

**CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 24**

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers.

Judge Alyse Rettich gave the Oath of Office to Rick Reed, Bonnie Koogle and Jeffrey Jones for City of Germantown Council Members.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Terry Johnson, was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Chip Wirrig, Service Department; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

**ORGANIZATION:**

Mr. Wafzig asked for a nomination for Council President for 2024.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kuhn moved to appoint Brian Wafzig as President of Council for 2024.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, abstained. 5-yes, 1-abstention. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2024 Council Liaisons**

Liaison to Boards and Commissions:

- BZA-Jeffrey Jones
- Planning Commission-Robert Rettich
- Parks & Recreation-Terry Johnson
- Pool Board-Rick Reed
- City Beautiful Commission-Rick Reed
- Firemen’s Dependents Board-Jeffrey Jones and Brian Wafzig
- Personnel Board-Terry Johnson
- Cemetery Board-Bonnie Koogle
- Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund-Jeffrey Jones and Rob Rettich
- Economic Development- Mike Kuhn

Appointments to Oversight:

- Parks Oversight-Terry Johnson
- Pool Oversight-Rick Reed
- Fire Oversight-Mike Kuhn
- Senior Oversight-Bonnie Koogle

Liaisons to other Boards and Commission:

- MVRPC-Jeffrey Jones, Alternate-Pat Higgins
- MVRPC TAC-Pat Higgins, Alternate-Chip Wirrig
- MVCC-Brian Wafzig, Alternate-Mike Kuhn
- FRWWTC- Jonathan Moore, Alternate-Jeffrey Jones

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**MOTION:** Mr. Kuhn moved to appoint the Council Members Liaisons as submitted for 2024.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

**2024 Committee Appointments**

Appointment of Citizens to Boards and Commission

- Board of Tax Appeals – Terry Dalton – Term Expires 12-31-26
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Planning Commission Liaison -Whitney Izor-Term Expires 12-31-22
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Richard Herner – Term Expires 12-31-27
- City Beautiful Commission - Shelly Powers - Terms Expires 12-31-26
- City Beautiful Commission - Patricia Kidwell - Terms Expires 12-31-26
- City Beautiful Commission - Robin Alsip - Terms Expires 12-31-26
- Economic Development – Heidi Grant - Term Expires 12-31-26
- Economic Development – Frank Dupps Jr. - Term Expires 12-31-26
- Economic Development – Bryce Henson - Term Expires 12-31-26
- Fire Oversight – VACANT SEAT – Term Expires 12-31-25
- Fire Oversight – Jeffrey Bobbitt – Term Expires 12-31-25
- Fire Oversight – Glenn Jirka – Term Expires 12-31-25
- Park Board - VACANT SEAT - Term Expires 12-31-28
- Personnel Board - Jim Wafzig - Term Expires 12-31-25
- Personnel Board - Laura Howar - Term Expires 12-31-25
- Planning Commission - Whitney Izor - Term Expires 12-31-27
- Pool Board - Jordan Seals - Term Expires 12-31-26
- Records Commission - Terry Dalton- Term Expires 12-31-24
- Senior Oversight Board - Freda Emrick - Term Expires 12-31-25

**MOTION:** Mr. Kuhn moved to appoint the citizens to the Boards and Commission as submitted for 2024.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Reed and the CBC Committee presented Grayson Clark and Braylen Burt certificates and prizes for winning the 2024 Christmas Coloring Contest.

**CITIZEN’S FORUM:**

Tom Geglein, 46 Scott Court, President of the Germantown Parks Board, expressed concerns of the funding for the Twin Creek Erosion Project. He would not approve of park funds being used to pay for the project.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

None.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Mrs. Gilleland congratulated the newly sworn in Council Members. We look forward to working with everyone during 2024.

She reviewed the consent agenda and the proposed legislation. It includes a moratorium on cannabis operators, the water tower painting project, and the joint project with German Township regarding the

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Twin Creek Erosion Project. There is a public hearing regarding legislation pertaining to accepting the public improvements to the Hickory Pointe Subdivisions.

She wished everyone a Happy and Heathy New Year.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Law Director reviewed the legislation regarding the moratorium on cannabis. Most of our neighboring communities have already enacted a moratorium on cannabis.

He then reviewed the legislation regarding the Twin Creek Erosion Project legislation.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Mr. Wafzig stated that the Mayor was out due to a medical procedure and we wish him a speedy recovery.

**Mrs. Koogle's Report:**

Mrs. Koogle reminded that the Senior Center events and membership information are in the new Germantown Quarterly.

She is planning on attending the upcoming Cemetery Meeting.

**Mr. Jones's Report:**

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on City Council.

He thanked Staff and Council for their support during his term.

**Mr. Kuhn's Report:**

Mr. Kuhn congratulated the newly elected Council Members. He looks forward to working with this great team.

He thanked Mr. Potter, Germantown Trustee, for taking the initiative in working with the City and Staff on the Twin Creek Erosion Project. Joint projects are very important, and he hopes that this can continue in the future. He was pleased to see that all the Trustees were willing to make this project a priority.

Mr. Potter stated that these issues effect both the City and Township and he looks forward to resolving this issue and any other issues in the future.

**Mr. Reed's Report:**

Mr. Reed thanked the citizens of Germantown for re-electing him and congratulated the other members that were sworn in.

The Pool Board did not meet this month but plans to in February.

The CBC met and reviewed the many contest participants. They will be discussing flower selection for the downtown flower pots at their first meeting.

**Mr. Rettich's Report:**

Mr. Rettich stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in December.

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He went on to thank the newly sworn in Council Members and looks forward to working with them.

**Mr. Wafzig's Report:**

Mr. Wafzig thanked Staff for the holiday light displays throughout town. He has received several compliments.

He reminded residents of the Rumpke trash delay this week due to the holiday.

MVCC will be meeting in January. They are working on natural gas rates for a new gas program, this will be similar to the electric program last year.

Congratulations to the Council Members that were sworn in tonight. This Council seems to work very well together.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. December 4, 2023-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. December 4, 2023-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. December 4, 2023-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
4. Request for placement of a Handicap Parking Signs/Spaces to be located at 29 South Main Street
5. Appointment to the Economic Development Committee (Term Expires December 31, 2024) Lauren Dillion
6. Appointment to the Economic Development Committee (Term Expires December 31, 2025) Kenneth Tudor
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-01**  
A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM OF NINE MONTHS ON ADULT USE OF CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-02**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE HIGH SERVICE AREA WATER TOWER PAINTING AND CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT.
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-03**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIXON ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE HIGH SERVICE AREA WATER TOWER PAINTING AND CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT.
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-04**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR TWIN CREEK EROSION CONTROL WITH CHANNEL MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS OF DAYTON, OHIO IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 WITH UP TO HALF OF THE FUNDING BEING CONTRIBUTED BY GERMAN TOWNSHIP.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATION:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

None.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-47

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HICKORY POINTE ESTATES, SECTION FOUR SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Wafzig opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-47.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-48

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAS AT HICKORY POINTE SUBDIVISION.

Mr. Wafzig opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-48.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Kuhn moved to excuse Mayor Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Terry Johnson  
Mayor