

Record of Proceedings

Coshocton City Council

Meeting Held: October 16, 2023

The regular session of the Coshocton City Council was called to order at 6:35pm by Council President Tom Hilgenberg. Council Members present, Ms. Kayley Andrews, Mr. Tom Barcroft Mr. Mike Gross, Mr. Chad Johnson, Mr. Jim Kreis, Mr. Roger Moore, and Ms. Michelle Turner. Also, present, was Mark Mills, Mayor, Max Crown, Safety & Service Director, and Amy C. Shutt Clerk.

Previous Meeting Minutes: President Hilgenberg confirmed that all council members had received the minutes from the September 25, 2023, meeting. Roger Moore made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kayley Andrews. After a roll call all members voted yes, Tom Barcroft abstained due to being absent for the September 25, 2023, meeting.

Petitions & Remonstrance's:

Sixteen members of the local Pickleball Club attended the council meeting.

Kennedy Blakely from OMEGA made a prepared statement from Erin Wright, Senior Community Development Specialist with OMEGA, which included the great impact that pickleball has had on Coshocton and will continue to do with the addition of the new courts at Kids America. Erin Wright's contact information is, Erin Wright, 326 Highland Ave. Suite B, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Phone number at the OMEGA office is 740-439-4471, cell number is 330-243-0133.

Also speaking was Rachel McCreery, 20531 TR 162, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. She is the Director of Pickleball at Kids America. She wants to build a pickleball program for the youth of Coshocton. They will be going into the elementary school to introduce pickleball in the next few weeks. This will be an after-school program. Very excited about the growth of the program in Coshocton and providing additional outdoor courts for our youth during the summer months is a number one goal.

Daphne France, 1680 Knob Hill Dr. Coshocton, Ohio 43812. Spoke on the senior aspect of pickleball. Currently have eight five paying members, a total of one hundred and fourteen members. Feels this is economically big for Coshocton, will create jobs here as well. Knows of a few clients of hers that have chosen to move to Coshocton and retire here, due to the pickleball opportunities.

Eric Exley, 825 Sara Drive, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. Mr. Exley is a certified Engineer and prepared the plans for the City's pickleball court expansion as to where they can easily be located on city property at the City Recreation park. Currently there are three outdoor courts, and we want to construct seven more for a total of ten outdoor courts. They currently have ten indoors as well. They need \$360,000.00 for six courts. Have raised a total of \$51,500.00. Also asking for donations from Kimble, Montgomery Foundation, and Coshocton Foundation. Would like to see the council's support. Councilman Moore did ask Mr. Exley about the flooding that occurs back by the Shelter House. Mr. Exley said he has allotted eleven inches of gravel and five inches of concrete, does not feel it should be a problem. The city takes down the nets each year, and painting will be every ten to twelve years.

Diane Erwin, 880 Kensington Road, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. Feels additional outdoor courts are greatly needed so that during the summer months residents can play outside rather than indoors, due to the lack of court availability. Having ten courts outside would work hand in hand with the ten indoor courts. If a tournament was held and bad weather developed, the tournament could be moved indoors rather than cancelled. Many people come from out of the state to play and surrounding communities to play pickleball in Coshocton and additional outdoor space is truly needed.

Marsha Cusin, 1316 Fair Falls Drive, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. They have a tournament this Saturday, October 21, 2023, invited all councilmembers to come down to KA and see what pickleball is all about.

Addition to the Agenda: None

Reports of Standing or Special Committees:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Mills was present.

- 1) Wished he had as much energy as the Pickleball Club has, their attitude is awesome. Go watch them play, young and old alike.

- 2) Coshocton in Bloom attending the American in Bloom symposium in Spartanburg, South Carolina. They received 1st Place in Best Use of Container. Judge France was recognized as the Community Champion for America in Bloom.
- 3) Coshocton Visitor Bureau won a Ruby Award from Ohio Travel Association for 2023 for their Visitor's Guide.
- 4) The fair was great. Congratulations to the Fair Board.

