



# CITY OF HEATH

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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL

June 20, 2023

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order June 5, 2023 at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Invocation delivered by A. Porter. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Roberts, Porter, Morrow, Kelley, Crabill, Cole, Moretti. Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 5, 2023. Second by Porter. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. **Minutes Approved.** Mayor Johns, J. Morrow Auditor. D. Morrison Law Director in attendance.

#### Visitors:

Nick Ross 104 Indianhead Dr., Heath – I would like to let council know the people I have the honor to work with at the city. Recently I had a project that I did not have the proper size of equipment. I called Nick Mason and borrowed a dump truck and a back hoe. I also needed help from the Parks Department and Tyler Paulson brought over a harley rake and operated it for me. It is a pleasure to have departments all work together. Ginna is invaluable and helps me constantly on I.T. and with the computer. I could not do a lot of things without her help.

Ginna Peterson 1343 Bluejack Ln., Heath – Congratulations to Tyler Paulson on The Park Foreman position. Well deserving... I commend Daulton Brown on the presentation that he did this evening. He worked very hard on this. He takes a lot of pride in his work. Great Job! The mayor – I also like to thank Ginna for all of her help in this process with Daulton.

#### Committee Reports:

**Finance/Budget:** J. Crabill met this evening at 7:05 p.m. The following were discussed:

Auditor Jay Morrow began the Finance & Budget Meeting at 7:05 p.m.  
Approval of minutes: May 15, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion by Porter to approve the minutes - Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote- All Favor "Aye" Vote – Minutes approved.

Legislative Request:

- 1). An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of \$88,715.00 within wastewater replacement fund to Machine/Equipment Repair 661-617-5362 to contract with Buckeye Pump Inc. for the upgrade to the Port Authority #2 lift station
- 2). A Resolution finding it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill-limitation – Levy 1
- 3). A Resolution finding it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation Levy II
- 4). An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Fund- Independent Service Contracts per the proposal from River Rangers International, Inc., to clean up the South Fork Licking River.
- 5). An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of \$85,000.00 within the Municipal Motor License Tax to Muni Permissive Tax- Other Fixed Assets to pay for 30<sup>th</sup>/Andover-McDonald and 30<sup>th</sup>/Park National Bank traffic signal upgrades

Other Items:

Review of Tax Administrator Bev Shepherd Tax Collection Numbers and State Attorney General Numbers. Thank You Bev.... The numbers are good for the month and year to date.

Approve MTD/YTD Fund Report

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Public Services: D. Morrow met May 22, 2023 at 5:31 p.m.

The Public Service Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on May 22, 2023. Utilities Director John Geller first discussed well #10. The pump is being designed for 1450 gpm. The transmission line is 75% complete. Radio submittals for SCADA system is being reviewed. They are currently working on getting an existing injection well either capped or filled within 700 Feet of our new drinking water well. The concern is contamination due to the age of the well (1950's). The Woodlands Phase II drawing set shows water main connections to the Linnville and Blue Jay pressure zones. Woodlands Phase II possibly have water supplied. Linnville pressure zone can be provided if a loop connection can be provided. Irving Wick East will be closed at 151 Irving Wick during working hours 7a.m. - 6 p.m. May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A water transmission line is being installed under Irving Wick

**Wastewater:**

One aeration blower is being sent away for repair. Also experiencing program difficulties with blowers and valving not sequencing properly. They are currently working with a programmer and engineer to solve the problem. John has presented a legislative request for money to fund a repair and upgrade in The Port Authority # 2 Lift Station. Following a discussion if Intel impacts and a funds review. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**Public Safety:** A. Porter will meet June 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts met this evening at 5:34 p.m.

Parks & Streets Superintendent Bob Geller met this evening June 5, 2023 to discuss the following:

Legislative Request for traffic signal upgrade at 30<sup>th</sup> and Andover which was discussed in Finance Committee this evening as well as the break down of numbers.

Reclamite – asphalt rejuvenator is being applied to the streets that have been paved. There is a sand mixture added to the sealant which makes it last longer.

Stormwater presentation was given this evening as well. Thank You – Daulton Brown for his research and his presentation and Denise Crew of Lancaster for sharing her knowledge and guidance for these types of systems. This is something going forward council will have continued discussions moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Community Development & Zoning:** P. Moretti will meet June 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:** D. Cole met this evening immediately following Streets & Drainage.

**Pool Opening** – The pool opened Saturday, June 3 with over 1,700 attendees for the weekend. Things went well all weekend. There were a few issues with attendees but everything was handled. We will continue to evaluate if we can open more days. On June 6<sup>th</sup> - \$13,789.25 total revenue. \$9,100 – walk-ins and concession. On June 4<sup>th</sup> \$14,392.75 total revenue with \$8,000 walk-ins and concession.

