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HEATH CITY COUNCIL

August 21, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Visitors:

Karen Kelley 207 Avalon, Heath Ohio. River Oaks residents were wondering when the road will be fixed from the water line put in. Street Superintendent Bob Geller said it will be done Friday.

Elections and Appointments:

Mayor Johns swearing in of Officer Ryan Peterson to the position of Sergeant.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Budget: J. Crabill met this evening at 5:30 p.m. The following were discussed:

Auditor Jay Morrow began the Finance & Budget Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes: July 17, 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 accept the petition for Expedited Type II annexation of certain property into the City of Heath from Union Township, pursuant to the petition filed by Connie Klema, agent for petitioners
- 2). Appropriation within Capital Improvement Fund of \$63,000 to Park purchase a 4x4 SD Crew Cab with plow accessories

- 3). Amending section 40.44 of the Rules of the Heath Civil Service Commission
- 4). Appropriation within the Conn Memorial Trust Fund to Park- Independent Service to repair Conn Shelter House roof
- 5). Appropriation of \$25,000 from Capital Improvements Fund to Park- Building Repairs and maintenance to repair the Davis-Shai House
- 6). Appropriation of \$15,000 within the Capital Improvements Fund to Park – Repair and Maintenance Supplies to replace a playground slide at Hoback Park
- 7). Appropriation of \$22,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund to Pool – Paving to seal and stripe the pool parking lot
- 8). Appropriation of \$25,500 from the Capital Improvements Fund to Park – Paving to seal and stripe and pave areas in the parks
- 9). Appropriation of \$15,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund to Park – Independent Service Contracts to repair a bridge
- 10). Appropriation of \$46,402.73 from the Capital Improvements Fund to Street – Independent Service Contracts for street rejuvenation

Other Items:

Auditor Jay Morrow reviewed MTD/YTD Fund Report -
Approve MTD/YTD Fund Report as to form
Income Tax Collection Chart
Attorney General Report

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Public Services: D. Morrow met July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Public Service Meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. Utilities Director John Geller presented a report on current and future needs for the city of Heath. First a test on the growth the last 10 years and current growth. Conclusion – Progress, but can we do better. He presented the needs for more water and wastewater infrastructure. The flow from the west and residential areas. Bullet points were presented on how to fund the projects. Pictures and reports on the new well tests. A concern was presented concerning the Hoback wells. Another test to follow. Finally, the long awaited generator is scheduled to arrive July 28th, we hope. With no delinquents to report, the informative meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Public Safety: A. Porter will meet Aug. 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Streets & Drainage: J. Roberts met this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Parks & Streets Superintendent Bob Geller met this evening at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the following updates.

- To find a new location for the brine pool which is currently at the Wastewater Plant. Several options are being evaluated.
- Several streets will be restriped and look to be completed by September 25th. Discussions of road closures and challenges due to multiple construction going on at the same time.
- New Hires Chad Cramer and Jason Smith
- One Legislative Request for \$46,402.73 for street rejuvenation

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Community Development & Zoning: P. Moretti will meet Aug. 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Parks Superintendent Bob Geller discussed the following:

- 1). **Legislative Request** for a pick-up truck for Parks Department. They have \$63,000.00 in Capital Improvements already for the Streets Department but decided to use that for the Parks Department because there is a greater need at this point. They will work on getting one for the Street Department next year. They have checked with Ricart and they have 2 in stock and will sell it for state bid. The did check with Coughlin and Hinderer and they have none in stock. They will be making a decision on that.
- 2). **Pool Report:** We will wait on the pool report after we close for the season. Bob will give us an update in September. We have an employee now that has a degree in sports administration who will be helpful as we plan what areas to expand.
- 3). **Roof at The Conn Shelter:** The roof at The Conn Shelter house needs repaired. We have used a lot of The Conn Fund to pay for the playground equipment at Geller Park. We have about \$10,000.00 available to use for this. Legislative request for \$8,100.00 will offset this repair.
- 4). **Shai House repair:** There is a window that needs repaired. They have one estimate for \$21,045.75 and one for \$21,000.00. They have a Legislative Request for \$25,000.00 to make sure everything is covered and will make a decision on that.
- 5). **Repair slide at Hoback:** The slide at Hoback has been broken for awhile now and the cost \$14,476.84 even with the Parks Department doing some of the work. A Legislative Request \$15,000.00 for this repair. They also replaced the slide out of Capital Improvements budget.

