

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2016 – 7:30p.m.

Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, met in the Council Chamber on April 18, 2016 and was called to order by President of Council Mary K. Brown at 7:30p.m. Present: Cheryl A. Banaszak, Bill DeVito, Nick Haschka, Margarette S. Key, Jim Maxwell, Rick Skoczen and Gene Zacharyasz. Absent: None. Also present: Mayor Cyril M. Kleem, Director of Public Service Paul Anzalone, Director of Law and Public Safety Barb Jones and Director of Finance Dana Kavander.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

This meeting was held in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 109 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Berea. The certificate of compliance is on file in the Clerk's office.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mrs. Key, that the minutes from the April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Vote on the motion was all ayes and no nays. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND COMMENTS

Mayor Kleem had no report.

REPORT AND COMMENTS BY THE OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

Dana Kavander – Director of Finance:

Mrs. Kavander had no report.

Barb Jones – Director of Law & Public Safety:

Mrs. Jones had no report.

Paul Anzalone – Director of Public Service:

Mr. Anzalone offered a reminder that bulk trash collection will take place this week. He also explained that last weekend the City held its household hazardous waste roundup, and more residents took advantage of this program than ever before. The City will host a similar roundup on September 16, 2016 and September 17, 2016.

Marty Compton – Director of Recreation:

Mr. Compton was not present.

COMMENDATIONS:

The Clerk read a summary of the 6 Commendations that will be presented tonight.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-5: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHRIS HRITZ AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that Resolution No. 4-5 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-6: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EMILY LEOPOLD AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that Resolution No. 4-6 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-7: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THERESE NAPIER AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mrs. Banaszak, that Resolution No. 4-7 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-8: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING AMBER STEVENS AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mr. Skoczen, that Resolution No. 4-8 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-9: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DAKOTA STEVENS AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mrs. Banaszak, seconded by Mr. Haschka, that Resolution No. 4-9 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-10: A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHEF CHRIS OLSZEWSKI, POLARIS CAREER CENTER'S CHEF TRAINING INSTRUCTOR, AND THE POLARIS CAREER CENTER PROSTART CULINARY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE TITLE AT THE 2016 OHIO PROSTART INVITATIONAL CULINARY COMPETITION.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mrs. Key, that Resolution No. 4-10 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

A general presentation commenced during which all recipients were called forward to receive their Commendations, and the Clerk provided a bit of personal information about each student.

Mr. Haschka was responsible for facilitating these Commendations, and he congratulated the students on their outstanding achievement, adding that all 5 of his children attended Polaris, a school he loves, and he wanted to honor these accomplished students appropriately.

Chef Olszewski complimented the team on their tireless and passionate efforts that helped make this title possible. He explained that the students have put in over 600 hours of preparation, and leave next Wednesday for the National Competition where they will compete against 47 other teams with the hope of bringing home a Championship.

Doug Miller, Polaris' Director of Community Outreach, was present this evening, and declared that this team and their success exemplify all that the Polaris has to offer, and he is so proud of their efforts and accomplishments.

Council congratulated the students, once again, and wished the team much luck at the National Championship.

PETITIONS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Southwest General Health District Board of Directors – Cheryl A. Banaszak

Mrs. Banaszak introduced William Young Jr., the President and CEO of Southwest Hospital, who was present this evening to speak before Council.

Mr. Young provided Council with a bit of background information, noting that prior to assuming his current position four months ago, he had worked at St. John Medical Center for 4 years. Mr. Young explained that while he is still getting to know the organization, he is focusing on what the hospital is doing well, and where opportunities for improvement can be found. He stated his determination to continue to improve the patient experience, and added that it is very apparent that the surrounding communities support Southwest and want the hospital to succeed.

Mr. Young briefly touched upon Southwest's partnership with University Hospitals, explaining that this relationship allows the hospital to offer services it otherwise would not be able to provide.

Mr. Young concluded his presentation by focusing on his commitment to communication, and encouraging an open dialogue. He added that he is determined to earn the trust of the neighboring communities, and give back to the people that the hospital serves.

Mayor Kleem questioned the status of the hospital's partnership with University, and Mr. Young explained that it runs through 2020, at which time it will be re-evaluated and, hopefully, extended. While the partnership is still developing, it has already proven to be successful. University Hospital sends specialists in to the community hospital with the hope of strengthening the existing facility. This is great for the communities involved because it allows patients to be treated near their homes, and without having to drive downtown.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Young for his time.

Senior and Community Services Committee – Cheryl A. Banaszak

Mrs. Banaszak introduced Daune Jaynes, who was recently hired to coordinate Berea Community Outreach. Mrs. Jaynes provided Council with a brief overview of current programs which include the Senior Jitney service, grass, leaf and snow removal assistance and the food pantry. She then informed Council about a few programs that are either new, or less developed, like the Family and Youth Initiative and Berea Cares, a program aimed at identifying the needs of residents, distinguishing which community organizations offer assistance in these specified areas, and encouraging collaboration between the City and various civic organizations to ensure all needs are met.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Jaynes for her energy and passion, and Mayor Kleem added that Mrs. Jaynes has done an outstanding job of promoting programs and fostering interest in activities. He explained that Berea Cares has been around for a while, but has remained somewhat disorganized. Mrs. Jaynes has been working to define the program and its objectives, and determine how it can successfully assist the residents of Berea.