**Other Items:**

Tyler Paulson has been promoted to foreman and also working to hire more Park employees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** J. Crabill met May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission has met twice since we last got together. A Special Meeting on May 18, 2023 was called with 5 items on the agenda

- 1). Bike Path on James Parkway. This has taken awhile but it has been approved.
- 2). Ace Hardware – Variance request for material changes on the exterior building on the south-side of their parking lot. The fact that we didn't have any demos or examples of what the variance was we Tabled it at that meeting.
- 3). Ultimate Shine 733 Hebron Road – We received revised plans for the covered vacuuming and etc. Approved
- 4). Heath Airport Storage 605 Heath Road – Final plans approval for landscaping and lighting
- 5). 711 Forest Hills Road was Tabled from a previous meeting. A motion to take it off the Table Approved. Rezoning from an R-S Residential Suburban to B-3 General Business. Looked at various documentation that came out of BZBA Meeting for a conditional use for specifics on this. After much discussion about this... the recommendation for a B-3 Zoning or leave it as a conditional use permit. The decision was made to waive the Public Hearing and to recommend denial of B-3 Zoning given its present situation.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting May 25, 2023**

Items on the agenda:

Ace Hardware, we took off the Table. We received samples of the siding and what is not typically permitted on our architectural requirements. Once we looked at the samples, we were fine with that and it was approved.

Extensive meeting on the Red Chip Farm. Most have read the article in The Advocate and the story on the Red Chip Farm recently. We had a detailed sketch plan on a huge development on Old Van Voorhis Property.

Jared Lane – I want to thank ... Daulton Brown for covering for me on the May 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting in my absence.

Mayor – I would like to add to the description of Forest Hills where Mark Builders use to be. It is now being operated as a hair salon. The individual received the permit by the BZBA. I did have conversation with the applicant for the re-zoning. They made a decision to not pursue the re-zoning anymore. I want Council to know that's why you should not anticipate an ordinance being drafted for re-zoning of that property. Permit fees will be refunded.

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

**Ord.51-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$120,000 within the Capital Improvement Fund to Street – Cap Outlay – Buildings to be used to replace a building. -  
**Held Second Reading**

**Ord.52-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$88,715 within the Wastewater Replacement Fund to the Machine/Equipment Repair Fund for the Port Authority #2 lift station – Motion by D. Morrow to waive the second read Ord.52-2023. Second by Crabill. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. Motion to waive the second read Ord.52-2023 approved. Motion by D. Morrow to adopt Ord.52-2023. Second by Crabill. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. **Ord.52-2023 Adopted**

**Ord.53-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$25,000 within the General Fund to the Street Fund- Independent Service Contracts to clean up the South Fork Licking River – Motion by Roberts to waive the second Read Ord.53-2023. Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. Motion to waive the second read Ord. 53-2023 approved. Motion by Roberts to Adopt Ord.53-2023. Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. **Ord.53-2023 Adopted**

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

**Ord.47-2023** An ordinance amending section 1187.10(h) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Heath, Ohio, to make it clearer that digital billboards are permitted only in M-2 zoning districts. Motion by Moretti to Adopt Ord.47-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. **Ord. 47-2023 Adopted**

### **Resolutions First Read:**

**Res.2023-12** A resolution finding it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation –  
**Held Second Read**

**Res.2023-13** A resolution finding it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation –  
**Held Second Read**

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

**Mayor** – Visitors Welcome! Nick, Thank You for sharing your comments on how our city employees work together. My eyes always see employees trying to do their best job for our community. I wanted to share last week Denise Rush who is our Utilities Clerk received an e-mail from a resident praising Shawn and Cody in Water Distribution for their approach to a situation involving a particular home owner. Thanking them for their approach on how they interacted with residents in our community. Often times when our employees interact with the community our employees have to tell them not what they want to hear. They do this with tact and information so that the residents understand why they are not getting a response that they

wish to get from them. No is not a bad answer, if it's the right answer. Jay, I understand your frustration when there are a few minutes left of time in Finance Committee Meeting and there is a ton going on to be reviewed. We will probably be even more busy in the coming months and years. Jeff your committee should not be short shifted on time. It doesn't do your committee justice or Auditor Morrow to try to convey to the committee and council the important information you had to discuss. It was related specifically for our nonunion employees pay ordinance. I would ask the council members to digest the information that you have received from our office. The nonunion staff members information received from myself and for Chief Haren and Chief McCord. If any other information or communications that comes to me that you have not received. I will pass it on via e-mail as quickly as I can. I want to strongly encourage the Finance Committee to set a special committee meeting for June 12<sup>th</sup> date after Jarod Committee Meeting because I don't want us to take an undue amount of time in dealing with our nonunion staff as well. I think if our nonunion staff want to convey information about their thoughts on compensation. I think that's a healthy thing. Certainly, Jeff if there is a valid reason to go into executive session to discuss compensation of public employees and officials you have the ability as a committee if you want too. I would also ask that the committee and council not let the grass grow under their feet on this topic. Ideally, I would like to see an ordinance on for first read on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations - Tucker See from The Heath Track Team for qualifying for States and Allie Dunlap. She is on The Heath Girls Track Team. She is a pole vaulter. She received 7<sup>th</sup> Place and got on the podium at States and broke the Heath High School record. Congratulations to both of them for their performance this season and performances at The State Track Meet. Also, The Heath Baseball Team has qualified for the State Semi- Finals this Friday evening at Akron. If they win, they will play Saturday for the State Championship. I am generally not superstitious but as it relates to sports, I am most definitely superstitious. I haven't been to a game yet and they are doing just fine! Not sure I want to break that mojo. I have a neighbor on that team. If they win Friday... Maybe I will just go sit in the parking lot and listen to the crowd from there and watch. Congratulations to the Heath Baseball Team for reaching the point that they have and let's hope that they are able to finish the deal and win two more times. I have asked Ginna to reach out to The Athletic Director to hopefully have at our meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> Heath Baseball Team and representatives from The Heath Track Team that competed at The State Meet. We would like to recognize them here as a body on their achievements this season.

