



# CITY OF HEATH

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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 2024

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order Feb. 5, 2024 at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Invocation delivered by D. Morrow. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Crabill, Moretti, Porter, Morrow, Cole, Roberts, Kelley. Crabill moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Feb. 5, 2024. Second by Cole. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. **Minutes Approved.** Mayor Johns, Auditor J. Morrow, and Law Director D. Morrison in attendance.

#### **Special Orders:**

Jerry Murphy swearing in by Mayor Mark Johns as Lieutenant Heath Fire Department

#### **Petitions & Communications:**

Ohio Liquor Control - D3 Club at Forest Hills LLC – 811 Forest Hills Rd.

Ohio Liquor Control – C1 – C2 Heath Vapor Inc. – 570 Hebron Rd.

Motion by Crabill no public hearing. Second by Porter. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion no public hearing approved. Motion by Crabill to receive and file. Second by Porter. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion to receive and file- approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Budget:** J. Crabill met this evening at 7:04 p.m.

Auditor Jay Morrow reviewed the following:

Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2024 Committee Meeting. Motion by Porter. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. Minutes approved.

**Legislative Request:**

- 1). An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to advertise for bids and accept the lowest bid for the painting of the clarifiers at the water plant and declaring an emergency. Ord. 04-2024
- 2). An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$120,000.00 within the Capital Improvement Fund to Street – Capital Outlay – Buildings Fund. Ord.05-2024
- 3). Appropriate and transfer of \$1,592,198.06 within the General Fund. \$1,592,198.06 to the Capital Improvement Fund, to satisfy the goal of the \$2,500,000.00 carryover in the General Fund
- 4). Authorize & directing the mayor of the city of Heath to accept the lowest bid of \$12,362,500 From Kirk Brothers for the Heath Wastewater Plant Final Clarifier and Solids Storage Building Project.

**Other Items:**

Approved YTD/MTD Fund Report as to form.

Ohio Ethics Commission  
Discussed Carryover  
Reviewed Debt Obligation Spread Sheet

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Public Services:** D. Morrow met Jan. 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The Public Utilities Committee Meeting was called to order on January 22 at 5:30 p.m. Utilities Director John Geller first reported that well #10 pump should arrive around January 29<sup>th</sup>. Follow up test meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>. The steps on the building are due anytime now. Preparation is underway for the bidding for painting of the clarifiers. This is routine maintenance and has been 11 years since last painted. A spreadsheet is being prepared for the PWS concerning lead service lines spreadsheet due October 16, 2024. Currently converting all SCADA sites from radio to cellular.

**Wastewater:**

Waiting on the ATS to show up. Changed the type of switch and should show up in 8 weeks instead of July. We are currently renting a blower while our large blower is being repaired. We will need to increase the horsepower on the motor driving the blowers. About 10 manholes will be relined to prevent infiltration into the sewers at the cost of \$30,000. Also relining 100 feet of sewer line on Kappler Drive at a cost of \$99,000. Following a review of the funds, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**Public Safety:** A. Porter will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts met this evening at 5:37 p.m.

Street Superintendent Bob Geller:

**Items of discussion:**

1. Re-appropriating money for the Street Department Building which is a paper work item that needed taken care of
2. Digital Speed Cameras – Cynthia Street discussion
3. Snow removal ordinance – discussion and will continue to look into this further
4. Storm Water Utility – lengthy discussion about creating a storm water utility and that effort will continue to go on

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**Community Development & Zoning:** P. Moretti will meet Feb. 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:** D. Cole met this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Parks Superintendent Bob Geller:

1. **Hiring employees at the pool** – They have done flyers and have been handing those out at the schools and other places, also plan to do a billboard and are still actively recruiting
2. **Repairs at the pool** – under Capital Improvement request there was \$150,000 for valves and motors in the filter building, painting and restoring slides, painting the structure in the activity pool and also painting the floor of the Lazy River. The decision will be made when the final decision on Capital Improvement dollars is out. We will also be doing some updates in the bath house. Particularly the floor needs some work.

3. **Other Items:**

Bob reported the park was full of people today and disc golf is going great! We also had a question from councilmen Porter about numbers for staffing the pool? Bob reported approximately around 28 so about 30 without staffing the concession stand.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** J. Crabill will meet Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

There was no Planning Commission Meeting for the month of January 2024 – No items on agenda.

