

Minutes

June 20, 2023

Commissioners Present: Timothy Bechtol and Michael Pepple. William Bateson absent.

Also Present: Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Auditor Rauschenberg, Mayor Muryn, Mary Ann LaRoche, Lou Wilin and Elliott Werth.

Commissioner Bechtol opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the June 15, 2023 were read with Michael Pepple making the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #399-23 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #400-23 – Advance of funds from the General Fund to Water Pollution Control Fund #2202. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #401-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to Ditch Maintenance #2004. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #402-23 – Release of permissive tax- Village of Mt. Blanchard to pay for resurfacing East Market Street within the village \$6,979.00. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution #403-23 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioner's to appropriate to MVGT #2002. Michael Pepple made the motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Cindy Land had nothing to present.

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg inquired about the GMP that is on the agenda. Tim Bechtol stated that Attorney Matt Segone is still working on it and the Commissioner's will reconvene later today when it is ready. This does not need a resolution, however it needed to be on the agenda and stated within the minutes. Auditor Rauschenberg requested to be notified when the Commissioners will reconvene. The Board stated that their office will be contacted.

Mayor Muryn provided statements on the annexation request of CR 212 and CR 236. She stated that his has been in process since 2016 and Engineer Cade has been involved with the discussions since then. She has proof that the plans were acceptable per Engineer Cade, so the issue of the light at this juncture is unacceptable. The City of Findlay takes the issue of safety seriously, and she has supporting facts from ODOT that a light is not warranted at that location. Furthermore, it is not the intention of the City to put up a light at that location. Mike Pepple has

spoken to Councilmen Jeff Wobser and Mike expressed his concern about getting a light at the intersection. In addition, Mike has spoken to several Township Trustees and they were told that a light would be installed and maintain the importance of a light. Tim Bechtol stated that he wants a light at that location due to the increased chance of accidents at that location. Elliot Werth discussed the legal ramifications from ODOT and the feds if a traffic light is installed and it is later determined that it isn't warranted. The Mayor stated that if the annexation request is denied, they will pursue legal action.

Meetings and Reports

Mike Pepple had nothing to report.

Timothy Bechtol stated that he spoke to Rob Martin about the parking for City employees at the MCPA lot. Tim stated that the conversations have been productive. As of 9:00 a.m., there were about 44 empty spots at the MCPA lot. Mayor Muryn stated that currently, there are no City of Findlay employees parking in the MCPA lot. Tim stated that a jury trial started on Tuesday, therefore a lot of the jurors parked in the MCPA lot.

Tim also announced that the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 5:00 has been postponed.

Phil Johnson requested an executive session in regards to potential litigation.



Mayor Muryn stated that she sent an email to the Sheriff about a year ago with her concern regarding the tower on CR 140. Her concern is with the FAA and the airspace that the tower encroaches on. Cindy Land stated that a consultant has been hired and is working on the final plans. The Mayor will follow up with the Sheriff.

At 9:56 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. Michael Pepple seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Tim Bechtol, yes; and Mike Pepple, yes. At 11:05 a.m., Tim Bechtol made the motion to exit executive session after discussing potential litigation with no action taken. Michael Pepple seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

At 2:30 p.m., the Commissioner's meeting was reconvened. Lynn Taylor, Cindy Land, Adam Wittman and Auditor Charity Rauschenberg were present. Tim went over the A1A 141 document for the new Judicial Center. The document stated that the GMP is not to exceed \$20,809,067.04. The attachments were discussed in detail and will be sent to the Auditor for her files. Mike Pepple inquired about if a Mechanic Lien Waiver is necessary and section A.1.5.1.4 addressed this topic. Mike Pepple made the motion to accept the GMP and Tim Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 2-0. The Clerk will contact ACI to arrange a time for them to pick up the documents and sign.


Lynn Taylor, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Absent
William L. Bateson

Timothy K. Bechtol

Michael W. Peppie