

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting:

Call to Order at 6 pm by Mayor Tammy Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Kevin Maloney, Chuck Peterson

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Police Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Ryan Klemm

Citizens: Commissioner Mike Tinlin, Theresa Scalia, Michelle Stebbins, Rhonda Pikus, Wanda Fortney, Lauren Weaver, Linda Clark, John Clark, Beth Sluka, Heather Paisley, Becky Seibold, Hans Seibold, Toomas Tubalkain, Paula Tubalkain, Terry Hronek, Miranda Brothers, Randy Ellis, Barbara Stiebling, Jaime Nosse, Brooklynn Meyer, Riley Meyer, Nancy Whaley, Morgan Grubaugh, Faith Pitrocini, Marty Fergus, Corey Turnbull, Patrick Frost, Amy Turos, Rodger Nicholson, Jerry Carlton, Heather Carlton, Pat Fojas, Gloria Vechery, Linda Carlton, Chuck Crowder

Council interviewed Heather Paisley, Nancy Whaley, Patrick Frost and Jaime Nosse to fill the vacant Council seat.

A roll call vote was taken for each Council member to state their preferred candidate. Chuck: Patrick; Kevin: Jaime; Marty: Patrick; Steve: Jaime; Nina: Heather.

Because no candidate had a majority, Mayor Meyer suggested that a second vote be taken, in which only the two highest vote recipients, Jaime and Patrick, could be selected. Michele asked if any Council member had an objection to proceeding that way. No one objected.

The second roll call vote was as follows: Steve: Jaime; Chuck: Patrick; Marty: Patrick; Nina: Jaime; Kevin: Jaime

Michele swore in Jaime Nosse as the new Council appointee.

Regular Council meeting put on pause at 6:30 for the public hearing.

6:30 pm: Public Hearing relating to Ordinance 2023-54, which proposes the rezoning of multiple parcels of land currently zoned “Village Center” or “Commercial” within the Village of Mantua.

Many of the citizens in the audience spoke against the proposed rezoning changes. They felt it would hurt the village economy and the residents' property values. It would stifle the growth of the village and negatively impact property taxes. A small number of citizens were in favor of the proposed rezoning changes stating it protected the residents' property because there was more control. John Clark and Wes Hawkins, who were members of the Planning Commission when this legislation was drafted and recommended, explained the reasoning behind these proposed zoning changes.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Resume Regular Council Meeting:

Mayor's report

Mayor Meyer read her mayor's report. It is turned in and on file.

The mayor requested council approval for the following committee member appointments:

Shade Tree: Nina Schroeder, Don Buchert

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Planning Commission: Wes Hawkins, Ellie Stamm
Board of Zoning Appeals: Randy Usher, Beth Sluka
Landmarks Commission: Ian Jones, Dawn King
Cemetery Board: Dakota Van Oss
Records Commission: Nina Schroeder

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to approve the appointments. Steve second. All ayes.

Citizens

Randy Ellis, representing the Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the incoming mayor and thanked the outgoing mayor for her service. He stated that the Chamber is looking forward to working with business owners and the village in the coming year. There is a nice article in the Heritage Ohio publication on Mantua Village.

Lauren Weaver said she has been a resident of the village for 30 years, and hope that some things that have happened in the past year are taken care of. She asked that with the ½% levy increase to help fund the police department if the police department has 24/7 coverage. Chief Urso responded that a Mantua police officer will respond to all calls 24/7.

Linda Clark requested possession of the signs that were on three of the four corners of the village that stated “Mayor Linda Clark”, as they have no monetary value to the village.

- ❖ Kevin made the motion to give Linda Clark the signs. Chuck second. All ayes.

Corey Turnbull asked if the police department is patrolling the village 24/7. Chief Urso said that he will not discuss schedules and gaps in an open meeting as it will put the village at risk. Corey felt that not knowing was putting himself at risk.

Financial Reports

Maryann went over the financial reports.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the financial reports. Nina second. All ayes.

Approval of previous Minutes

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the Public Hearing and Regular Council meeting minutes from 12.19.2023. Marty second. Nina abstained, all the rest ayes.
- ❖ Kevin made a motion to approve the Special Council Meeting from 12.27.2023. Chuck second. Nina abstained, all the rest ayes.

