



# CITY OF HEATH

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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL

July 17, 2023

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order July 17, 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, Kelley, Moretti, Cole, Morrow, Porter, Roberts. D. Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 3, 2023. Second by A. Porter. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. **Minutes Approved.** Mayor Johns, J. Morrow Auditor in attendance.

#### Petitions and Communications:

Ohio Liquor Control – D-3 Hatchet House LLC., 789 Hebron Rd.

Ohio Liquor Control –D-3 Hatchet House LLC. 789 Hebron Road. Crabill motion to not have a public hearing. Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. Motion approved – No Public Hearing. Motion by Crabill to receive and file communications. Second by Porter. Roll Call Vote. All In favor "Aye". Receive and file communications approved

#### Visitors:

Ginna Peterson 1343 I would like to take a minute to say a few thanks you's. In regard to the Star-Spangled Celebration, a Huge thank you to Anne Farrington who is my right-hand gal. She is beyond amazing and a true godsend. Tyler, Chris and Gordon in our Parks department spend endless hours making the park look spectacular, and they do it without a single complaint. Thank you also to their families for their patience and understanding while they're away. Thank you to the Heath football team and cross-country runners for helping the Parks with the mulching. I'm sure you saw the article in the Advocate. Tyler arranged that with the paper to give recognition tot the awesome

collaboration between the schools and the city. To the cheerleaders for manning the Celebrate Heath trailer during the event and the Middle School volleyball team for taking care of the inflatables for the night. Thank you Daulton and Kim Brown for being extraordinary friends and pitching in when, quite frankly, they didn't have to. Zach Morrow and Savannah Lawson were my perimeter patrol this year and were on duty to ensure that no one breached the danger zone. To my daughter Jayden, for taking two days off work to help with the set up and running all over the city to help me pick up items, unload inventory, and for being an absolute delight through it all. She makes me giggle like a loon so it was definitely more fun having her by my side. I told her I was grooming her to take over when I retire. Her response was a simple "ummmmm....no thank you." She also told me she would do her best not to hit people while driving the golf cart around the park and she was happy to report, successful in keeping that promise. Jeff Crabill, Adam Porter, Paul Moretti, Mark Shawler and the CLC crew for handling the parking so flawlessly. I never have to worry about that aspect because I know it will be taken care of so well. The crew at Verdantas for volunteering their time to set up our parking area. Again, I know it will always be handled efficiently and quickly. They have that down to a science. Angel Black, wife of officer Jason Black for offering to man the "lost Children" area. She gives wrist bands to the parents to write their names and phone numbers on them so in the event that they're separated, it is easier for our officers to reunite them with their family. Chief Haren and the entirety of the police Department, your presence is essential and comforting. I know our community is safe with you there. The manner in which you can direct and clear the park is astounding. I know directing traffic is probably one of the least favorite tasks of our officers, but you all do it SO very well. Our Fire Department for manning the safety trailer and having the guys and medic on standby in case of an emergency. A special thank you to Kenney Mills and Greg Coyle in the preparation for the event and for the inspections of our vendors and coordinating with the fireworks company. Things that go bang make them nervous, but having them there puts me at ease. To my co-workers, Mayor, and my husband – thank you for dealing with me during the planning of the event. The last week or two prior to the July 2<sup>nd</sup>, I am a bit scatter brained and not very present. I think we all sympathize with Ryan for dealing with me on a normal basis, but dealing with me when I'm sleep deprived, dirty, and sweaty is a whole different ball game and he's a saint to say the least. That wraps up my Star Spangled thank you's, now and on to my next..... In regard to Ordinance 57, I would like to thank the Mayor and Jay for the, what I will just assume, were the kind and supporting words

during executive sessions. Knowing we have your support means a great deal and I think I can safely speak for all of us when I say that it is very much appreciated. Thank you to Council for listening, even when you didn't want to, and for taking this seriously and having honest discussions. I MIGHT have been a slight pain but I steadfastly believe in our people and I truly believe we are good, hard-working, dedicated employees. I will pre-emptively say thank you to Council in what will hopefully be a yes vote.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Budget:** J. Crabill met this evening at 6:30 p.m. The following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: July 3, 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 creating pay levels and salary schedules and repealing Ordinance 104-2022 and declaring an emergency

### **Other Items:**

Various discussions on Liquor Control.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**Public Services:** D. Morrow No meeting last month. The next meeting will be July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Safety:** A. Porter will meet July 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts No meeting in July. The next meeting will be Aug. 7, 2023 at 5:30p.m.

**Community Development & Zoning:** P. Moretti will meet July 10, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

**Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:** D. Cole No July meeting. We will meet Aug. 7, 2023 immediately following Streets & Drainage.

**Planning Commission:** J. Crabill No agenda for June. Next meeting July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### Ordinances on First Read:

**Ord.57-2023** An ordinance creating pay levels and salary schedules and repealing Ordinance No. 104-2022 and declaring an emergency – Motion by Morrow to waive the second read Ord.57-2023. Second by Moretti. Roll Call Vote. Crabill -No., Kelley- No., Moretti- Yes., Cole – Yes., Morrow – Yes., Porter – Yes., Roberts – Yes., Vote 5 yes., 2 No. Motion to waive the second read approved. Motion by Morrow to adopt Ord. 57-2023. Second by Moretti. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord.57-2023 Adopted**

### Ordinances on Second Read:

**Ord.54-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$85,000 within the Municipal Motor License Tax Fund to Municipal Permissive Tax – Other Fixed Assets – Motion by Roberts to adopt Ord.54-2023. Second by Cole. Roll call vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord.54-2023 Adopted**

**Ord.56-2023** An ordinance approving a tax exemption in Community Reinvestment Area # 1 for the property located at 704 International Drive – Motion by Moretti to adopt Ord.56-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord.56-2023 Adopted**

### Reports of City Officials:

**Mayor** – Welcome Visitors! We have some new residents of the city here this evening. Welcome anytime. Every Monday unless 5 Mondays in the month start at 5:30 Committee Meetings. Ginna, I want to also echo your Star-Spangled Celebration thank you’s. Except you failed to include yourself. It is no small under taking. Over the last few years there have been fewer and fewer people willing to be a part of the committee to donate their time. This has put more and more on your shoulders and Anne’s and anyone helping. Make no doubt about it, if she wasn’t doing this, we wouldn’t have this event. I don’t see anybody that has been willing to step up and do the volume of organization that she does for the event. I am not sure you would find anyone to do the quality of organizing like she does with this event. We all like to thank you!! The one thing you can’t control is mother nature. Even with the threat of weather the entire evening. Thankful the weather rolled through before 10 p.m. If all of you saw the city face book page, I was updating throughout the evening. We were going to flex our time from starting any where from 9:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Thankfully we started as planned at 10 p.m. Thank you to everyone involved in last night event. A great community event and great vendors as well. In the past we have had quite a bit of money contributed by local businesses to offset the cost of the fireworks. For years contributions for this event itself has declined. The contributions for the fireworks have dried up. The cost of the fireworks show has been solely on the city. I am going to make a conservative effort to reach out to our area businesses even some that are not necessarily in Heath but have been coming to this event. If I can find a way to double the amount of money that’s put towards these fireworks to the city contributions. If I can get that matched by businesses, we could have a fire work show that’s five minutes longer and even more fantastic! I am bound and determined for the grand finally to have no less than a solid five seconds that blasts at the end of the show that makes your heart pound. I will do whatever I can to reach out to the businesses in our area. Let’s see if we can get dollar per dollar matched

what the city puts into the firework show. That would be spectacular! Thank you for passing Ord.57 this evening. Don't even doubt that our employees don't do a tremendous job for the city and they are not worth what they are getting. I will argue with anyone of you on this. We have great people Ord.57 does apply to that.

**Auditor J. Morrow** – I echo what the mayor said... Ginna, spectacular!! The fireworks were great. Thank you for always including my boys. They enjoy helping. Council and everyone who helped. If you happen to watch the video my wife posted you can hear me yelling ... Heath is the greatest place! I truly mean that! Once again, the fireworks were awesome. I am so happy to be a part of it. Finally, council thank you for passing Ord. 57. As the mayor said we have great people. I know it was trying at times but at the end of the day we all got together and got it done. Heck of a job! Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July everyone!

