

**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, JANUARY 15, 2024**

Mayor Venable called to order a regular meeting of the Eaton City Council on Monday, January 15, 2024, 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
Brad Moore
Dave Kirsch, Vice Mayor
Matt Venable, Mayor
Absent: None

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, 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 December 18, 2023, and to acknowledge the December 2023 Financial Report. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 24-01

A RESOLUTION HONORING EATON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR MALLORY HITCHCOCK AS THE 2023 SWBL GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPION, SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPION, AND FOR ACHIEVING 3rd PLACE IN DIVISION II STATE SINGLES AT THE 2023 OHSAA GIRLS TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS two-time doubles tennis state champion Mallory Hitchcock dominated her opponents on her way to a Division II Southwestern Buckeye League sectional singles tennis championship, Oct. 2-4, 2023; and

WHEREAS she rallied to take the district title in the Division II Southwest District final on Oct. 14, 2023; and after securing a spot at the OHSAA Division II State Singles Championship, Oct. 19-20, 2023, placed 3rd in the state; and

WHEREAS Mallory Hitchcock should be recognized for her continued winning ways, hard work, good sportsmanship, and dedication; and

WHEREAS Eaton City Council does hereby wish to honor Mallory Hitchcock, as 2023 SWBL Girls Tennis Champion, Southwest Sectional Champion, and 3rd Place player in Division II State Singles at the 2023 OHSAA Girls Tennis State Tournament; and

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the members of Eaton City Council do hereby congratulate and honor Mallory Hitchcock and encourage all citizens to reflect upon the dedication, determination and perseverance that has enabled her to continue her winning tennis career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be included in the official minutes of Eaton City Council as a lasting testament of the appreciation and affection the community has for tennis champion Mallory Hitchcock and her representation of the Eaton community.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-01. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

SWEARING IN OF FIRE/EMS CHIEF

Mayor Venable administered the Oath to the City of Eaton Fire/EMS Chief, Andrew Bekemeier.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nathan Hake, 121 Alexander Rd, Eaton, Ohio, and David Hurst, Surface Rd, Eaton, Ohio, addressed Council concerning a proposed Solar Farm that will be located just North of the City Limits. Mayor Venable advised him that this property is not in the City Limits, therefore, out of our jurisdiction. The Mayor did advise that Council and Staff to review information and concerns.

PRESENTATION BY THE EATON POLICE DIVISION

Eaton Police Chief, Steve Hurd, presented Council with the Training from the second half of 2023 and all of the Awards for the Eaton Police Division for 2023.

ORDINANCE 24-01

An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium of Nine Months on Adult Use Cannabis Operators Within the City of Eaton, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the reading of Ordinance 24-01, 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 24-01, by Title only.

Vice Mayor Kirsch moved for the adoption of Ordinance 24-01. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Nays: None (0)

ORDINANCE 24-02

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 931 of the Codified Ordinances to Amend Refuse Collection Charges.

Councilman Carr moved for the first reading of Ordinance 24-02, by Title only. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Nays: None (0)

Law Director, Ryan Brunk, read Ordinance 24-02, by Title only.

RESOLUTION 24-02

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Excess Property by Any Division in the City of Eaton for the Year 2024.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-02. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 24-03

A Resolution for the Preliminary Legislation Consent for ODOT Type A Guardrail PID #117251

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-03. Councilman Carr seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION 24-04

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) for the *NATUREWORKS LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT*.

Councilman Carr moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-04. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 24-05

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Excess Equipment by the Eaton Police Division.

Councilman Moore moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-05. Councilman Ball seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Planning Board met on January 9, 2024. The Board approved a Major Site Plan for Everlast Roofing, this project should start soon.
2. Appeals Board met on January 8, 2024. The Board approved a Variance Application for Signage at the new Reid/Kroger Site.
3. Cold Weather is here, and all of the City's Departments are working hard to keep the City safe. Recently Maintenance has been working on the snow- and ice-covered roads and the Water Department is working on a Water Main Break and Generator issues.
4. Paddock Road Boutique Grand Opening was on January 13th, they are located at 113 South Barron St.
5. The next scheduled Council meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

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

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

SS Deputy Clerk of Council

SS Mayor