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Special Council Meeting

Minutes of March 19, 2025

The Special Council Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Kline** presided.

Call to Order 6:00 p.m. (0:02)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:20)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:42)

Members Present: Councilman Knecht, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Sivo, Vice President Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie Belich, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, and Council President Mike Kline

Also Present: Finance Director Bruce Scott, and Law Director Michael C. Lucas

Absent: Mayor Hallum and City Engineer Pete DiFranco

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 1:12)

An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight's agenda.

Public Portion opened at 6:01 p.m.

- No comments were made

Public Portion #1 closed at 6:01 p.m.

LEGISLATION: (Audio 1:40)

ORDINANCE 2025-015- AMENDED-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF GRAND RIVER ASPHALT CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Belich, to waive the Three Reading rule on Ordinance 2025-015 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

- **Council President Kline:** Mayor Hallum did send a memo I wanted to read. He stated, “Attached you will find the Road Superintendent’s memo regarding the result of the March 14, 2025 bid opening for asphalt and limestone. I concur with his request to accept the bid submitted by Grand River Co. for asphalt and Arms Trucking for limestone.” He requested that we waive the Three Reading Rule on this ordinance.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

The Three Reading rule on Ordinance 2025-015 has been waived.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2025-015 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

- **Finance Director Scott:** Comparing the 2024 and 2025 agreements, the Grand River contract is less than what we paid last year compared to Allied. This is an average of about \$50 per ton less. If we were to utilize the same amount of asphalt as we did last year, this would be about \$6,000 savings in the budget.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Ordinance 2025-015 Amended has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2025-016-AMENDED-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE ARMS TRUCKING COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIMESTONE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** seconded by **Councilwoman Vice President Taylor Draper** to waive the Three Reading rule on Ordinance 2025-016 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

- **Finance Director Scott:** I did the same analysis for this as I did for limestone. There was a slight increase in prices over last year. The most used type of asphalt is a little less than 2 dollars per ton. Again, based on usage from last year, you are looking at a \$1,500 increase. This is a minimal impact on the budget.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

The Three Reading rule on Ordinance 2025-015 Amended has been waived.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** seconded by **Councilwoman Vice President Taylor** to adopt Ordinance 2025-016 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

No discussion.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Ordinance 2025-016 Amended has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2025-017-AMENDED-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT AND SECURE UPFIT PRICING FOR THE CITY'S NEW 2026 MACK GRANITE GR42FR TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS BY ASCENDANCE TRUCK CENTERS AND THROUGH SOURCEWELL, A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Motion made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo** to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-017 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

- **Councilman Knecht:** This will hopefully put us into a position where this truck will be ready for next winter. We also want to avoid any price increases that may be coming.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

The Three Reading rule on Ordinance 2025-017 Amended has been waived.

- **Motion** made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo** to adopt Ordinance 2025-017 Amended.

Discussion of Motion:

No discussion.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Ordinance 2025-017 Amended has been adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** go out to bid for a new 2025 F450 truck with a utility body.

Discussion of Motion:

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** This will allow us to get bids out on the truck before the prices start skyrocketing with tariffs and the way the country has been going.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion to go out to bid for a new 2025 F450 truck with a utility body has been adopted.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 9:49)

- **Councilwoman Miller:** I just want to remind everyone that the craft show is this Saturday. They will have Spring and Easter décor for the coming seasons.
- **Council President Kline:** I believe the residents have received a notice from our new trash provider, Major Waste. You should have received it or will soon. There is information in there about the switch over. One thing that will benefit the seniors or residents with a Buckeye Card is that you will have the ability to get a jump on the new services by scanning your card and emailing it to Major Waste. They will get you in the system for the senior rate. If not, it will go through after the first billing.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 11:20)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilman Miller** to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline,

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED: APRIL 10, 2025
Date


Michael Kline
President of Council

ATTEST: Nicholas Aiello
Nicholas Aiello
Clerk of Council