



# CITY OF HEATH

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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 2024

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Pro-Tem D. Cole called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order Feb. 20, 2024 at 7:30pm. The Invocation delivered by Porter. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Moretti, Kelley, D. Morrow, Cole, Crabill, Porter, Roberts. Motion by Crabill to excuse Moretti and Kelley. Second by Roberts. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion excuse Moretti and Kelley approved. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Feb. 20, 2024. Second by Morrow. All in favor "aye" vote. **Minutes Approved.** Mayor Johns, D. Morrison Law Director and J. Morrow Auditor in attendance

#### Petitions & Communications:

Ohio Liquor Control – D2 Club at Forest Hills LLC. 811 Forest Hills Rd. – Motion by Crabill no public hearing. Second by Porter. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion to waive public hearing approved. Motion by Crabill to receive and file. Second by Porter. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion to receive and file approved.

#### Visitors:

Officer Moone Heath Police Department. Thank You to everyone for all of their support for Theodore and his entire family

#### Committee Reports:

**Finance/Budget:** Crabill met this evening at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2024 Committee Meeting. Motion by Porter to approve the minutes. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. Minutes approved.

Auditor J. Morrow reviewed legislative requests.

**Legislative Requests:**

- 1). An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$94,000.00 within the Capital Improvement Fund to 440.210.5632 Police-Vehicles to be used to purchase and upfit one 2024 Ford Explorer to replace Car 15 and replace on mobile computer for the cruiser. Upfit on Seized 2019 Chevy Tahoe
  
- 2). An ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$200,000.00 within the Capital Improvement Fund to the Pool Fund for maintenance and improvements

**Other Items:**

Extensive discussion on professional service proposal for a city comprehensive plan

Approve MTD/YTD Fund Report as to form  
Ohio Ethics Commission

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**Public Services:** D. Morrow will meet on Feb. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Safety:** A. Porter met this evening at 5:31 p.m.

**Fire:**

Fire Chief McCord presented January 2024 Statistics:

**January Statistics**

<b><u>FIRE</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u># Changed</u></b>	<b><u>% Changed</u></b>
Jan. Fire Runs	64	43	-21	-33%
YTD Fire Runs	64	43		
<b><u>EMS</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u># Changed</u></b>	<b><u>% Changed</u></b>
Jan. EMS Runs	253	197	-56	-22%
YTD EMS Runs	253	197		
January Total Runs	317	240	-77	-24%

<u>Transports</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u># Changed</u>	<u>% Changed</u>
Jan. Monthly Totals	160	128	-32	-25%

<u>Mutual Aid Given</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>EMS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newark Fire	22	16	38
Licking Twp.	5	1	6
Granville Twp.	2	1	3
West Licking	4	1	5
Buckeye Lake	1	0	1
Hanover	1	0	1
Thorn Twp.	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>

  

<u>Mutual Aid Received</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newark Fire	11
West Licking	1
Licking Twp.	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>

**Monthly Expense Report:**

January 2024 wages \$142,140.12      January 2024 OT \$13,662.34  
January 2023 wages \$119,331.10      January 2023 OT \$22,116.09

**MedBill Report**

Total Billed Jan. 2024 \$113,066.00      Write-offs \$37,334.23      Net Charges \$75,731.77  
Total Billed Jan. 2023 \$141,884.50      Write-offs \$61,950.71      Net Charges \$79,933.79

**2023 Total Billed \$1,460,784.00      2023 Total Write-offs \$635,000.76      2023 Total Net Charges \$825,783.24**

**Personnel**

- **January Anniversaries**
  - FF Cory Leindecker – 01.16.2023 rehire - 1 year (2 years prior service with Heath)
  - FF Brendyn Ratcliff – 01.14.2019 – 5 years
  - Lieutenant Brian Spellman – 01.05.2000 – 24 years
  - Captain Earl Miller – 01.13.1997 – 27 years

**Other Items:**

There will be a group from the Fire Department going to Minnesota to look at the new ladder truck, a walk through and to inspect the ladder truck at the end of March.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

**Police:** Porter met this evening at 5:39 p.m.

Police Chief Haren presented January 2024 statistics:

January Statistics	2024	2023	2022
Calls for Service	981	1181	973
Offense Reports	93	111	115
Arrests	17	24	30
Accidents	20	24	27
Citations	32	41	35

❖ **Overtime Usage:**

- ♦ January 2024 \$5,171 (YTD \$5,171)
- ♦ January 2023 \$9,000 (YTD \$9,000)

❖ **Alarms – Total 32**

**Legislative Request**

Vehicle Replacement

Replacement of one patrol cruiser upfit seized unmarked

Porter moved to adjourn into executive session to consider compensation of a public employee. Roberts second the motion. Roll call vote. Roberts- yes, Morrow- yes, Porter – yes. All in favor. The discussion was limited to the specific statutory reasons for the executive session, as set forth in Porter’s motion. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee went back on record. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts will meet Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30p.m.

