MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 8, 2024

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union council meeting to order on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mr. Prunier and Mr. Niemann.

Other City staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the December 11, 2023 council meeting. There were no corrections.

Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

There were no Comments.

- 3. Joseph Moore, Law Director swore in Mayor Robert O'Callaghan, John Bruns, Lynne Thomas-Roth and Robert Bennett to serve as council members for the term 2024 thru 2027.
- 4. Appointment of members for the 2024 Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors and for the 2024 Technical Advisory Committee.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any comments, questions or suggestions. There were none.

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Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Bruns be reappointed to the 2024 Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors with Mr. Applegate being the alternate. Mrs. Oberer second the motion. All concurred.

Mr. Bruns moved that Mr. Applegate be appointed to the 2024 Technical Advisory Committee. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and Mr. Applegate was appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee.

5. Appointment of Vice Mayor (2 year term) 01/24 to 12/25

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Bruns continue to serve as Vice-Mayor for the next two years. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed. Mayor O'Callaghan congratulated Mr. Bruns.

6. Appointment of Denise Winemiller as Clerk of Council (2 year term) (01/24 to 12/25)

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Denise Winemiller continue to serve as Clerk of Council. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

7. Appointment of Christopher Gulliford to the Planning Commission. (01/24 to 12/27)

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Christopher Gulliford continue serving on the Planning Commission for another 4 year term. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

8. Appointments for the following Committees.

Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any objections to reappointment to the following committees. (2 year term) (New terms 01/24 to 12/25)

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Safety Committee: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Niemann, Mrs. Thomas-Roth

There were no objections.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Bruns, Mr. Prunier and himself be reappointed to the Budget Committee. Mr. Bruns second the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mrs. Oberer, Mr. Bennett and himself be reappointed to the Street Committee. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mayor O'Callaghan moved that Mr. Niemann, Mrs. Thomas-Roth and himself be reappointed to the Safety Committee. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

9. Open Agenda

Mr. Bruns asked if there was any legislation that would require a second meeting in January. Mr. Applegate said not at this time. Mr. Bruns moved to cancel the second meeting in January and that the next meeting will be on February 12, 2024. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns said that he did not know who had the chance to drive over to Douglas Way where the road opens at Old Springfield Road. He was very impressed with how far they had progressed with the project before the bad weather set in.

Mr. Bruns continued to say that Mr. Applegate, Ms. Winemiller and the City workers have done a great job just to get us to where we are right now in the industrial park with the potential of more to come. Thank you for the last year and the effort you have put in.

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Mr. Applegate said that he thinks we are and will have a good year. There are things that we are working on. The State will be releasing \$750 million in funding, and it has to do with shovel ready sites and it's for infrastructure and there's a lot of requirements. Some of you might remember that one of the things we did on the P&G site was we had an option on all the ground, and we represented the property owners, which worked very well. This has a similar requirement going behind it. We are looking at what it will take to apply for this. I think we would stand a good chance of getting Martindale Road completed because it's within the industrial park. There is going to be a developer that will be buying the ground from the City of Dayton. So, there are things happening.

Mr. Applegate continued by agreeing with Mr. Bruns, to drive through there and see phase one of Martindale Road, Douglas Way, the extension to Union Air Park, Dog Leg Road north and everything south of Dogleg Road looks very nice. Hopefully we will get the rest of our poles in for streetlights on Jackson Road and the first phase of Douglas Way. It really stands out as a quality industrial park.

Mr. Applegate said that they are removing the holiday lights on Main Street. Next year the City is going to replace the blue low lights that did not look as nice as the bright white ones.

Mr. Moore explained what Mr. Applegate meant by "option" regarding the P & G site. The City had such good a relationship with the landowners they granted the City an option to negotiate for the sale of lots of the properties. That enabled the transaction to move smoothly by having one person negotiating rather than several different landowners.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,

Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor