

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of City Council

Held July 27, 2023

Regular Meeting Call to Order

Regular Meeting Call to Order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Teri Murphy	Mayor	Present
Donald Burchett	At-Large	Present
Ora Allen	At-Large	Present
Randy Daugherty	Ward 1	Present
Dave Miller	Ward 2	Absent
Shirley Whitt	Ward 3	Present
Jeanette Marcus	Ward 4	Present

Staff Members Present:

Acting City Manager Dave Cooper	Law Director Martina Dillon
Police Chief Craig Richardson	Community Dev. Director Matt Eisenbraun
Finance Director Don Buczek	Street Superintendent Chris Dunn
Build. Maint. Supervisor Rocky Bangert	Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor
Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane	Clerk of Council Amy Brown

Mrs. Whitt made a motion to excuse Mr. Miller from tonight's meeting.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2023

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any changes or corrections to the July 13, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Presentations - None

Reports from the Following

Finance Committee

No report.

Finance Director

No report.

Committee of the Whole

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Ms. Marcus reported the last meeting was on July 13, 2023, and added there would be a meeting following this meeting tonight.

City Manager

City Manager's Report - July 27, 2023

Chief Cooper stated there was nothing beyond the written report.

Law Director

No report.

Mayor

Oath of Office - Lieutenant Ben Cahill

Mayor Murphy adminstered the Oath of Office to Fire Lieutenant Ben Cahill.

Pictures were taken for the Moraine Messenger.

Mayor's Court Monthly - June 2023

Mayor Murphy reported for the month of June 2023, Mayor’s Court received \$23,625.00. She noted after various expenses and disbursements, a total of \$17,762.00 was deposited into the General Fund.

Guest Speakers - None

Business

Ordinances - None

Resolutions

A Resolution authorizing the renewal of property and casualty insurance coverage through the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) at a cost not to exceed \$199,365.00.

Mrs. Allen noted this Resolution approves the renewal of the City's property and casualty insurance coverage. She added this cost was a budgeted item and would be paid from the General Fund.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Ora Allen
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution authorizing the City of Moraine to accept the donation of a replica of the 1913 Aeroboat Model G from Wright Seaplane Base, Inc.

Mr. Burchett reported this Resolution allows the City to receive a donation from the Wright Seaplane Base Club of a Wright Seaplane replica to be displayed in the City.

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MOVER: Donald Burchett
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NAYS: None

A Resolution approving an amendment to Moraine Charter - Section 3.5 - Salaries

Mrs. Whitt explained this Resolution approves a change to the Charter to be voted on by the electors and would increase the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers. She noted that salaries have never been increased for the Mayor or Councilmembers since Moraine became a City in 1965. She added there were two different occasions they have had the opportunity to put this on the ballot, and both times they did not feel the time was right. She stated they feel now the time is right for those Councilmembers that will come after them.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution approving an amendment to Moraine Charter - Section 3.10 - Annual Audit

Ms. Marcus stated this Resolution approves a change to the Charter to be voted on by the electors and would update the language to reflect the current audit procedures in the City.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Jeanette Marcus
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution approving an amendment to Moraine Charter - Section 5.8 - Absence or Disability of City Manager

Mr. Burchett noted this Resolution approves a change to the Charter to be voted on by the electors and would clarify the procedure to appoint a City officer to perform the duties of the City Manager when the City Manager is temporarily absent.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Donald Burchett
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution approving an amendment to Moraine Charter - Section 10.12 - Annual Report

Mr. Daugherty reported this Resolution approves a change to the Charter to be voted on by the electors and would clarify the purpose of the annual report and establish the difference between the annual report and the comprehensive financial report.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Randy Daugherty
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette

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Marcus
NAYS: None

A Resolution approving an amendment to Moraine Charter - Section 10.13 - Management of Funds

Mrs. Allen remarked this Resolution approves a change to the Charter to be voted on by the electors and would provide consistency with Section 6.4 of the Charter regarding the duties of the Finance Director.

RESULT: Passed, *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Ora Allen
AYES: Teri Murphy, Donald Burchett, Ora Allen, Randy Daugherty, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None

Persons Appearing Before Council

Erica Watts, 3313 Outdoor Road, noted there used to be a tornado siren in their plat, and in the past few years, it has been removed. She asked why and requested it be reinstalled because the siren at the top of the hill cannot clearly be heard.

Chief Cooper explained back in 2000, there was a plan to update all the sirens in the City because those neighborhood sirens were dated from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. He noted the City had annexed a lot of land to the west that had no siren coverage at all, so the overall plan was to cover the entire City and put in six brand new sirens that are computer operated. He stated when a storm comes through and the power goes out, the old sirens wouldn't work, so they went to an updated system that covered the whole City. He commented he would have to be at the residence when they test the siren to see if it can be heard. He explained the sirens are made to be heard outdoors, and if someone is inside, they would be expected to have a television or radio on to hear those alerts.

