



CITY OF HEATH

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HEATH CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2024

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order April 15, 2024 at 7:30pm. The Invocation delivered by Porter. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Roberts, Crabill, Kelley, Porter, D. Morrow, Cole, Moretti. D. Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 15, 2024. Second by Crabill. All in favor "aye" vote. **Minutes Approved**. Mayor Johns, Law Director Morrison and J. Morrow Auditor in attendance.

Special Orders & Committees:

Officer Matthew Bubis swearing in – Sergeant Matthew Bubis

Petitions & Communications:

Ohio Liquor Control – D5 Park Lanes Bowling Center 701 Hopewell Dr. – Motion by Crabill No Public Hearing Requested. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor "aye" vote. No Public Hearing

Letter Inmate – Lancaster, Ohio –

Motion by Crabill to receive and file communications. Second by Cole. All in favor "aye" vote. Motion to receive and file communications approved.

Visitors:

Steve Dupps and family 140 Trail E. Etna, Ohio – The entire Dupps family sincere "Thank You" to the entire city, Mayor Johns, numerous departments and staff for all your support through the passing of our father Dan Dupps.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Budget: Crabill met this evening at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: April 1, 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 \$85,240.00 within the General Fund to Zoning Architects and Engineers for plan review fees. Ord 25-2024
- 2) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to advertise for bids to build the Brine Tank on Licking View Drive, according to specifications on file at Heath City Office, and to accept the lowest and best bid. Ord 26-2024
- 3) An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$509,761.93 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, \$438,861.93 to Street-Structures Not Buildings and \$70,900.00 to Street-Architects & Engineers to build the Brine Tank on Licking View Drive. Ord 27-2024
- 4) An Ordinance authorizing and approving the Mayor to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement between the Licking County TID, Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, City of Newark and City of Heath. Ord 28-2024
- 5) An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$80,871.48 from the Municipal License Tax Fund, \$73,805.52 from the County \$5 Permissive License Tax to Street-Storm Sewers, to repair State Route 79. This will be combined with the OPWC Grant of \$695,323.00 for a total cost of 850,000.00. Ord 29-2024
- 6) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Law General Contracting, Inc. for the repair on State Route 79. Ord 30-2024
- 7) An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$1,550.00 within the General Fund to Fire-Training.
- 8) An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$10,000.00 within the General Fund to Fire-Other Operating Expenses.
- 9). An ordinance approving an agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus An authorizing the sale of a 2003 Pierce Skyarm that is not needed for Municipal purposes at the highest obtainable price without competitive bidding
- 10). An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$65,000 within The Capital Improvements Fund to purchase and upfit a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 11). An ordinance approving a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Licking County Transportation Improvement District and the City of Newark Ohio, and authorizing and directing the mayor to execute it on behalf of the City of Heath

Other Items: Approve MTD/YTD Fund Report as to form
Ohio Ethics Commission due May 15, 2024
Discuss process of rules of future Special Meeting Notices

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Auditor Morrow like to thank Bev and all of your staff. Looked very busy the last few weeks with people coming in and filling the drop off box daily. Thank you to the tax department.

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

Public Safety: A. Porter met this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Fire:

Chief McCord presented March 2024 Statistics:

March Statistics

FIRE	2023	2024	# Changed	% Changed
Mar. Fire Runs	71	55		
YTD Fire Runs	187	153		
EMS	2023	2024	# Changed	% Changed
Mar. EMS Runs	239	203		
YTD EMS Runs	691	482		
March Total Runs	310	258		
YTD Totals	878	735		

Transports	2023	2024	# Changed	% Changed
Mar. Monthly Totals	133	137		
YTD Totals	410	388		

Mutual Aid Given	FIRE	EMS	Total
Newark Fire	11	15	26
Licking Twp.	1	1	2
Granville Twp.	1	2	3
West Licking	2		2
Thorn Twp.	1		1
Totals	16	18	34
Mutual Aid Received	Total		
Newark Fire			
Granville Twp.			
West Licking			
Newark Twp.			
Licking Twp.			
Totals			

Monthly Expense Report:

March 2024 wages \$200,999.41 YTD \$79,856.75	March 2024 OT \$39,793.57	Total OT 2024
March 2023 wages \$120,800.08 YTD \$53,410.95	March 2023 OT \$15,669.11	Total OT 2023

MedBill Report

Total Billed Mar. 2024 \$137,729.85 \$77,724.46	Write-offs \$55,005.39	Net Charges
Total Billed Mar. 2023 \$118,060.00 \$62,621.58	Write-offs \$55,438.42	Net Charges

Equipment

- Tower 51 at Flora's Diesel for turbo issue

Personnel

- **March Anniversaries**
 - FF Steve Gregory – 03.05.2007 – 17 years
- Officer Ramage Retiring May 3, 2024

Legislative Request

Contract to advertise for the sale of Tower 51
Transfer grant money received from general fund to fire funds
Purchase of new Chiefs vehicle.
Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Police: 5:49 p.m.

Police Chief Haren presented March 2024 Statistics

March Statistics	2024	2023	2022
Calls for Service	1089	1264	1004
Offense Reports	98	94	109
Arrests	35	33	25
Accidents	20	41	29
Citations	49	49	47

❖ Overtime Usage:

◆	March 2024	\$ 11,769.32	(YTD \$24,510.39)
	March 2023	\$ 2,699.06	(YTD \$14,952.32)

Updates:

Two Offers out to two Lateral candidates.

Sergeant Bubis is being sworn-in tonight

Legislative requests

\$11,500 to replace the generator at the Blue Jay Road tower site

Amend the ordinance related to Military Leave and reimbursement and an MOA to the contract related to military leave.

A member from the community came and talked about speed limit signs again on Cynthia Street.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Streets & Drainage: J. Roberts will meet Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Community Development & Zoning: P. Moretti met April 8, 2024 at 5:32 p.m.

Daulton was in for Jared and gave us updates on the project approvals and projects being constructed. We had 4 Legislative Requests.

- 1). A legislative request approving and authorizing the mayor to sign an intragovernmental Agreement between Licking County TID, Licking County Board of Commissioners, the City of Newark and the City of Heath to provide backstop funding on the Thornwood Dr. Project
- 2). A legislative request authorizing the mayor to advertise for bids to build a brine tank on Licking View Dr.
- 3). A legislative request appropriating \$509,000 of ARPA money to fund the brine tank
- 4). A legislative Request for appropriating \$85,240 within the general fund to zoning architects And engineers for plan review fees

We then heard from Jim Lenner from Neighborhood Strategies on their proposal to provide a comprehensive strategy for the city and he answered questions about their proposal.

Jared Lane – Appreciate Daulton for stepping in when I was out on PTL. He is a great asset to the department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House: D. Cole will meet Monday, May 6, 2024 immediately following Streets & Drainage.

Planning Commission: J. Crabill met April 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinances on First Read:

Ord.24-2024 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$11,500 within the Capital Improvement Fund to the Comm- Other Equipment Fund – **Held Second Read**

Ord.25-2024 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$85,240 within the General Fund to Zoning Architects and Engineers – **Held Second Read**

Ord.26-2024 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to advertise for bids to construct a brine tank on Licking View Drive to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder – **Held Second Read**

Ord.27-2024 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$438,861.93 within the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to Street – Structures Not Buildings and \$70,900 within the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to Street – Architects & Engineers – **Held Second Read**

Ord.28-2024 An ordinance approving a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Licking County Transpiration Improvement District, the Board of County Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, and the City of Newark, Ohio, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the City of Heath – **Held Second Read**

Ord.29-2024 An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$80,871.48 from the Municipal License Tax Fund and \$73,805.52 from the County \$5 Permissive License Tax Fund to Street – Storm Sewers – Motion by Roberts to waive second read Ord. 29-2024. Second by Moretti. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive second read Ord.29-2024 approved. Motion by Roberts to adopt Ord. 29-2024. Second by Moretti. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. **Ord.29-2024 Adopted**

Ord.30-2024 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Law General Contracting, Inc. to repair State Route 79 and declaring an emergency – Motion by Roberts to amend included waive of competitive bidding in the body of legislation Ord.30-2024. Second by Moretti. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to amend Ord.30-2024 approved. Motion by Roberts to waive second read Ord.30-2024 as amended. Second by Moretti. Roll call vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Motion to waive second read as amended approved. Motion by Roberts to adopt Ord.30-2024 as amended. Second by Moretti. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “aye” vote. Ord.30-2024 adopt as amended.

Ordinances on Second Read:

Ord.21-2024 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Development Agreement by and between the City and Ciminello land Co. LLC. In connection with a mixed-use Development Planned for approximately 320 acres located in the city; and authorizing related actions – No Second Read – **Ord. 21-2024 suspended** to a later date.

Ord.22-2024 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Franklin Avenue waterline replacement project and to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder – Motion by D. Morrow to adopt Ord.22-2024. Second by Crabill. Roll call vote. All in favor aye” vote. **Ord.22-2024 Adopted**