Mrs. Key thanked Mrs. Jaynes for her helpful information.

Woodvale Union Cemetery Board of Trustees – Jim Maxwell

Mr. Maxwell stated that the Board met for their Quarterly Meeting, is preparing for the Memorial Day ceremony, and thanks Council for their support with the backhoe purchase.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-9: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 1, BETWEEN THE CITY OF BERA AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Mr. Skoczen urged Council to adopt this Ordinance, adding that while things might be a mess for a while, the project is a commitment to the residents of Ward 5 and will be a great benefit once it is completed.

Moved by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Zacharyasz, that Ordinance No. 3-9 be adopted. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-10: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS FOR THE FAIR STREET WATER AND SEWER PROJECT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that Ordinance No. 3-10 be adopted. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Ordinance was adopted.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-3: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF BERA BY SUPPLYING THE SAME WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTING, INCLUDING TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTING, BY FIXING THE VALUE OF INTERSECTIONS NOT ASSESSED FOR TAXATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE AND FILE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENTS TO EFFECT THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Proposed Resolution No. 4-3 stands on second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-4: AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREETS IN THE CITY OF BERA BY SUPPLYING THE SAME WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTING, INCLUDING TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTING, AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Proposed Ordinance No. 4-4 stands on second reading.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-11: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL 22, 2016 AS EARTH DAY, AND APRIL 29, 2016 AS ARBOR DAY, AND PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BEREA TO CULTIVATE AND APPRECIATE TREES AND ALL ARBOREAL GIFTS OF NATURE.

The Clerk read the title of the Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Haschka, seconded by Mrs. Key, that Resolution No. 4-11 be approved. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Key, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. The motion carried and the Resolution was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-12: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (“CRA”) AGREEMENT WITH AUDION AUTOMATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk read the title of the Ordinance.

Mr. Zacharyasz questioned when Council would receive the exhibit, and Mrs. Jones declared that it will be available by second reading.

Mayor Kleem informed Council that Crain’s Magazine published a piece about economic development in Berea, adding that this particular Ordinance also relates to economic development in the City. Audion Automation has facilities in Berea, Wisconsin, Texas and California, and will soon be streamlining their operations and consolidating their Texas and California branches in to either their Berea or Wisconsin locations. While they have not yet committed to Berea, this legislation is part of an economic development package that the City will soon offer in order to entice them to consolidate in Berea, a venture that would bring 21 new full time employees and \$18,000 in payroll taxes. Mayor Kleem noted that Mr. Madzy and Mr. Norton, along with representatives from the County, have been involved in discussions with representatives from Audion, and the County is offering a loan should they decide to move to Berea and expand their facility.

Mayor Kleem concluded by emphasizing that while Audion is not ready to make a decision, the City wants to show them that we are committed to their consolidation here in Berea.

Proposed Ordinance No. 4-12 stands on first reading.

REPORT AND COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Brown reminded Council about the Grindstone Award Banquet on April 21, 2016, and announced that the next Small Business Seminar will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:00am at Perk Cup Café.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Banaszak thanked Mrs. Jones and the Berea Police Department for their quick response to an issue involving a broken down and abandoned van on Fourth Avenue last week. She also thanked Mr. DeVito for his assistance on the matter.

Mrs. Banaszak announced that May 14, 2016 is Opening Day for BBA, and encouraged everyone to attend the festivities.

Mr. DeVito had no report.

Mr. Haschka had no report.

Mrs. Key informed Council and the listening audience about the Boys to Men Ministry's Spaghetti Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Mt. Zion.

Mr. Maxwell had no report.

Mr. Skoczen declared that he has been in contact with RTA about the possible disconnection of Route 86, and has encouraged them to reconsider and keep the route active. He noted that Mr. Haschka has already contacted RTA and explained that the best way to support the continuation of this route is to get others to do so, as well.

Mr. Zacharyasz had no report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The April 1, 2016 – April 14, 2016 Correspondence is available in the Clerk's office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Esson reminded Council to submit their Financial Disclosure forms.

Mayor Kleem informed Council that he had been in contact with Echo Properties, and they have decided to waive the fee that was set to be assessed for the rental of parking spaces during the West Center Street Bridge Repair and Replacement Project. Council was thrilled with this news.

Moved by Mrs. Banaszak, seconded by Mr. Haschka, that proposed Ordinance No. 4-1 be placed on the May 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Agenda for second reading. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, DeVito, Haschka, Maxwell, Skoczen and Zacharyasz. Nays: None. Mrs. Key recused herself from the vote. The motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mr. Haschka, and seconded by Mrs. Key, that the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned. Vote on the motion was all ayes and no nays. The motion passed and President Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Mary K. Brown
President of Council

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The regular meeting of Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, held on the 18th day of April, 2016, was conducted in compliance with Codified Ordinances Section 109 and Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Alycia Esson
Clerk of Council