- 6). **Sealing and Paving:** We need to seal the parking lot at the pool which is in Capital Improvements for this year. The bid is for \$21,500.00. Legislative Request is for \$22,000.00. Also need to seal and stripe Korry Park and Hobac needs to have tree roots cut out that are causing the problem and tear out pavement to have this repair done. On the walking path at Geller Park there is a problem with erosion on the back and they tried to chip and seal so they need to have this section paved. A Legislative Request for \$25,500.00 for these items.
- 7). **Park employees:** There are two new employees in the Park Department. Gavin Toney is a new employee he is working in maintenance and will also be training at the pool for Gordon position as Gordon anticipates retiring in the next few years. Mitch McDonough has also been hired. He is a Mount Vernon Nazarene graduate and has some ideas and connections for taking over growth in the duties that have been done by Charlie Kyle. This will help Charlie to go back to his fulltime position at The City Hall. We are still in communication with a potential donor for the Parks Department for future expansion.

Other Items:

They will be putting in disc golf at Geller Park and will not be asking for funds for this. Legislative Request for \$15,000.00 to repair bridges at Forry on the bike path
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Planning Commission: J. Crabill met July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

- Prudential Cleaning Services – Property at 650 International Drive
Final Plan approval. Adding more parking areas, loading dock area.
- Heath/Newark Port Authority – Storage Building #52 at 851 Irving Wick West
Sketch Plan approval –We did in 3 Separate Request
 - 1). Case # 14 – Storm Water Variance approved. Chief of Building and Zoning explained the variance was due to The Port Authority demolishing 3 buildings and reducing their total pervious
 - 2). Case # 15 – Lighting variance – approved
 - 3). Case # 16 – Landscaping variance – approved

Sketch plan as submitted variances provided – approved

- Looking at property at 1652 Hebron Road for possibility of a potential lot spit

Ordinances on First Read:

Ord.59-2023 An ordinance to accept the petition for Expedited Type annexation of certain property into the City of Heath from Union Township, pursuant to the petition filed by Connie Klema, agent for petitioners – **Held Second Read**

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor – Welcome Visitors! I wanted to make sure everyone here knows Paul Peterson is here this evening. He heads up our Civil Service Commission. The other two people that I have appointed to this committee are Beth Kelly and Jennifer Pettit. Again, I would like to recognize Sergeant Peterson and all he has done for The Police Department. We had great candidates and know we have a good pool in our Police Department for the future. Before we meet again The Heath Football Team will have played their first season game on Aug. 18th. I know The Golf Team has already competed in their season schedule. Our high school sports teams will start getting into action again. I wanted to wish all the high school athletes and the band members a successful fall sport season! This year current 8th grade Youth In Government Ass't Auditor is here today, Lilly Mills.

Auditor J. Morrow – Welcome Guests! Along with Lilly there is actually 4 Assistant Auditors here this evening. Becky, Jamie and Aimee. Everyone came back to see Ryan. Congratulations to Sergeant Ryan Peterson. He will be good for us.

J. Crabill – Welcome to all visitors here tonight! Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson. Thanks to Paul for your years of service and commitment to our city. We appreciate that.

J. Roberts – Welcome Paul Peterson. Nice to meet you. Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson. I know we all received information on an email on Project Frame Work. Your participation would be a good thing. There is a couple of different dates at The Newark Library. I would encourage if you can get to one of these meetings. Worth your time and theirs as they put together a plan for Licking County.

D. Cole – Welcome our guests! Congratulations to Ryan Peterson. I think this is a well-deserved promotion and I am sure he is going to do a wonderful job. Congratulations!

A. Porter – Welcome to our visitors! Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson. I know he will do a fantastic job! Fall Sports kick off last Monday. Good Luck to all the Heath Athletes and individuals that will be competing this fall.

D. Morrow – Welcome all of our guests! Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson. If you were sitting up here and watching the ceremony his daughter so excited. I am sure it means a lot to him and all of his support of his family. Makes it extra special. Saturday, I had a concerned citizen approach me about all the speeding in the city. I wanted to make sure I mention and brought this up.

P. Moretti – Welcome visitors! Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson.

T. Dupps – Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson!

Chief McCord – Congratulations to Ryan! He has worked long and hard in The Police Department! Congratulations.

Chief Haren – Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson! You definitely earned the position.

J. Lane – Congratulations to Sergeant Ryan Peterson. Not only is he a fine asset to The City of Heath but a great neighbor also. Congratulations to The Heath girl's varsity soccer team tonight. First game and a win.

B. Geller – Congratulations Ryan! Every time I have called him he has always helped me tremendously.

B. Shepherd – Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson!

J. Geller – Congratulations to Sergeant Peterson!

T. Kelley – I will say ditto to what everyone has said, so everyone can go get some cake.

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



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