The following corrections were made to the 1.2.2024 minutes. Replace Chuck Peterson with Kevin Maloney in the Safety Committee. Take Don Buchert out of the Shade Tree Commission. Replace Mayor Mayor with Mayor Meyer in the Planning Commission. Replace Emily Hammonds with “vacant” in the Landmarks Commission.

- ❖ Chuck made a motion to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes from 1.2.2024 as amended. Steve second. All ayes.

Legislation:

RES 2023-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PEARSON SURVEYING, LLC TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF MATS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Tabled on 2nd reading. No discussion.

ORD 2023-54 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO. 2nd reading. Chuck made a motion to send back to Planning Commission to reconsider this ordinance. The motion never received a second.

❖ Kevin made a motion to postpone indefinitely. Steve second. Marty nay, all the rest ayes.

ORD 2023-57 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY SCALES AND POSITIONS OF FULL AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd reading.

❖ Nina made a motion to table to send back to Finance and Safety Committees. Marty second. All ayes.

ORD 2023-62 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.03 OF THE MANTUA VILLAGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE RULES OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd reading.

❖ Nina made a motion to suspend the rules. Kevin second. All ayes.

❖ Kevin made a motion to approve. Steve second. All ayes.

RES 2023-63 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING LINDA CLARK FOR HER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA. 2nd reading.

❖ Marty made a motion to suspend the rules. Kevin second. Nina nay, all the rest ayes.

❖ Marty made a motion to approve. Chuck second. Nina nay, all the rest ayes.

RES 2024-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE CAPITAL AND SHADE TREE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

❖ Steve made a motion to suspend the rules. Kevin second. All ayes.

❖ Kevin made a motion to approve. Nina second. All ayes.

ORD 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 460.10 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN INVASIVE SPECIES OF PLANTS FROM THE RECOMMENDED PLANT LISTS. 1st reading. No discussion.

ORD 2024-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-29 REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING OFFICER. 1st reading. Tammy explained that this was just to take the name of the first officer appointed out of the existing ordinance.

ORD 2024-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2024 VILLAGE OF MANTUA APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

❖ Steve made a motion to suspend the rules. Kevin second. Marty nay, all the rest ayes.

❖ Steve made a motion to approve. Kevin second. Marty nay, all the rest ayes.

RES 2024-05 A RESOLUTION FINDING CESO, INC. TO BE THE MOST QUALIFIED FIRM FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EAST PROSPECT PHASE I AND WEST FRANKLIN PHASE II PROJECTS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF BASE FEE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

❖ Steve made a motion to suspend the rules. Chuck second. All ayes.

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- ❖ Kevin made a motion to approve. Nina second. All ayes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Joe Urso summarized the Safety meeting, he also requested approval for a \$50 donation to be used for the K-9 expenses and to put into police operating.

- ❖ Chuck made the motion to accept the donation. Marty second. All ayes.

Chief asked for approval to spend \$5000 on materials for the new flooring in the police department.

- ❖ Chuck made the motion to approve. Steve second. All ayes.

Village Administrator Ryan Klemm summarized what the service department has been doing. He asked to approve the purchase of a 32" stand on mower for \$7,400.00

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to approve the purchase of a standing mower. Chuck second. All ayes.

Linda Clark asked where Buchert Park Phase IV was. Maryann explained that the last check went to Brian at CT Consultants and we were waiting for the last reimbursement.

Committees:

Steve Thorn for Service said that Ryan had already stated everything, for Planning they were just getting feedback on the proposed zoning changes and Fire Board they approved the 2024 budget.

Nina Schroeder said that Cookie Vanek is chairperson to all three committees, Parks, Shade Tree and Cemetery.

Kevin Maloney summarized Finance and Landmarks. The Safety committee had been covered by Chief Urso.

Mayor Meyer said there was nothing for Board of Zoning Appeals.

Any Other Business

Finance Committee recommendation to create Hiring and Processes Subcommittee. Chuck felt that this was not necessary, that the Council did not have enough knowledge to do this. Nina said that this was the point to the formation of this Subcommittee.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to create a subcommittee for Hiring and Processes. Nina Second. Chuck – nay, Marty – nay, all the rest ayes.

Finance Committee is to work on how this subcommittee would be appointed, when it would meet.

The first 2025 Budget Workshop will be held 3.13.2024 at 6:00 pm.

The first 2025 Appropriation Budget Workshop will be held 7.10.2024 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

- ❖ Nina made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Steve second. All ayes.