**D. Cole** – Welcome our guests as well. If you are really interested in what we do. The meeting we have in here is to vote. The committee meetings – Mondays at 5:30. If there is any area you are interested in that is where we hammer out what will be in this meeting. Also, thank everybody on The Star-Spangled Celebration committee. Always do a fabulous job. I know less is on the committee but that's because Ginna and Anne have it down to a science. I have heard rumor that Anne may not be doing it after this year. I hope that's not true. She is kind of backing away from some things. She has been an integral part of this and she volunteers all of her time to do that. Thanks to everybody that was involved

**J. Roberts** – Thanks to everybody for your work on the Star-Spangled Celebration. Ginna especially and the council people doing some of the parking was a pleasant thing to see. I don't know how to say this tactfully but whoever had the authority to allow Ginna to drive a golf cart around people.... Really has some thinking to do! Ord.57-2023 I was a little torn on waiving the second read just because of matter of principle but I thought... Lets go ahead and do this. Certainly, doesn't reflect any negative thoughts on the ordinance itself. I being new guy on council. I thought the process was very thorough and very well thought out and took quite a bit of time. The end result was well worth the time and effort.

**J. Crabill** – Welcome visitors! Thanks, Ginna for all of your help. Made my job parking on the northside of 20 acres easier every year! Thanks to Brian with Verdantas a long-time surveyor. I would do this every time with him. We look at the map and we will tweak it here and there. He understands some of my input. We make it even better than it was the years before. Thanks to Mr. Moretti. He is new this year. He was my floater and had to be at 5 or 6 different places around learning the entire process and where we needed his help. Mr. Porter you have the gate covered. Next year we are changing his name from Mr. Porter to Mr. Pointer! This guy he doesn't make small talk. He points to go one way and then another direction to others. He keeps it moving and that's the key. Soo Mr. Pointer (Porter) You got it down!

**A. Porter** – Welcome visitors! Thank you to Ginna and her crew for The Star- Spangled Celebration. This year was bigger than last year. The number of people that came through the park was so much more than last year. The fireworks were fantastic. Jeff you always have everything set up for us. All we have to do is show up and throw our vest on and point. Also, for CLC Christian Life Center for their crew and helping to park cars. I am glad we were able to

hash out Ord.57 and get that passed for our fantastic employees so we can do the right things for you.

**D. Morrow**– Welcome guests! Welcome to The Albertson's. Celebrate Heath and Heath fireworks. Look forward to the extra 5 minutes next year. Its on record now. Ginna... Thank you for everything you do. That rain needed to stop. It was great. I understand what you go through. I was on the committee in the past a long time ago. Once again... Just great to be a Heath-In!!

**T. Dupps** – Thank everyone for all of your hard work and dedication to The Star-Spangled Celebration. Ginna, I know many ask you to help and you say... I got this. I will be more than happy to help and be a part of your team.

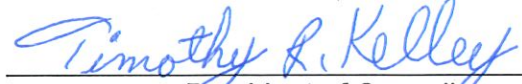
**Chief McCord** – Welcome Visitors! Nice to have you in the city! Ginna, thank you... You put in a lot of work before hand. My guys definitely appreciate all the help you have given them. There is a lot of work before hand that goes into this and organizing as well. Appreciate them and the Police Department and all the others that help out with that. I also want to say to council, the mayor and Jay. I appreciate the passage of Ord.57. I do feel we are not only the employees that are under us but the non-classified employees are doing a very good job for the city. By passing this ordinance you have shown your appreciation for that. I do thank you very much.

**Jared Lane** – Welcome Visitors! Once again Ginna, spectacular job! Thank you to the city employees and everyone else who was involved. The turn out was great! Congratulations to The Moretti Family on the newest addition to their family.

**T. Kelley** – I want to thank Ginna for all of your work on the celebration like you do every year. I appreciate that.

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

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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President of Council