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor – Welcome to our visitors this evening. Like to congratulate Sergeant Bubis on his promotion. He is doing an outstanding job in our department. Glad to see us be able to promote from within. Talent as always great to have in our departments and great to have people to do that with. Congratulations to Matt. Appreciate the Dupps family being here expressing thanks. I think, I mentioned to some of you. It was the city’s honor to recognize Dan Dupps for his service in this community. Everything that was done for him was more than deserved. Know this, a lot of what we tackle everyday with Department Heads, Bob, John, Jared when we are in meetings involving development opportunities that we have before us today. Look its not lost on me that we stand on the shoulders before those that came before us and none the less than Dan Dupps. City of Progress .. He lived that. That was just not a slogan. He lived it. I know that many of the things are on my calendar everyday and every week, the ordinances that we are passing and the agreements that we are entering into. This was all set up years ago and Mayor Dupps was very influential in preparing the city for the opportunities that we now have. We should never forget that. I also want to mention this as it ties into Mayor Dupps as well. I know the first time I met him; I was very pleased to know that he was probably as proud of being an alumni of Ohio University as I am. I knew right away we were going to hit it off and we did. Final thing, I want t mention that this past Friday night. Natalie, myself, our daughter and her fiancé went to Athens to celebrate our youngest daughter, upcoming graduation. Her ceremony is Saturday, May 4th prior to our next meeting. I wanted to mention on record how proud Natalie and I are of her and how she has grown in these 4 years at Athens. She is not the person we dropped off at Ohio University 4 years ago. Actually, we could not move her in the fall semester of her freshmen year. She has grown a lot. Very proud of her and her accomplishments on achieving her degree and securing full-time employment. Congratulations Emily.

Auditor J. Morrow – Welcome guests! Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis and congratulations to Emily. To the Dupps family – Always in our hearts and prayers. I told the staff. You will never meet a nicer family than the Dupps family. I told them time and time again and when we went to the calling hours they got to witness it. We are always here and with you. Honestly, love you guys. Then we have Tracy here. Thank you for letting us have her everyday through the week and a little later on Monday nights. Thank You!

Moretti – Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis. I would also like to mention how nice the city hall lawn looks when driving in all the time. Always appreciate how well it looks. Thank you.

D. Morrow – Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis. Welcome to the Dupps family.

Porter – Welcome to our visitors and the Dupps family. Appreciate you being here and your kind words. Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis. Youth and Government is May 9th & 10th. Thank you to Bev and her staff in the tax department. Thank you to Tracy and council for holding down the fort last week while I was at The Masters.

D. Cole – Welcome to our guests and especially the Dupps family. I echo the sentiments we already heard of Dan Dupps because I think it was only fitting the way the city was there for him. Dan Dupps is the city of Heath and I think everyone knows that and who he is. I agree with Mark a lot of things happening is what he envisioned years ago and we are seeing some of the things finally come together. I also like to thank Bev and her staff for all of their hard work they are putting in. I know you're working a lot of hours and bringing in a lot of money for the city. Also, congratulations to Sergeant Bubis.

J. Roberts – Congratulations Sergeant Bubis. I want to thank and congratulate the mayor, staff, Bob Geller and Jared for the hard work to secure funds of \$700,000 from OPWC from emergency funds is just spectacular and a benefit to the city. We appreciate everyone's work on that. Dupps family, there are people who impact a person's life from childhood to adulthood. Dan Dupps was that for me from my principal, superintendent, then the mayor of Heath, neighbor and a friend. Cassidy, I don't know if you know this but on most Monday nights, I will be stopping by to see how I am going to vote because that's what I use to get by that household from Mayor Dupps. One of the biggest compliments I think I can give him is The only OU graduate that could have gotten into Ohio State. Also, want to let council know, I will be out the next 2 Mondays which only puts me missing Public Service meeting this Monday.

J. Crabill – Welcome guests and welcome to the Dupps family. I can't imagine a greater legacy with the history of The City of Heath Dan Dupps with the school system and the city. Congratulations to Sergeant Burbis.

T. Dupps – Thank my family for coming tonight. Thank everyone in the city for all you have done for myself and the entire Dupps family. Council and Ginna for supporting me while I was out of the office and the entire staff. Thank you it means a lot.

Chief McCord – Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis. I would like to relay from The Fire Department. It was an honor to guard his casket and also to escort him to his final resting place. It was definitely our honor to be able to do that. Thank you.

Chief Haren – It was definitely a pleasure to swear in Sergeant Bubis. He will continue to do great things. Good moments you get to have as a Chief. Dupps family, thank you for letting us be a small part of that process.

J. Lane – Continued thoughts and prayers for the Dupps family. Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis and Emily. Shout out to the 4x16 relay team that my son is on from Heath. They set a Dick Houston record at that track meet 2 weeks ago. They are currently 69th in the United States for that event. Also, to the success of Youth and Government Day. Last year my daughter went through it and she was so impressed with the Fire Department she put her application in for C-Tec for the Fire Program and was accepted. She will be starting that this year.

B. Geller – Welcome Dupps family.

B. Shepherd – Welcome to the Dupps family. Congratulations to Sergeant Bubis. Thank my staff for all of their hard work all year but especially this time of the year.

J. Geller – Welcome Dupps family. Congratulations to Emily and Sergeant Bubis.

T. Kelley – I usually say ditto since all has been said when it comes to my turn but tonight, I want to welcome the Dupps family. Mr. Roberts pointed out earlier. I could hardly drive by Dan without being outside and rolling my window down and stopping my car. I don't know how many cars had to go around us while we talked. We would just talk and talk. I am going to miss those talks more than anything not to be able to talk to him.

Reading of Bids:

Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers Painting project – Martin Painting & Coating Co.

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



Clerk of Council



President of Council