

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Minutes of the Special Vermilion City Council Meeting

Meeting

GRAPHIC VILLAGE - CINCINNATI, OH

Form 6101

Held

Monday, August 8, 2022

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Vermilion City Council: Monica Stark, Council President; Steve Herron, Council At Large; Pat Stein, Ward One; Greg Drew, Ward Two; Teresa Mayle, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five. Absent: Gwen Fisher, Clerk of Council

Administrative Staff: Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Bill Brown, Fire Chief; Susan Anderson, Law Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER:

Monica Stark, President of Council called the Monday, August 8, 2022, Special Vermilion City Council Meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The members of Council, administrative staff, and audience participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

B. Brady MOVED; S. Herron seconded to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Stark MOVED; G. Drew seconded to untable the third reading of Ordinance 2022-33. 5 YEAS; 2 NAYS (Mayle, Holmes). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reading of the Ordinances:

Third Reading – Ordinance 2022-33: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1484 ENTITLED "RENTAL REGISTRATION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

G. Drew MOVED; B. Brady seconded to adopt this ordinance as previously revised by the clerk in addition to the revisions that the legislative committee discussed on August 8, 2022. Discussion: B. Brady said they need to get something on the books at this point. She asked if they put a date in the ordinance when this starts. M. Stark said it is March 31, 2023. B. Brady thought they could revisit this again after the summer of 2023. B. Holmes said he is voting no tonight because this is taxing the administration and program fees. He is concerned about the resident's safety and hopes the renters take this seriously and make sure their smoke detectors are working and their places are clean and clear of any incidences. If something happens, he asked the renters and neighbors to call 911 if they see anything. He felt as the building department would have to bring on another employee to help with these inspections. S. Herron said he is voting yes and none of the ordinances that have been in front of them have been perfect, but he believes the community is safer if Council passes this ordinance. He does not like imposing a burden on the administration that is already working hard. He thought this was a step in the right direction and thanked everyone who has been interested in this situation. T. Mayle did not feel this legislation was necessary. If they pass this legislation, how do they know it is working because they do not know what they're trying to fix. Nobody has really been able to say that there is a problem. The only problem she gathered is the fire at the two bedroom home that had 14 people in it, which shouldn't have that many, but if it is true there were six bedrooms, then no problem. The city has been doing this for many years and she didn't feel like this legislation was fixing any problem that they have existing, but it is putting more of a burden on everybody, and it is upsetting so many people for a process that has been working for so many years so nicely. She did not understand why this needs to happen and thought it was unnecessary. P. Stein agreed with her and understood the safety element of having smoke detectors and such. She has heard parking is a problem and the neighbors do not like it, so the neighbors should call the local police department to tell them they can't park there. She thought council was putting too much pressure on some of the people who are doing the rentals. She didn't think they have had major problems. B. Brady said they are running a business and to her this is the bottom line. The motels in the city have inspections and pays bed taxes. People buy homes in residential areas, and they expect residents to be next to them. If you're running a hotel/motel next door to her, then she thinks it needs to have some controls on it. P. Stein said she isn't saying they shouldn't pay a bed tax, but she thought to have all these regulations. B. Brady said a lot of people

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won't do this unless there is a law that says they have to. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS (Brady, Herron, Drew, Stark); 3 NAYS (Mayle, Holmes, Stein). **MOTION CARRIED.** Clerk's Note: In the clerk's absence, Council had some confusion on whether this vote carried or failed. To explain, the motion was not moved and adopted as an emergency, and because it only received four yes votes, it does pass, but it does not go into effect until 30 days after the passage date of August 8, 2022.

Tabled - Third Reading – Ordinance 2022-47: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE AT 699 LIBERTY ON THE TOLEDO STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading – Ordinance 2022-51: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF IN THE VERMILION FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A PAY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2022.

B. Brady MOVED: P. Stein seconded to adopt this ordinance. Discussion: B. Brady asked Chief Brown if this was something he wanted to happen. Chief Brown explained that Chris Stempowski is invaluable in terms of processes, past practices, and the administrative side of things. He said the pay schedule is minimal. B. Brady asked if this is replacing somebody else. Chief Brown said prior to him coming here they had two assistant chiefs and with the retirement of David Coen he is not looking to replace the assistant chief's position. The pay schedule pays the same as an assistant chief. B. Brady asked if this position is something they will keep, or will they go back to two assistants. Chief Brown said as time passes, this is something they will look at again, but this helps with the transition. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS; 1 NAY (Holmes). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-57: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH FUND 250 "ONEOHIO" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-58: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-12 ADOPTED MARCH 7, 2022, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2022-59: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CHAPTER 878, SWEEPSTAKES TERMINAL DEVICES AND SWEEPSTAKES TERMINAL DEVICE FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Announcement of Meeting Dates:

All meetings will be held at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, OH

- August 15, 2022 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- August 22, 2022 – Special Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

M. Stark adjourned the Special Vermilion City Council meeting upon no further discussion.

Transcribed by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk