

**CLERK’S JOURNAL OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EATON, OHIO,
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AT 6:00 P.M., ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Mayor Venable called to order a regular meeting of the Eaton City Council on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The Deputy Clerk called the roll and found the following to be:

Present: Jim Ball
 Christopher Carr
 Dave Kirsch
 Matt Venable
Absent: Brad Moore

Also in attendance were City Manager Brad Collins, Assistant City Manager Joe Ferriell, Finance Director Stephanie Hurd, Law Director Ryan Brunk, Police Chief Hurd, Police Lt. Sizemore, Fire/EMS Chief Andrew Bekemeier, Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Gray, Public Works Superintendent Chris Denlinger, Community Development Specialist Leslie Collins and Service and Parks Coordinator Zac Wilson.

Santo Landerer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the Invocation.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councilman Carr moved to approve the Clerk’s Journal Entries, to accept the tapes as the official minutes for the regular meeting of November 20, 2023, and to acknowledge the November 2023 Financial Report. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved to approve the Clerk’s Journal Entries and to accept the tapes as the official minutes for the regular meeting of December 4, 2023. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCE 23-24

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map Of the City of Eaton, Ohio, Change of the Zoning District Classification of Part Outlot 202, Tact 4, Located at 121 East Washington Jackson Road, Eaton, Ohio.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the second reading of Ordinance 23-24, by Title only. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 23-24, by Title only.

Councilman Carr moved for the adoption of Ordinance 23-24, to be effective as of January 18, 2024. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCE 23-25

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 23-03, Annual Appropriation for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023.

Councilman Moore moved for the reading of Ordinance 23-25, by title only. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 23-25, by Title only.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the adoption of Ordinance 23-25. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCE 23-26

A Temporary Appropriation to Provide for the Usual Daily Operating Expenses of the City of Eaton, Ohio for a Part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Pending Passage of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Councilman Carr moved for the reading of Ordinance 23-26, by title only. Vice Mayor Kirsch seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 23-26, by Title only.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the adoption of Ordinance 23-26. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCE 23-27

An Ordinance to Revise the Codified Ordinances by Adopting Current Replacement Pages and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilman Carr moved for the reading of Ordinance 23-27. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 23-27, by Title only.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the adoption of Ordinance 23-27. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved to insert Citizen Comments from Agenda Number 19 to Agenda Number 9, due to Executive Session.

Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

At this time Kathy Clapp of 124 West Chicago Street, Eaton, Ohio, introduced herself to Council and informed them that she has pulled a petition to run for County Commissioner. She wanted to share her thoughts and ideas as a small business owner and realtor in Preble County.

Amanda Donahoo of 62 Sheild Dr, Eaton, Ohio, spoke to Council concerning a crosswalk on Park Ave that would allow the residents of Vancrest to cross the street safely to go to Seven Mile Park. City Manager, Brad Collins, advised that City Staff will look into the regulations, pricing, etc. and get back with Council in January 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), that Council adjourn to executive session for the purpose of appointment, promotion, compensation of a public employee. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Inviting: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Councilman Carr moved to return to regular session with no action taken. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)
Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 23-45

A Resolution Establishing an Organizational Listing With Job Classification Titles, Staff Levels and Assigned Pay Grades for 2024.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-45. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 23-46

A Resolution Establishing an Organizational Listing Authorizing Job Titles, Staffing Levels and Pay Rates for Personnel in the Divisions of Fire and Emergency Medical Service for 2024.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-46. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 23-47

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Tertiary Filtration and Disinfection System Improvements Project.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-47. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 23-48

A Resolution Authorizing a One Percent (1%) Premium Pay for Certain Hourly Employees to be Paid From American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

Councilman Carr moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-48. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 23-49

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Addendum to the Agreement With the Fraternal Order of Police/The Ohio Labor Council, Inc.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-49. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Public Works will be receiving a \$50,000.00 Grant from the EPA for the replacement of the Generator at the Water Treatment Plant. They will also receive approximately \$100,000.00 to go towards the well replacement at the Black Water Treatment Plant.
2. The Police Division has received one of the two vehicles that were ordered in September of 2022. The other vehicle should be delivered in February or March of 2024.
3. Staff attended the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of Henny Penny's new Owners Hall and Wellspring Wellness Center. This will be a great addition for the employees at Henny Penny and for our community.
4. Staff attended the Preble County Development Partnership Investment Celebration. Dave Burrows from the Dayton Development Coalition was the guest speaker.
5. Whispering Christmas is in full swing. They have had approximately 12,000 vehicles drive through so far this season.
6. Omni Fiber and Center Point continue to work in our Right of Ways. Omni Fiber will be done by the end of January 2024.
7. The next scheduled Council meeting will be on Monday, January 15, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Venable discussed Issue 2 and asked Council members if this should be on our next Agenda for consideration. All members agreed that it should be on the January 15, 2024, Agenda.

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Mayor Venable gave condolences to the families of the two victims of the fatal, early morning accident. Also, to the Sheriff's Office and the Eaton Police Division. Deputy Hamilton will truly be missed.

ADJOURN

Councilman Carr moved to adjourn. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Ayes: Ball, Carr, Moore, Kirsch, Venable (5)

Nays: None (0)

SS Deputy Clerk of Council

SS Mayor