Mrs. Watts stated she understood, but she added even if they were outside, they would not have heard the last siren. She noted if they are supposed to be able to hear it outside, she should be able to hear it if her windows were open.

Chief Cooper noted the wind direction could keep the sound from penetrating, and added they are all rated for a one-mile radius.

Mrs. Watts asked if they could look at it again to promise that they would be able to hear it in their area.

Chief Cooper replied they could look to see if there is an issue at the next test, which would be the first Monday of next month. He stated he could be at her residence to see if it can be heard, and if not, they will have to figure out what's going on.

Mrs. Watts commented she wasn't the only one in the area that could not hear it.

Chief Cooper stated he also recommends weather radios, and if cell phones have been updated, they also have alerts that come right to the phones.

Mrs. Whitt remarked she would be in favor of adding more sirens. She noted she can hear it no matter where she is in her house, and added every resident should have that same protection.

Chief Cooper commented it could be something as easy as raising the volume level of that

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siren. He stated that with the new development at the top of the hill, maybe it's keeping that sound from coming down the hill, and added they would take a look at it.

Ms. Marcus noted she can't hear their siren either. She commented she used to be able to hear it with no trouble at all, but she barely heard a hum when the last siren went off. She remarked she didn't see the point in having the sirens if all they're going to do is alert people that are outside.

Any Other Business

Fire Department - No report.

Chief Richardson reported National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1 from 6 PM to 8 PM. He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy time with your neighbors and your Police and Fire Departments.

Building & Maintenance Department - No report.

Mr. Shane stated tomorrow night is the third Movie Night in the Park, and Lego Batman will be playing. He reported they had 267 kids sign up for the school supply giveaway, and added they will be picking those up between 11 AM and 1 PM on Tuesday.

Street Department - No report.

Mr. Eisenbraun reported they received a report on the street light maintenance, and added most of the projects have been completed. He noted one of the last ones to come online would be Dorf Drive. He commented that residents in Oak Pointe may have noticed that fiber installation has started, and added the City has been aware of that project since they have been working with the contractor. He explained he was not aware that they were starting today, and added the contractor was asked to stop their work since they have not completed their permit paperwork. He reported he was contacted by the County Engineer's office to discuss the Main Street bridge because they would be doing repair work on the bridge, and they wanted to talk about the condition of the sidewalks over the bridge because they are quickly deteriorating. He noted they would be looking to get a plan in place for that so they can begin to look for funding. He stated he received the Existing Conditions Report that was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting, and added he would be emailing Council the report and could also get printed copies to them if they would like.

City Manager - No report.

Law Director - No report.

Mr. Buczek stated he attended the Montgomery County Auditor Local Officials briefing on the 2023 property re-evaluations today. He reported that Moraine is set to get a 36.6% increase on average in property values. He noted there was an article in the Dayton Daily News today about the property tax increases and he cautioned people to read that carefully because it can be confusing and misleading. He stated residents can talk to the County if they have any questions or concerns, and added there would be a period of time to refute those values.

Clerk of Council - No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Allen urged everyone to come out for National Night Out on Tuesday.

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Ms. Marcus remarked if someone doesn't feel their property appraisal is correct, they can go to the Montgomery County Auditor's office and can file to have them reduced. She stated she had done it twice successfully. She encouraged everyone to come out for National Night Out on August 1.

Mrs. Whitt encouraged everyone to come to National Night Out. She urged everyone to go out and vote on August 8.

Mr. Shane added they are bringing the polling machines to the Rec Center for Tuesday, and added the poll would be in meeting room A.

Mr. Daugherty encouraged everyone to vote on August 8, and added it was very important. He stated he was looking forward to everyone coming out for National Night Out on Tuesday.

Mr. Burchett reported he attended the monthly board meeting for the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) last Wednesday. He gave a brief overview of the numerous and varied services that the MVCC provides to its member cities, including joint contracts for street lighting, the Code Red emergency notification system, and the MIS database used by police departments. He noted that MVCC staff works closely with city staff members to produce coverage of City Council meetings in all eight member cities, as well as other programming and events within each city. He stated recently completed special projects include the construction of a 44-mile fiber ring that connects seven of the eight member cities resulting in enhanced technical capabilities and cost savings for internet services, and the coordination of the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle for use by the TCU SWAT team. He noted the MVCC has also added high definition and closed captioning services to the four access channels and have developed and implemented an electric aggregation program for 14 local communities. He thanked Executive Board Director Jay Weiskircher and his staff who work really hard to create and accomplish these items.

Mayor Murphy stated National Night Out is Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM, and added it is a lot of fun. She congratulated new Fire Lieutenant Ben Cahill. She thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council for broadcasting this meeting live as well as any future rebroadcasts.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Adjournment at 6:36 PM



Mayor Teri Murphy



ATTEST: Clerk of Council Amy Brown