olmsted, Fairview, Westlake, Avon, North Ridgeville so we are becoming part of a larger net. An example of placement is that he wanted to one

at Columbia and John, the northern most entry into the city, but he knows even though the township will not be installing theirs at the same time he has decided to place one at Columbia and Cook which also gives us a couple different ingress points in the city. Mr. McFadden stated that Section 1.10 “falcon flex” states an infrastructure free location flexible license plate reader camera that enables the agency to self-install and asked if we would be doing that. Chief Rogers stated that he is not self-installing any cameras. Mr. McFadden stated that it looks like a portable item. Chief Rogers stated that he is not interested in having this type of technology where any of our people are involved in placing them. These are pretty high tech and would prefer paying the \$325 for the company to install them. He also has warranty concerns because we have a really good warranty with, he believes a \$500 deductible. If anything happens to the camera, if somebody shoots out the camera, or a high wind storm, the city would pay \$500 and the company covers the other \$2500 and installs another camera. He has concerns with us fiddling with these cameras and then losing some warranty. He stated that we will also have access to all of the Flock cameras in northeast Ohio. We could get that access without purchasing the cameras but only for a very limited time. This company is fairly new company and when he spoke with the sales rep, he knew we could get access to all the cameras without purchasing but that offer will end this year because they are at a point where they don’t have to make that offer anymore. There are so many of these cameras in northeast Ohio that the company will start charging municipalities, who don’t have the cameras, if they want access to everybody’s cameras. By the city purchasing the three cameras we will always have access to the entire net in northeast Ohio.

Councilman Jay McFadden, Ward I – No Report

Councilwoman Lori Jones, Council-at-Large – No Report

Councilman Scott Saari, Ward IV – No Report

Councilman Sean Wolanin, Ward II – No Report

Councilman Pro-Tempore Brian Chitester

Mr. Chitester thanked Council for re-appointing Mr. Manuel to the ABR board as he is a very valued member of the board.

Councilwoman Yvonne Buchholz, Ward III

Ms. Buchholz stated that she would like to congratulate Councilman Wolanin’s daughter Jessica for her induction into the National Technical Honor Society in business professional and office technology; 2% of kids get inducted. She stated that Joanne Dumound did a beautiful article.

In packets were two contracts, Yoga in the Park, in the amount of \$50.00 per session. This year’s sessions will be June 10th; July 15th and August 12th. The other contract is for CLE Market who will provide vendors for Falls Day in the Park as they did last year on October 1st in the amount of \$250.00.

Mr. Wolanin moved to **authorize** the Mayor to sign the contracts for Yoga in the Park and CLE Market; Mr. Saari **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Councilman President Cornel Munteanu

Mr. Munteanu stated that the tour of all the departments will be Thursday starting at 2:00 PM and asked that everyone meet at the fire station at which time they will move on to the departments.

Alexandra Eckrich for Max Rieker, Law Director – No Report

Old Business

Ordinance 54-2022

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF VILLAGE GREEN PARK TO VILLAGE GREEN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK **Tabled on Third Reading (12/13/2022)**

Remained Tabled

Ordinance 12-2023

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR FOUND OBSOLETE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION UTILIZING GOVDEALS.COM **Second Reading**

Mr. Chitester moved to **suspend**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **adopt**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**.

Ms. Jones asked if the city already utilized this service and asked this was in general or something specific being sold. Ms. Mancini indicated that Mr. Swaisgood would like a current piece of legislation to show that Council still approves of selling property in this manner. The city has an existing contract and there are no new changes to that contract.

Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Resolution 13-2023

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

Mr. Chitester moved to **suspend**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **adopt**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**.

Ms. Jones asked if the settlement went into the police department. Ms. Mancini indicated that there is a separate fund for the litigation and council approves each settlement. Ms. Jones stated that she does remember that.

Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

New Business

Resolution 14-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FALCON LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Mr. Chitester moved to **suspend**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Chitester moved to **adopt**; Ms. Buchholz **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Miscellaneous New Business - None

Such other business that may come before Council

Mr. Chitester asked if Mr. Munteanu would confirm the next scheduled work session. Mr. Munteanu indicated that it was scheduled for the 18th. Ms. Jones asked what the work session was for as she missed the last meeting. Mr. Munteanu indicated that he would bring her up to date.

Ms. Buchholz moved to **adjourn**; Mr. Chitester **seconded**. Poll: 7 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Cornel Munteanu, Council President

Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council