

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 23

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Michael Kuhn was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Chief McGill, Police Chief; Chip Wirrig, Service Department; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Mayor Johnson presented Chief McGill a plaque for his 25 years of dedicated service as the Germantown Police Chief.

Chief McGill thanked everyone for the kind words and stated that it has been an honor.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Keith Burnett, Germantown Cemetery Sexton, introduced himself to everyone and gave a brief update on the Cemetery.

Kay Fradl, 320 North Main Street, stated that she was the chairwoman for the Veterans Memorial Banner Committee. They are looking forward to starting this project here in Germantown.

Connie Shaffer, 8540 Browns Run Road, stated she is a member of the Veterans Memorial Banner Committee and feels this project will do well.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland thanked Chief McGill for his many years of dedicated service to the City.

She reviewed the consent agenda and the proposed legislation. Which includes the covered bridge with ODOT, the advancement of taxes from Montgomery County, the settlement of the Lane Trust and support of the Replacement levy for the Germantown Union Cemetery. Under introduction, we have the acceptance of Hickory Pointe Estates Section 4, the acceptance of the Villas at Hickory Pointe and the amendment to the appropriations. There is a public hearing regarding legislation pertaining to yearly financing.

She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

He attended the OMAA conference. He enjoyed the seminars that were offered.

He thanked Chief McGill for his many years of dedicated service to the City. It has been an honor to work with him.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson stated he hopes everyone's Thanksgiving was enjoyable.

He thanked Chief McGill for his service to the City.

He thanked the residents who took the time to vote in November.

He congratulated the VV Volleyball Team and the VV Football Highschool Team on their fantastic year.

Christmas in the Park and the Horse Parade is on December 9. The next Park Board Meeting will be January 3.

He will be attending the Dayton Reginal Military Collaborative Reception and the Mayors and Mangers Meeting in the upcoming weeks.

He was inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame as the 978th member.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones congratulated the Mayor on his acceptance to the Veterans Hall of Fame.

He congratulated Chief McGill for his years of service.

He attended the MVRPC meeting, a BZA meeting this past month and a MVRPC Planning Seminar at Sinclair.

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle congratulated Chief McGill for his years of service.

She encouraged Seniors to look in the newsletter for activities at the Senior Center.

She attended the Cemetery Board Meeting. They repaired the porch on the home at the Cemetery.

She reminded everyone to shop locally for the upcoming holiday and every day.

She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Reed's Report:

Mr. Reed welcomed Keith from the Cemetery and he is looking forward to the Banner Committee and their project.

He congratulated Chief McGill for his many years of service.

The Christmas Lights throughout town look amazing.

The CBC will be meeting December 11. They have been working hard to get the corner trees decorated by local businesses.

He thanked City Staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich congratulated Chief McGill for his many years of service.

He announced that Taco Bell is open and the residents seem to be very happy.

He is excited to attend the Christmas in the Park event and encouraged everyone to attend.

He wished everyone a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig stated that the MVCC meeting was cancelled.

He thanked Chief McGill for his dedicated service.

The lights throughout town look amazing and he thanked City Staff for their hard work.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. November 6, 2023-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. November 6, 2023-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-45**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ODOT, TO REHABILITATE THE COVERED BRIDGE ON CENTER STREET OVER LITTLE TWIN CREEK.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-46**
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REQUEST FOR TAX YEAR 2023 ADVACEMENT FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR.
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-49**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRIVATE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SIG J. RIPPE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE NELDA RING LANE LIVING TRUST, DATED MARCH 19, 2018 ON BEHALF OF THE GERMANTOWN AREA SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-50**
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GERMAN TOWNSHIP WIDE ½ MILL REPLACEMENT LEVY TO FUND THE GERMANTOWN UNION CEMETERY.

MOTION: Mr. Rettich moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-47
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HICKORY POINTE ESTATES, SECTION FOUR SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held January 2, 2024.

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-48
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN
THE VILLAS AT HICKORY POINTE SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held January 2, 2024.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 23-51
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-16
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND
EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, STATE OF
OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Mrs. Wafzig moved to suspend the rules on Emergency Ordinance No. 23-51.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Boeder opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 23-51.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 23-38
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 CITY BUDGET.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-38.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-39
AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE SECTION 161.02, PAY SCHEDULE,
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN WITH THE
ATTACHED PAY SCHEDULE.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-39.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-40
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-52
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND
EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, STATE OF
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Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-40.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-42

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND/OR PLANT GROWTH FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-42.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved to excuse Mr. Kuhn.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor