

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 1, 24

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Robert Rettich IV were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

None.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Glen Bowman, 190 Megan Lane, President of the Historical Society, announced that the Germantown Historical Society will be hosting their yearly Founders Day event on August 3 at VMP and encouraged the residents to attend.

Mark Heistand, 364 East Market Street, Treasurer of the Historical Society, stated he would like to speak on behalf of the Historical Society Board and let you know that they are in favor of the temporary alley closures for the addresses that are on the agenda tonight.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland reviewed the agenda. It includes the yearly assessments for unpaid bills for various utilities. Staff will update several of the items on the agenda regarding the temporary closure of alleyways in the downtown area and fees for the refuse collection.

She thanked State Representative Tom Young for including our covered bridge in the approved state budget for \$275,000.00. This is a million-dollar project, so this will help with the funding for the project and reduce the impact of the general fund.

Pat Shively reviewed the legislation regarding the assessments for the outstanding utility bills. The ordinance for the refuse rates has been discussed in several meetings and is on the agenda for approval.

She made Council and Staff aware of the mandated training that is required by the State Auditors Office. She will send the link to all.

Mary Crocket, Germantown Downtown Manger, updated Council on the redevelopment plan regarding the improvements of the downtown properties. She explained the importance of the temporary closures in the alleyways to promote our local business and encourage the public to visit our unique businesses.

Will Parsons reminded everyone about the upcoming movie night at VMP on July 10.

He updated Council on the 2024 pool season. It is all going well and pool parties are booking quickly.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Rettich with their assistance in interviewing the candidates for the Law Directors position.

Thank you to Representative Tom Young for his assistance in securing the funds for the Covered Bridge Project.

The Park Board and Park Oversight Committee will be meeting on July 4th before the parade. He encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming July 4th Parade.

The MMI Committee is continuing who work on various projects. They are currently working on plaque placement and wording.

He thanked the volunteers to make the June Saturday Night Out a great success.

He announced that the Veterans Banner Project is underway. You can visit the city website to get additional information. He thanked everyone that made this project possible.

He announced that there would be a dedication for Council Member Lynn Koogle and Mayor Ted Landis on August 3. We will be honoring them by dedicating streets in their names.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones thanked the Mayor for including him in the process of choosing the new Law Director. He is pleased with the choice that has been made.

He visited the pool and it looked great and the staff was very friendly.

He wished everyone a Happy July 4th and to be safe.

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle stated she was unable to attend the last Cemetery Board Meeting but is planning on attending the July one.

She stated that the pool looks nice and hopes they have a good season. She thinks the steps will be a great addition.

She wished everyone a Happy July 4th and hopes the rain will hold off.

She encouraged everyone to attend the Founders Day Event on August 3 at VMP.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn thanked Representative Tom Young for his efforts to secure funds for the Covered Bridge Project.

He thanked the Historical Society for their support in the temporary alley closures for the downtown businesses.

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He thanked Dave Eshbaugh for volunteering to be a member of the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig stated that there was no MVCC meeting this month or last month.

He thanked Representative Tom Young for funding for the Covered Bridge.

He thanked Mr. Parsons for correcting the sound system at the pool for the Gators Swim Team. Announcements are important during the meets, and it has been such an improvement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. June 3, 2024-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. June 3, 2024-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. Appointment to the Economic Development Committee Dave Eshbaugh
4. Motion to appoint Scott Davies as the City of Germantown Law Director/Prosecutor.
5. Motion to grant a one-time additional holiday July 5, 2024 for eligible employees.
6. Motion to approve the temporary closing for seasonal use of alley on the west side of Alleyway Café, 35 West Center Street, per attached documents and with the completion and filing by applicant of information required by the City Manager's office.
7. Motion to approve the temporary closing for seasonal use of alley on the east side of 17 East Center Street per attached documents and with the completion and filing by applicant of information required by the City Manager's office.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-28**
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-27

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-29

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-30

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

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Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-31

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR TRASH UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-32

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR STORM WATER UTILITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO.

Mayor Johnson stated the Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 24-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 953.07 OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN REGARDING REFUSE COLLECTION FEES.

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

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-26.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to excuse Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Robert Rettich IV.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn to Executive Session under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 5-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRESENT:

The following members were present at the start of the Executive Session: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Lynnette Dinkler, City Attorney; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council.

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Robert Rettich IV were absent.

The aforementioned persons had discussion under the authority of O.R.C. § 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding “specifically the purchase of property”.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn motioned to return to regular session.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor