

# CITY OF HEATH

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# **HEATH CITY COUNCIL**

January 16, 2024

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order Jan. 2, 2024 at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Invocation delivered by D. Morrow. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Cole, Porter, Kelley, Roberts, Morrow, Moretti, Crabill. D. Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Jan. 2, 2024. Second by Moretti. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. Minutes Approved. Mayor Johns, Auditor J. Morrow, and Law Director D. Morrison in attendance.

# Orders of The Day:

Roberts motion to Appoint Tim Kelley – President of Council. Second by Cole. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion Approved.

Crabill motion to Appoint Deb Cole - President Pro-Tem. Second by Roberts. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion Approved.

Porter motion to Appoint Tracy Dupps – Clerk of Council. Second by D. Morrow. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion Approved.

# Visitors:

Nick Ross 104 Indianhead Dr., Heath – Happy New Year to everyone!

# Committee Reports:

Finance/Budget: J. Crabill met on Dec. 29, 2023 and this evening at 6:25 p.m.

Special Finance Meeting on Dec. 29, 2023 – Auditor Jay Morrow reviewed Clean up Ordinances. Ord.109-2023 and Ord. 110-2023 were approved.

Auditor Jay Morrow presented the Finance Agenda this evening at 6:25 p.m. the following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: December18, 2023 and December 29, 2023 Special 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 approving the Appropriation of \$4,000.00 from the General Fund to Fire-Minor Equipment
- 2). A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a water pollution control loan fund agreement on behalf of the City of Heath for planning, design and/or construction of final clarifier and solids storage building for wastewater facilities; and designating a repayment source for the loan.

# Other Items:

Approve YTD/MTD Fund Report as to form. Motion by Cole to approve YTD/MTD Report. November 2023. Second by Porter. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. YTD/MTD Report approved.

Final clarification and break down of numbers. 88.25% General Fund, 5.25% Debt Services, 6.50% Capital Improvement

Auditor Morrow – Thank you Bev for the numbers and look forward to next year! Crabill – Bev, you had some great year end numbers. Thank You for getting to us promptly.

Finance Committee adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Public Services: D. Morrow will meet Jan. 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Safety: A. Porter will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts met this evening at 5:31 p.m.

Bob Geller presented his Capital Improvement Plan for 2024 which includes:

Street Paving - \$1,000,000.00 2 Mowers - \$24,000.00 after a trade-in Pick Up Truck - \$60,000 Dump Truck - \$235,000 This is the current wish list for the Capital Improvements for the Street Department

The Digital Signs for Cynthia Street have been ordered. No idea when they will be in.

The building at the Streets Department office will be going up this week and will be pretty quick.

In February the next conversation about potentially investigating Storm Water Utility.

Adjourned 5:47 p.m.

Community Development & Zoning: P. Moretti will meet Jan. 8, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

<u>Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:</u> D. Cole met this evening at 5:47 p.m. The following were discussed.

- 1). Taking Pool applications They are asking for referrals and will talk to Mitch about putting a QR Code for applications out and trying to simplify the process to increase the number of applicants. We will also be advertising the pool will be open 7 days a week this year.
- 2). 2024 Capital Improvements Request. These are in order of priority.

#### Pool

Repair projects – Estimated \$150,000 – valves and motors in filter building, cleaning Activity Pool and the floor of the Lazy River. Possibly restoring slides as needed. If the Pool picks up we could look into restoring the Bathhouse which was built in 1971 at a cost of \$1,500,000.

# Parks:

Pole Building - \$175,000.00 out of room for storage - size 48x64

Additional Mower - \$17,000.00 and a Wide area mower \$99,000.00 which can be used to mow ditches in areas from East 7 West.

Seal Bike Paths - From River Oaks to the tunnel

Replace 2018 Gator - \$25,000.00 due to mechanical problems with the one they currently have now.

Utility Truck - \$78,000.00 serve as a vehicle to keep tools and equipment in for pool maintenance.

Pickleball Courts – 8 courts and lights at Geller Park cost of \$270,000.00

# Other Items:

Further pickleball discussions about the potential for someone to operate Pickleball Courts at the mall for a business. The mayor also reported that he and the auditor met with the new mall manager. The mall was purchased by a company from Michigan. The mayor has asked for contact information of the company to find out what the plans are for the mall and to let them know the City's plan for that area.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Planning Commission: J. Crabill met Dec. 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

# **New Business:**

Firestone Complete Auto Care - 741 Hebron Road – Sketch Plan Approved with 2 variances to the building concept. Section – 1173.09 of the Codified Ordinances

Ordinances on First Read: None

# **Ordinances on Second Read:**

<u>Ord.106-2023</u> An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$205,000 within the Capital Improvements Fund to Capital Improvement-Street-Land Purchase – Motion by Roberts to adopt Ord.106-2023. Second by Moretti. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. <u>Ord.106-2023 Adopted</u>

#### Resolutions on First Read:

Res.2024-01 A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a water pollution control loan fund agreement on behalf of the City of Heath for planning, design and/or construction of final clarifier and solids storage building for wastewater facilities; and designating a repayment source for the loan. Motion by Morrow to waive the second read Res. 2024-01. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion to waive second read approved. Motion by Morrow to adopt Res. 2024-01. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. Res.2024-01 Adopted

# Reports of City Officials:

<u>Mayor</u> – Welcome Nick. Wish everyone a Happy New Year and hopefully we can continue a positive momentum that we have seen year after year now and in the past. As it relates to our city revenue as well as our development opportunities, growth and continued diversification of our employment base, future growth of our population base as well. This is what the city staff will be working towards this year to help us all achieve. Finally, I will beat John to the punch and encourage you to go to The Newark Advocate and vote for Athlete of the week. Calli Geller, John's granddaughter. Unfortunately, she is not a Heath Bulldog but she tore it up at the

Newark catholic game with like 26 points and 5 or 6 ... 3 pointers. Callie Geller is her name. She had the best performance, so get out there and vote!

<u>Auditor J. Morrow</u> – Welcome Nick. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! John, congratulations on her nice night!

Law Director D. Morrison - Happy New Year everybody!

<u>A. Porter</u> – Bob, I enjoyed your committee meeting this evening. Especially your Capital Improvement wish list. Appreciate that. Happy New Year!

<u>D. Morrow</u> – Happy New Year everybody. I wanted to make sure .... Thank the Fire Department for taking Santa to The Davis Shai House. John, congratulations

P. Moretti – Happy New Year!

<u>J. Crabill</u> – Happy New Year! Congratulations, John. Some good basketball genes in that family over generations.

<u>J. Roberts</u> – John, I feel like Calli already has got the career high in the family. Happy New Year! I look forward to working with everybody in this room this year. Its going to be exciting!

<u>D. Cole</u> – I also want to welcome Nick. Wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had sauerkraut for the New Year because my mom always told me you couldn't prosper in the New Year if you didn't have at least a bite! I hope no one messed this up for us and at least had a bite! I also want to thank everyone for appointing me again for President Pro-Tem.

Chief McCord - Happy New Year!

<u>Chief Haren</u> – Happy New Year to everyone!

J. Lane – Happy New Year!

<u>B. Geller</u> – Happy New Year! I think Calli got most of her athletic ability from her third cousin. Once removed me.

B. Shepherd - Happy New Year!

<u>J. Geller</u> – I do appreciate the people mentioning Calli and thank you mayor. She works really hard. If she is not at practice, she is in a gym somewhere shooting. I hope everything goes good for her.

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

Clerk of Council

Timothy R. Kelley
President of Council