Service Director: Max Crown was present

- 1) Will begin paving alleys the week of October 23, 2023.
- 2) Still working on the brick work in Roscoe Village

City Officers Reports:

Law Director's Report: Bob Skelton was present. The Law Director's September report was emailed to all council members.

Auditor's Report: Sherry Kirkpatrick was present. Sherry presented the September Auditor's Report.

Statement of Cash 9-29-23

Bank Report 9-29-23

Detail Trial Balance 9-29-23

Detail Check Report 9-13-23

Then & Now 9-13-23

Detail Check Report 9-27-23

Then & Now 9-27-23

Chad Johnson made a motion to accept the September Auditor's report, seconded by Michelle Turner, all members voted yes.

Treasurer Report: Denell Skelton was not present.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Crawford was present. The sheriff's report was emailed to all councilmembers.

Tax Report: Jackie Cushman was not present. Monthly Income tax was emailed to all council members.

Property Code Report: Dep. Mark Sharrock was present.

Fire Department Chief Rusty Dreher was not present. An Email was sent out to all councilmembers inviting them to a Vehicle Extrication Class on Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at Coshocton Fire Training grounds (located on Poplar Street next to the Fire Department). Please stop by, they will have approximately 12 vehicles and a school bus on site that will be part of the training.

Utilities, Dave Kadri was present. September Water Reports were emailed to all councilmembers.

Port Authority, Tiffany Swigert was present. Swigert gave an overview of what they have been working on at the Coshocton Port Authority.

LEGISLATION AT FIRST READING:

47-23 TRANSFER. Kayley Andrews made a motion to suspend the rules and move directly to the third reading, seconded by Roger Moore, all members voted yes.

48-23 APPROPRIATION. Roger Moore made a motion to suspend the rules and move directly to the third reading, seconded by Chad Johnson, all members voted yes.

49-23 An ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY OF COSHOCTON SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COSHOCTON FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. No action was taken on this Ordinance, it was removed because Resolution 11-23 was a duplicate.

50-23 A ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSHOCTON, OHIO
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COSHOCTON TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND UPON AWARD OF THE GRANT/LOAN TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BID AND AWARD BIDS FOR THE WWTP ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT. Chad Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and move directly to the third reading, seconded by Tom Barcroft, all members voted yes.

LEGISLATION AT SECOND READING: None

LEGISLATION AT THIRD READING: None

RESOLUTIONS:

10-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COSHOCTON, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS. After a roll call, Resolution passed.

11-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREDERICK T. WACHTEL, COSHOCTON COUNTY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. After a roll call, Resolution passed.

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Old Business: None

New Business: None

Communications :

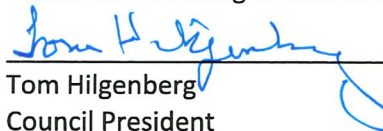
Councilmembers received a letter from Kenneth Koch commending the Mayor and Council for their efforts to bring positive impact to our community.

President Hilgenberg wanted to thank the Pickleball Club members for attending the meeting and for their input.

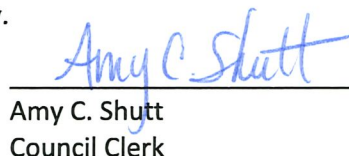
Councilman Moore wanted to announce that the Opportunity School will be "Dressing Up Main Street" on December 12, 2023. If you would like to donate, they will be accepting them from December 4 through December 7 at the Opportunity School.

Councilman Gross wanted to commend Our Town Coshocton and Councilman Chad Johnson for a great job with the summer concerts this year. There was a lot of hard work that goes into putting these events on for Coshocton. Great job Councilman Chad Johnson.

Adjournment: Roger Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kayley Andrews, all members voted yes. Council adjourned at 7:08pm. The next council meeting will be October 30, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Committee meeting to start at 5:45pm on the same day.



Tom Hilgenberg
Council President



Amy C. Shutt
Council Clerk