

# Canal Winchester

*City Hall  
Council Chambers  
45 East Waterloo Street  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



## Meeting Minutes – FINAL

February 21, 2023

7:00 PM

### City Council

*Chuck Milliken - President*

*Bob Clark - Vice President*

*Laurie Amick*

*Jill Amos*

*Steve Buskirk*

*Patrick Shea*

*Mike Walker*

- A. **Call To Order**      *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** Walker
- C. **Roll Call**              *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*
- D. **Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-23-006](#)

February 6, 2023 Work Session Minutes

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Amos to approve MIN-23-006. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

*Abstain 1 – Shea*

[MIN-23-007](#)

February 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Amos to approve MIN-23-007. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

*Abstain 1 – Shea*

E. **Communications & Petitions**[COM-23-002](#)

Madison Township Police Statistics January 2023

F. **Public Comments** - Three Minute Limit Per Person[Discussion started at 1:41:06 on YouTube Channel](#)

*Jim Bohnlein, 6320 Rossmore Lane – Council raises, you need to take a raise. Don't be embarrassed. We'll pay you. You're worth it. I can't imagine that this is a part-time job that you do for an hour a week. I know you don't. Every time you come in, it seems like you're prepared, and you know the situations and the challenges. I think you need to get a raise this time. You've declined four times to take a raise. It's time and make it substantial. I hope you agree. The next thing I wanted to talk about was the city manager. I was on the charter commission, and at that time, I think it was one vote in favor of having a city manager, so you know where we stood on that. I was against having a city manager, but we already have one. It's Matt Peoples. He knows more about this city than anybody in the city. He knows where all the sewer lines are. He knows where all the electric lines are. He knows where all the plumbing is. I think this would be a really easy job—not the city manager job, but this would be really easy. All that council would have to do is give him the title of city manager. We can promote Bill Sims to replace Matt. If you do agree to have a city manager, it would take weeks or months to find an applicant. Then, when you have applicants, you're going to have to interview the applicants, and then you're going to have to decide which applicant would be the most positive for the city. It would eliminate all of that stuff. How long did it take for you guys to get DORA? Years. How long would it take to get a city manager? More than years. That would eliminate that. If we have a city manager by the year 2026, we'd be lucky. We don't move that fast. Then all you would have to decide is how much you want to pay the mayor and what you expect him to do. Maybe that would be a little easier. The last thing is pickleball. It's an embarrassment that we don't have a facility to do pickleball. I went to the Groveport Rec Center Monday just to see how to score it and how to play it. I had no idea. I had never played it nor watched anybody play it. It was interesting and fantastic. They have it divided into three courts on one side and two on the other side. They were full. They had been full all morning. I think they do it from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. They were full, and guess what? Out of the three areas*

*that I was watching, five of the participants were from Canal Winchester. Five out of twelve people were from Canal Winchester playing pickleball. We don't have anything here. It's the hottest thing going right now. It's amazing that when it's over, they break down the nets, and it fits into a bag that's smaller than a golf bag. They store them, put them in a room, and it's done. We can't have an indoor pickleball court? What about the room next door? What about the community center? What about the middle school? They have a gymnasium there. It's a blue line on the floor that's one inch wide. It's easy. It's really an interesting game, and I think that we need to have something here in Canal Winchester. I know it's planned for McGill Park, but it's winter. We need to do something and get somebody to sponsor a pickleball league. Let's do it in Canal Winchester. We really have a lot of residents; five out of the twelve people there were from Canal Winchester. It's embarrassing that they have to go to Groveport to play pickleball. It's a fantastic game.*

#### **G. Reports of City Officials and Staff**

*Mayor's Report – Discussion started at 1:48:41 on YouTube Channel*

*Ebert – I have nothing to add to my written report. If you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.*

*Fairfield County Sheriff – Discussion started at 1:48:52 on YouTube Channel*

*Sgt. Walker – I have nothing for you, but I'd be happy to take questions.*

*Law Director – Discussion started at 1:49:03 on YouTube Channel*

*Shamp – No formal report. I know we have a request for an executive session tonight for economic development purposes. I've circulated some language for that.*

*Finance Director – Discussion started at 1:50:15 on YouTube Channel*

*Jackson – I don't have anything in addition to my written report this evening.*

*Shea – I see in your written report a reference to outstanding debt. What's your discussion leading to at this point? I mean, really, it's going to be this council that decides if we're going to spend the money or not. I mean, if we want to do it, can we do it, or do you recommend against it?*

*Jackson – When you say spend the money, do you mean spend the money to pay it off?*

*Shea – Yes.*

*Jackson – Our hesitation at this point is that we are still having discussions about McGill Park Phase 2 and trying to determine how to move forward with that. The cost estimates that we got for phase 2 are extreme. We are looking at what we could possibly do to phase that out and get some more work done out there, including potentially reissuing some of those bond anticipation notes to make that happen. That is kind of where we're at, trying to prioritize what could get done out there that wouldn't affect future phases. Essentially, we don't want to build something and then run it over to get to the next phase. We're still trying to talk through that.*

*Walker – Does phase 2 have pickleball?*

*Jackson – Phase 2 does have pickleball.*

*Shea – How are we trending on income tax revenue year over year?*

*Jackson – I believe we are just slightly ahead of where we were at this point last year.*

*Shea – We're just holding steady kind of.*

*Jackson – As of right now, no. Obviously, income taxes are a cyclical thing. There are a lot of people who wait until April to file and pay. Some years you may see numbers stay steady just like they were the year before, and in other years you may see them go up and down. For me, the big thing is what does it look like halfway through the year, three-quarters of the way through the year? That kind of thing.*

*Public Service Director – Discussion started at 1:49:54 on YouTube Channel*

*Peoples – Nothing to add to my written report.*

*Development Director – Discussion started at 1:52:26 on YouTube Channel*

*Haire – Just a reminder, we have the comp plan work sessions coming up tomorrow and Thursday. Hopefully we'll see some of you there and attend those. Tomorrow, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, we're going to talk about economic development. We'll talk about some specific site-planned areas, three areas in the city, looking at specific land use plans for those areas, and then have a public open house tomorrow evening. On Thursday, there's a session in the morning discussing transportation and sustainability, roundtable discussions. Then we will be doing a similar open house at lunch and then working on further refining and validating those site plans for those specific areas. Hopefully, we'll get a lot done. Also tomorrow, TRAC is having their work session, so that's tomorrow afternoon. I'll be at the comp plan work session, so Mr. Peoples will be listening to the call for the TRAC session. Hopefully we'll have a better indication of whether the US-33 projects will be able to move forward with TRAC funding this year. They won't vote on that tomorrow. That will be at their March meeting.*

*Clark – Can I ask about the TRAC process? I know we put all the projects together, but would they pick one to move before the other?*

*Haire – That's likely what would happen. The way this works is that they've requested preliminary engineering and design dollars and right-of-way dollars. They requested them all as one project. The 31 plus million dollars are just for that preliminary engineering.*

## **H. Resolutions**

### **I. Ordinances**

#### ***Tabled***

#### ***Third Reading***

##### **ORD-23-004**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Amos*

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES N. STEVENSON FOR A 30 +/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON PARKVIEW DRIVE

*- Adoption*

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Shea to adopt ORD-23-004. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Amos, Shea, Walker, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken*

#### ***Second Reading***

##### **ORD-23-008**

*Public Service*

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH V3 COMPANIES FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE WATER

*Sponsor: Buskirk*

RECLAMATION HEADWORKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

*- Request waiver of third reading and adoption*

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Shea to suspend the rules and waive the third reading of ORD-23-008. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Buskirk, Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken*

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Shea to adopt ORD-23-008. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Buskirk, Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken*

**First Reading**

**ORD-23-009**

*Public Service*

*Sponsor: Shea*

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CASE IH F75C 4WD TRACTOR REAR AND WING FLAIL MOWERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*- First Reading Only*

*A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Walker to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-23-009. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken*

*A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-23-009. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Shea, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

**ORD-23-010**

*Finance*

*Sponsor: Amick*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22-041, AMENDMENT #2

*- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption*

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Clark to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-23-010. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amos, Buskirk*

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Buskirk to adopt ORD-23-010. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amos*

**ORD-23-011**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Shea*

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MEIJER STORE LOCATED AT 8300 MEIJER DRIVE

*- First Reading Only*

*A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Walker to amend ORD-23-011 to include restriction on truck parking. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken*

**Discussion started at 1:59:44 on YouTube Channel**

*Shea – Before we go any further, Mr. Shamp, can you help us with the language for that?*

*Shamp – Sure.*

*Amos – Mr. Haire, for any other changes that we want, should we just submit them to you, and you guys submit a revised ordinance?*

*Haire – If there are other changes, I would suggest we also make motions to add other conditions if there are other changes. You can set conditions as part of a final development plan. I would assume we're going to talk about parking outside of designated loading areas. We would just amend it to say that commercial parking outside of designated loading areas is not permitted.*

*Milliken – We have two more readings, so if anybody else thinks of any additions, by all means bring it forward.*

#### **J. Council Reports**

*Work Session/Council - Monday, March 6, 2023, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Work Session/Council - Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

*CW Human Services - Walker*

**Discussion started at 2:01:14 on YouTube Channel**

*Walker – Human Services this year exceeded last year's SOUPer Bowl. Thank you to everyone that contributed and was a part of it. It was a great year. In the updates for tonight's meeting on senior transportation, we provided 377 one-way trips for the month of January. Tomorrow starts One for the Cupboard, and we would like to invite everyone to join. It starts at 8:00 a.m. at Carm Smith's shop, and you'll walk to the pantry. You can bring \$1 or one item for the pantry if you wish.*

*CWICC - Amick*

**Discussion started at 2:03:12 on YouTube Channel**

*Amick – Our next meeting will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. here in Council Chambers. Just a reminder, this meeting is open to the public.*

*CWJRD - Amos/Shea*

**Discussion started at 2:03:26 on YouTube Channel**

*Shea – A lot going on. The wrestling season wrapped up. It's almost the deadline for playing spring sports, so get your registrations in so you don't have to pay a late fee. CWJRD has improved with the addition of a director and assistant. They're improving our operational efficiencies. They've cleaned up their p.o. systems, so they've freed up their uncovered fund balance. They're looking a little bit better. There are some scary challenges coming down the road in terms of referees, umpires, availability, pricing, and rates. It's going to greatly affect the cost of sports. In addition to that, we've had some challenges with some local leagues, and we're reconfiguring partnerships that we will play against because there are some places we're avoiding due to parental conduct. That is unacceptable in the board's eyes. We meet again the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Old Town Hall.*

*Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken*

**Discussion started at 2:04:42 on YouTube Channel**

*Milliken – The next winter farmer's market is March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Faith United Methodist Church. Art on the Canal Stroll is still in the planning stages. It will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 6:00 p.m.*

*The first Thirsty Thursday on May 23<sup>rd</sup> is at Stradley Park. The band is called the Poverty String Band. We are taking applications for the summer farmer's market, which will begin on May 26th. It runs through September 30th, and that will be at the Historical Complex. The membership drive continues, and it is only \$50 for a business to become a member of Destination Canal Winchester. Members are only listed on every newsletter that goes out. Plans are underway for the 2023 Blues & Ribfest. The bands will begin to be booked soon, and sponsorships are filling up quickly. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Karen Stiles at [www.destinationcw.org](http://www.destinationcw.org).*

**K. Old/New Business**

*Discussion starts at 2:06:03 on YouTube Channel*

*Amos – Jordan, would you mind adding the Chamber of Commerce under Council Reports?*

*Pearce – Sure.*

**L. Adjourn to Executive Session @8:04 p.m.**

*A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Clark to adjourn to executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information relation to business strategy and negotiations with another political subdivision respecting a request for economic assistance. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Milliken, Clark, Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Buskirk*

*City Council returned from executive session at 8:27 p.m.*

**M. Adjournment @ 8:28 p.m.**

*A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Buskirk to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7 – Shea, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Amos*