**Community Development & Zoning:** P. Moretti met Feb. 12, 2024 at 5:31 P.M.

Porter is filling in for Moretti this evening.

The Community Development Committee met Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:31 p.m. Chief of Building and Zoning Jared Lane gave us quick updates on projects and told us we should see a legislative request for the city hall roof repair soon.

Moretti made the following motion at 5:41 p.m.

To entertain a motion to go into executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance that is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections [701.07](#), [3735.67](#) to [3735.70](#), [5709.40](#) to [5709.43](#), [5709.61](#) to [5709.69](#), [5709.73](#) to [5709.75](#), or [5709.77](#) to [5709.81](#) of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project."

Porter seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken Cole – yes, Porter – yes, Moretti – yes. All in favor vote.

Moretti made a motion to come out of executive session. Porter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Cole- yes, Porter- yes, Moretti – yes. All in favor vote. At the conclusion, the executive session ended at 7:26 p.m. back on record. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:** D. Cole will meet Monday, March 4, 2024 immediately following Streets & Drainage.

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ordinances on First Read:**

**Ord.06-2024** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$1,592,198.06 within the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund – Held Second Read

**Ord.07-2024** An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Kirk Brothers, for the Heath wastewater plant clarifier and solids storage building project, according to bids received and declaring an emergency – Motion by D. Morrow to waive the second read Ord. 07-2024. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive second read Ord. 07-2024 approved. Motion by D. Morrow to adopt Ord.07-2024. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord. 07-2024 Adopted**

Ordinances on Second Read: None

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

**Mayor** – Appreciate Officer Moone coming in and giving us an update on Theodore and his condition. Glad he was able to come back to work with us after his extended leave. He did a great job for us. Glad he is back. Post season high school basketball awards came out. There was a neighbor of mine and she was recognized in the conference and in districts for her performance this year. A few of the Heath Boys Basketball Players were recognized for their performance this year. I also wanted to mention there was another kid from Heath who unfortunately is not doing her thing for The Bull Dogs but it is Callie Geller. She earned Ohio Capital Conference Buckeye Division. First Team as a freshman which is very impressive. Averaging over 18 points per game and over 4 rebounds a game for Newark High School. Sure, do wish she was doing it for the orange and brown but I am glad she is doing it. The fact is obviously playing D1 in the OCC is a much bigger stage to perform on as she is performing. I am sure her parents and grandparents are proud. Congratulations to Callie Geller!

**Auditor J. Morrow** – Ongoing prayers to the Moone family and congratulations to the Geller family.

**D. Morrow** – Express my appreciation and updating us on his son and prayers to them. Mr. Geller, grandpas are always humble.

**J. Roberts** – Really appreciate Officer Moone coming in. Sometimes priorities in life smack ya in the face. What a heart wrenching but inspiring story. Continue to pray for him and his family. Wish Mr. Kelley a quick recovery from his procedure today. Thank you, Mrs. Cole for running the meeting today. Callie has had an amazing season. Congratulations!

**J. Crabill** – Thoughts and prayers to the Moone family. Glad he came in and gave an update on his son. Congratulations to the Geller family and Callie. What an amazing career she has ahead of her.

**J. Geller** – Prayers to Officer Moone and his family. I can only imagine what they are going through. I will keep them in my prayers. Thanks for all the kind words for Callie. She does work hard and is very driven. She is one of those kids that will work as hard as she can. I hope it continues for her. Thank you!

**B. Shepherd** – Continued thoughts and prayers to the Moone family. Congratulations to Callie and her family.

**B. Geller** – John, I didn't want to tell you that I told you so... I watched her play one time and knew she was a good player. She could pass, dribble, shoot and a good team player. Doesn't surprise me.

**Chief Haren** – Appreciate him coming in and sharing. Each of us giving him the times was the biggest gift we could give him. Because everything in their entire world went from picture perfect and everything great to totally focused on what can we do for Theo. What quality of life can we give him daily. They have worked very hard. He appreciates all of the kindness and the time that allowed him to stay at home and figure out their next step and how life will go moving forward. He appreciates being back and definitely appreciates all of the support of the city of Heath gave him and his community of Utica and their school system gave him. Anyone who could reach out did and helped. He really appreciates!

**J. Lane** – Continued prayers for the Moone family. Congratulations to the Heath athletes and Callie Geller. The boys and girls indoor track season for Heath finished. Carter Higgins advanced to the state. He got 1<sup>st</sup> in the weight throw and 3<sup>rd</sup> in shot put. Congratulations!

**D. Cole** – I also want to commend Officer Moone for coming here. It is refreshing to hear his perspective on things and he seems to have such a positive attitude. I also wanted to recognize what the city of Heath employees did for the family that donated their time and helped financially. This shows what a family Heath employees are.

**Reading of Bids:** Auditor Jay Morrow

Heath Wastewater Plant Clarifier & Solids Storage Building awarded to Kirk Brothers

Motion by Crabill - Adjourn – Second by D. Morrow – All in Favor “Aye” Meeting Adjourned.

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council