**Auditor J. Morrow** – Mayor, I will tell you like I tell Heather. I understand the superstitions but they are going to win or lose rather you are in the crowd or not. Welcome Guests! Good to see some visitors here. Aimee nice to have you here. I know it has been wild and crazy for you jumping from the H.R. side to Ass't Auditor. I like to call it the brighter side Ass't Auditor. Publicly, I want to Thank You! Department Heads come in my office and I hear how smoothly the transition has gone. Plus, they by pass me and go straight to Aimee. They know she has all the answers. Since Jamie was here and now the transfer to you both times it's been perfect. Thank You and glad your aboard. I told you we have about 12-15 years and then we can hold hands and skip out together. Congratulations to The Heath Track Athletes, Tucker See and Allie Dunlap. Its incredible to get to go to The State Meet and actually do something there is even better! Friday night is going to be a big night! We will see what happens in Akron. GO DOGS!!

**T. Kelley** – Usually I go last but this evening I am going first. I wanted to make sure to get some information out there to everyone before each council person speaks to let me know, if you cannot make Monday Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>. I would like to have a special meeting after Community & Development. Plan on a longer time and to go into executive session to discuss nonunion positions and salaries. Between now and then... Read up on everything you have received. Be ready to go, if you have any questions. Jay on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> hopefully Police and Fire won't last as long that way, if we need more time to discuss anything in Finance Committee, we will have time.

**A. Porter** – Welcome Visitors! Congratulations to The Heath Track Athletes and to The Heath Baseball Team. It's not over ..... GO DOGS!!

**D. Morrow** – I second what the mayor said. We need to allow more time for Finance. It's very important. We need to put a time limit on each committee. On the brighter side... It's great to be a BULLDOG! It's going to be a busy next meeting with all the visitors. I have said it before and I will say it again... Proud to be a Heath-In!!

**P. Moretti** – Unless my wife is actively in labor. I will be here. Maybe even still.

**D. Cole** – Welcome to our guests! I would like to congratulate Tyler Paulsen on his promotion. Great move for The Parks Department.

**J. Roberts** – It's always great to be a Bull Dog! Great to see the baseball team back where they belong. State Tournament. Great to see the track athletes doing well. Seeing pictures of Allie pole vaulting she has got some great technique and must be strong. Very impressive. Regardless of whether Mr. Moretti wife is in labor or not. I will be there.

**J. Crabill** – Welcome Visitors! As a former baseball Bulldog myself. I want to wish them Good Luck!

**Chief McCord** – Congratulations to all The Heath Athletes! I am a huge baseball guy and rooting for The Dogs to keep going to States! Congratulations to the Track Team as well. Congratulations to Tyler on his promotion.

**Chief Haren** – Congratulations to The Baseball Team and The Track Athletes! I appreciate Nick coming and talking about the cooperation with departments. Especially police and fire working together as well on scenes. I do appreciate that.

**J. Lane** – Congratulations to all of The Heath Athletes. Always good to hear great news! I know we get bombarded with negative information a lot. Seeing the innerworkings working well together is a huge asset. The mayor said last meeting and I also want to say Ginna, Aimee and the nonunion workers are invaluable asset. I have been bombarding Aimee with P.O.'s. She has been correcting me on the proper procedures. Ginna, I don't think it matters what department needs help she is there for the entire city at her disposal. Thank You both for your service.

**J. Geller** – I would like to reiterate what Nick said earlier. All the employees work well together. I know, I am very grateful to have the employees in both Water and Wastewater. Amanda, Aimee, Cheryl and Denise do a fantastic job and always busy and working on something. I also want to say that things starting to move forward are going to see growth like we have never seen before. We are going to have to keep this cooperation to work together to get things completed. If everything on the drawing boards would happen, we are going to be a very busy city in the next 2-3 years. I also want to say something about the mayor. I see the wear and tear on him. Meeting after meeting. He works very hard. You have been doing a fantastic job!

**Auditor J. Morrow** – One more thing. Safety Forces... Watching those guys get escorted back after winning the districts and regionals was awesome. Hopefully we will get to do it one more time. It was so great! I was on the phone with Misty the dispatcher letting her know we were 30 minutes out. Sitting there and watching those kids get escorted was great. Kenney Mills was the first medic and he was playing "Who Let the Dogs Out" blaring. It was just something special. Let's hope one more time Saturday night at midnight come rolling back in. To see the kids, interact with the Police and Fire was great. I appreciate you all coming together and get that done!! The kids and all the parents were all loving it at the school. Thank You!

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

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council