

**CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 24**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Terry Johnson was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Scott Davies, Law Director; Mike Roseberry, Property Maintenance; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Tiffani Tobias, Administrative Assistant and several visitors.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Kuhn presented Roger Nearing, owner of the Village Flower Shop, with a plaque recognizing his 50 years of successful business. He has been a huge asset to the community, and we appreciate his support over the years.

Mr. Nearing thanked the community for their years of support. He enjoys what he does and plans to continue for many years to come.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Gilleland reviewed the agenda. It included a work session and an executive session for this evening.

She thanked the Pretzel Festival Committee for another successful event. She thanked the Fire, Police and Service Staff for their hard work in getting the city and park ready for the event.

Mr. Parsons updated the Council on 2024 Pool Season. It has come to a successful end, and we are looking forward to the 2025 season. He thanked Staff for their hard work.

He announced the upcoming Ribbon Cutting Event on October 11 for Hedy and Company. He encouraged everyone to attend and show her support as she launches her new business.

He announced that the holiday lighting exhibit in VMP will return this year for viewing the month of December.

The fourth quarter newsletter has been sent and can also be viewed on our website.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

None.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

**Mr. Jones's Report:**

Mr. Jones thanked Roger for his decades of service to our community.

He announced that the BZA would be meeting on October 14.

**Mrs. Koogle's Report:**

Mrs. Koogle stated that she will be attending the Senior Oversight Meeting and the Cemetery Meeting this month.

She congratulated Roger for celebrating 50 years of successful business.

**Mr. Kuhn's Report:**

Mr. Kuhn spoke of the upcoming Fire Levy that will be on the ballot this November. We have a wonderful department, and we really need to show support when voting. He encouraged everyone to read the newsletter article that explains the need for this levy to be successful today and in the future. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out.

**Mr. Reed's Report:**

Mr. Reed stated that the 2025 Pool Season should be exciting with new and interesting features to be added to the pool. The new pool slide will be one of them.

The CBC is meeting tonight and should attend the November Council meeting award coloring contest winners. He congratulated Mr. Wafzig for winning the CBC flower award for his beautiful yard.

**Mr. Rettich's Report:**

Mr. Rettich stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in September.

He had the honor of reading the Pretzel Festival Proclamation at the opening ceremony this year. He thanked everyone who attended the event and those who helped organize and prepare for it.

**Mr. Wafzig's Report:**

Mr. Wafzig stated he will be attending the MVCC meeting in October.

He thanked everyone for their hard work with the Pretzel Festival and the Twisted Pretzel Ride. Both events were successful even though we had rain.

He thanked the Service Department for getting the Weber Sports Complex Sign repainted. It looks great.

He encouraged everyone to support the Fire Levy. The new building is such an important asset to the community and such an improvement for our staff and our equipment. We are hoping to recruit more staff and maintain what we currently have. It has been difficult to have a full staff for many years.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. September 3, 2024-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. September 3, 2024-Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. September 3, 2024-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
4. Motion to Ratify the City Manager approval of the DORA hours during the 2024 Pretzel Festival beginning at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and at 12:00

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PM on Sunday, September 29th, instead of the typical hours which begin at 4:00 pm on these days. The hours would still end at the usual time of 10:00 PM.

5. Motion to allow the City Manager to approve exceptions to the DORA hours for the Pretzel Festival in years 2025-2030.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-42**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2024/2025 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-43**

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. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATION:**

**INTRODUCTION:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Reed moved to excuse Mayor Jonson.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Rettich 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. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the start of the Executive Session: Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Pat Shively, Finance Director; Scott Davies, Law Director; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager and Tiffani Tobias, Administrative Assistant.

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**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Terry Johnson was 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 7:53 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Terry Johnson  
Mayor