

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 22

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Robert Rettich IV were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Chief McGill, Police Chief; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Chip Wirrig, Service Department; Ken Conaway, Project Manager Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Reeder for his work done at the Camp Miami/MMI Site Work site and presented him a certificate of appreciation. He cleared the area with his equipment and it looks great. Mr. Reeder stated he would like to continue to help the city with this project and thanked everyone.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland thanked Mr. Reeder for his work done at the MMI site.

The agenda has many items including, an agreement with ODOT for the Kercher Park Bike Path Paving Project in 2024, a resolution to work with Longworth on a CDBG Kercher Park Walkway extension project, and the bid award for the proposed Service Department Building.

Ken Conaway reviewed the Service Department Building bid packet. The bid is higher than expected but they will work getting the bid lowered to our budget price of 1.6 million.

Pat Shively reviewed the various assessment legislation for properties that have outstanding utility bills and for the annual assessment for the lighting agreement.

Mark Morris, with Miami University, conducted a community survey of various topics and he will go into greater detail in the Work Session.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Law Director stated that there was a group that marched in our July 4 Parade yesterday. As much as we want to control them and not allow them to march, we can do nothing to stop them from participating in the parade. Political speech is very protected, positive and negative.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson thanked Pat Higgins and Staff for their efforts in getting the City so many grants and funding.

He thanked the all the Park Board, Park Oversight Board and Staff for their hard work and assistance in getting the City ready for the July 4 Parade.

He thanked Mr. Reeder for his support in the MMI project.

He reminded residents if they see any property maintenance issues to please contact the City to have them resolved.

He shared his recent trip with his sons and the great memories that made during their trip that include a catch on the Field of Dreams Field.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Reeder for his work done at MMI.

He attended the MVRPC meeting and attending another meeting this week.

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle thanked Mr. Reeder for his work done at the MMI site.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn thanked Mr. Reeder for the assistance at MMI. It looks fantastic.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig thanked Mr. Reeder for the work at MMI. It looks amazing to be able to see up the hill.

He thanked the Parks Board for organizing the July 4 Parade.

He feels that Germantown is a community that prides itself on hope, not hate. We should take a stand that we do not support the hate group that was present in the July 4 Parade. We do not know why they chose Germantown, but they did and he feels obligated to state his opposition to this hate group and their message.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved that Germantown City Council unequivocally condemns the participation of any and all hate groups in this years July 4 Parade. We unequivocally disavow and condemn their message of have and those that spread hate are not welcome in Germantown.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. June 6, 2022-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. June 6, 2022-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 22-43**

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ODOT, TO PAVE A PORTION OF KERCHER PARK BIKE TRAIL IN 2024.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 22-44

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 22-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LONGWORTH PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC, FOR THE CDBG KERCHER PARK WALKWAY PHASE 3 PROJECT.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 22-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DRYDEN BUILDERS, FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-45

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE LOTS OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSES OF FURNISHING AND MAINTAINING A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR 2023.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-48

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-49

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-50

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR TRASH UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-51

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

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Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 1, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 22-39

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND/OR PLANT GROWTH FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-39.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-40

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.173.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-40.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-41

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE SECTION 161.015, POLICE PAY SCHEDULE, OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN WITH THE ATTACHED PAY SCHEDULE FOR POLICE PAY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mrs. Koogle moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-41.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to excuse Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Robert Rettich IV

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mrs. Koogle moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor