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PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council held in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

The roll was called, and the following Council members were present: Pat Hovis, Margaret Phillips. Beth Gillman, Avery Robinson, Cathy King and Jerry Tarolli. Richard Morgan excused.

Ms. Phillips moved to approve regular meeting minutes for April 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. All agreed.

The chair notes certification had been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Dave Barth & Linda Huber – Celebrating Founding of the United States and 250 years of Freedom

See attachment

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

- Nothing to present

MAYOR'S REPORT

Extending condolences to the entire community on the passing of Pope Francis. His leadership, passion, and his presence was an inspiration to Catholics and non-Catholics. We are saddened by his passing. But, uplifted by knowing his teachings and principles will continue for quite some time. The world mourns with the passing of that great man.

Locally we also have sadness in the passing of Dave Beggs. He was a longtime resident and employee of the city for forty-five years.

Walleye Festival Ride passes are now available for \$75.00. They can be purchased at Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, 110 Madison Street, Port Clinton. There are a limited number available. 100 % of the proceeds goes to Main Street Port Clinton operations.

Last week the Master Walleye Tournament was in town. There were over 120 boats, 2 people per boat. The fisherman came from 14 states. The two-day walleye weight total was over 75 lbs., and the largest single walleye weighed 10 lbs. 15 oz.

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Friday, April 25, 2025, 5:30 pm, the local Arbor Day Celebration will take place at the second block of Adams Street across the street from St. John Lutheran Church.

Governor DeWine has declared May 9, 2025, Bird Ohio Day. This is the first day of American Birding (May 9 – 15, 2025). Council, please advise Mrs. Ostheimer if you would like to attend the opening day event.

This week the Street Department has been working along the beach removing rocks that return yearly.

The concession stand located at Lakeview Park is currently without a vendor. The Administration is actively pursuing those that may be interested in the 2025 season.

Recently we have been fortunate to have several new businesses open or opening soon throughout the city: Habitat for Humanity Restore, Smokies Smoke Shop & Beverage (opening in May), Poseidon's Lounge (tentatively opening in June), Kansha Hibachi Express (to go only), J. Liu Restaurant & Bar (opening in May).

The District will officially open on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The street will be closed starting May 15, 2025.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm, there will be a Bridge USA Program (exchange students) virtual Teleconference. Many have been working on a community support group for these individuals. This conference is an informational gathering session. This virtual meeting is open to the public and welcome to join. Zoom link: <https://intraxinc.zoom.us/meeting/register/Gpm83RODQw-4A8cy4eRXZg#/registration>

4th of July festivities: Four local restaurants (Brick House, McCarthy's, Ala Carte Café, and Ala Carte Afterhours) are promoting "Burgers for Booms". On April 24, May 4, 14, 24 and June 4, 14, 24, for each burger sold \$1 will be donated to the 4th of July Fireworks Fund.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The State Auditor has started the 2024 audit of the City of Port Clinton. If any of the Councilman receive an email requesting information, please respond promptly. If you have any questions, please contact the Auditor. The audit is expedited due to the city having had a significant number of Federal expenditures that require more time to review. To comply with our USDA loans and grants for the infrastructure improvement project the State audit needs completed by June 30, 2025.

Late last year the city was awarded a Federal Grant \$100,000 from the US Department of Transportation for conducting a feasibility study for extending the Sandusky Bay Pathway from Sandusky to Port Clinton, including over the Bay Bridge corridor. That funding is subject to the current Federal funding freeze.

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However, there is an ODOT special solicitation that closes next week. The project partners feel this is feasible and an attractive alternative if the federal dollars do not come through at all.

Ordinance 17-24 will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting being held next week.

TREASURERS REPORT

Nothing to present

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing to present

SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

Nothing to present

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER

Not present

POLICE CHIEF

Not present

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Ms. Hovis

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on April 29, 2025, 6:00 pm, discussing Ordinance 17-25.

Environment and Public Works Committee

Mr. Tarolli

Nothing to report

Safety Services Committee

Ms. Phillips

Nothing to report

Economic and Community Development Committee

Mrs. Gillman

A committee meeting will be held following this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 12-25

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE JANUARY 2025 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause of Ordinance 12-25: seconded by Ms. Hovis.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 12-25; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Mrs. Gillman, yes; Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mrs. King, yes; Mr. Tarolli, yes. Motion carried 6-0: per Mrs. Sarty

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 17-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

No action taken – Ordinance 17-25 will be moved to third reading on May 13, 2025, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

Resolution 25-3

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECORATION OF GRAVES, CONDUCTING MEMORIAL SERVICES AND OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY 2025

No action taken – Resolution 25-3 will be moved to third reading on May 13, 2025, at the regular scheduled Council meeting

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan – Not present

Mr. Robinson – Nothing to present

Ms. Phillips – Receiving inquiries about individuals parking on Eleventh and Fulton Street near the stop sign. Ms. Phillips advised that the Ohio Revised Code reads that you are not to park within 30 feet of a stop sign. Ms. Phillips is requesting that the curb be painted yellow to reflect no parking. Today a vehicle was parked less than 2 yards from the stop sign.

Also, Ms. Phillips received several complaints that there is nowhere to move, due to the homes sold are used for short-term rentals. Ms. Phillips is requesting that we review the most recent Ordinance put in place in December 2023 or short-term rentals.

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Nothing to present

Mrs. King – Was a beautiful day today

Mrs. Gillman – Recommended that the Safety Service Committee review the short-term rental ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. King. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council