### **Ordinances on First Read:**

**Ord.04-2024** An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to advertise for bids and accept the lowest or best bid for the painting of the clarifiers at the water plant and declaring an emergency – Motion by Morrow to waive the second read Ord.04-2024. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive second read Ord. 04-2024 approved. Motion by Morrow to adopt Ord.04-2024. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote.

#### **Ord.04-2024 Adopted**

**Ord. 05-2024** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$120,000 within the Capital Improvement Fund to Street – Cap Outlay – Building Fund – Motion by Roberts to waive second read of Ord.05-2024. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive second read Ord.05-2024 approved. Motion by Roberts to adopt Ord. 05-2024. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye vote. **Ord. 05-2024 Adopted**

### **Ordinances on Second Read:**

**Ord.01-2024** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$4,000 within the General Fund to Fire – Minor Equipment – Motion by Porter to Adopt Ord.01-2024. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.01-2024 Adopted**

**Ord.03-2024** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$60,561.26 within the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund – Motion by Roberts to Adopt Ord.03-2024. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.03-2024 Adopted**

### **Resolutions on Second Read:**

**Res.2024-02** A resolution authorizing the finalization and submission of the RAISE Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2024 funding for the Thornwood Drive with a request for \$2,000,000 in federal discretionary grant funds – Motion by Moretti to Adopt Res.2024-02. Second by Morrow. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote.

#### **Res.2024-02 Adopted**

### **Reports of City Officials:**

**Mayor** – Welcome Nick. I want to thank council for passing the resolution regarding The RAISE grant. A number of us sat in on a meeting with USDOT and we feel from last years grant submission which we did earn project merit status. This was an area we needed to improve upon if we were going to be able to score better. Most definitely include a copy of our grant submittal. We had quite a few letters of support from neighboring communities, the county and even Columbus and MORPSE. It was an impressive collection of support letters. I think we have even more impressive collection for our 2024 submission. Among those that I have just mentioned ... We received support letters from them again as well for 2024 submission. We also got support letters from Congressman Balderson and Senator Brown. We already have these in our hand for 2024 submittal. We are working on getting Senator Vance office. We also

have new support letters from Robertson Construction, MI Homes, A.E.P., working on getting a support letter from the Central B.I.A. I am cautiously optimistic that we are filling in the gaps from our 2023 application. Things like the Resolution we passed tonight. We need to fill in those gaps and fill in more than our submittal from last year. We have a chance for scoring highest on all 8 of the preliminary criteria, instead of the 6 out of 8 that we did last year. This will go to Secretary Buttigieg desk and we will see what decision he makes but again I am cautiously optimistic that our 2024 submittal will bear fruit. I know with the help of Sunday Creek Horizons work, Jared and Scott Haines, Matt Hill at LCATS, Bill Lozier at TID and other organizations like that providing supporting documentation and information to the submittal this year, it will be stronger than last year. This is why, I have reason for optimism. Lastly, we will have had Valentines Day before we meet at our next meeting in this room. Make sure you're extra special to your significant other. For me - I have the extra special honor of it not just being Valentines Day but that it is Birth-n-tines week. Natalie's Birthday is on the 16<sup>th</sup> so its just a week of festivities!

**Auditor J. Morrow** – Welcome Nick! I want to give a community note. The Heath Athletic Boosters for the second year in a row has sold all 300 tickets. The dinner will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Leonard's. If you purchased a ticket, you will be receiving an e-mail with instructions to move forward. It will be coming from Jen or Heather, if you have any questions.

**D. Morrow** – You notice when we induct someone from The Fire Department.... Its just a rowdy group and then they leave and go eat!!

**D. Cole** – I want to welcome Nick as always! Congratulations to Lt. Murphy!

**J. Roberts**– Looks to be good news on tax incentive and questions about that. Mayor- we will be speaking about that in Jared's meeting.

**J. Crabill** – Congratulations Lt. Murphy! Welcome Nick!

**Chief Haren** – Congratulations Lt. Murphy!

**J. Lane** – Welcome Nick and Congratulations to Lt. Murphy!

**B. Shepherd** – Congratulations to Lt. Murphy!

Motion by Crabill - Adjourn – Second by Cole – All in Favor "Aye" Meeting Adjourned

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council