

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

October 5, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

A. Call To Order

Walker called Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Clark**C. Roll Call**

Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

A motion was made by Walker to amend the agenda and move executive session to the next agenda item, seconded by Coolman. Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Walker, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Lynch, Milliken

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Walker to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Walker, Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Milliken

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

D. Approval of Minutes**[MIN-20-041](#)**

September 21, 2020 Work Session Minutes (**[Work Session Minutes](#)**)

[MIN-20-042](#)

September 21, 2020 City Council Minutes (**[Council Minutes](#)**)

A motion was made by Clark to approve MIN-20-041 & MIN-20-042 from September 21, 2020 Work Session and Council meetings, seconded by Milliken. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Milliken, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Walker

Bennett: I wasn't sure if we discussed the inclusion of the comments from September 8th; Mr. Hollins did we discuss having those comments resubmitted and captured as part of the notes; Hollins: The comments from September 21st were resubmitted; Bennett: We were talking about resubmitting the comments from the 21st not the 8th; Just wanted to clarify; Hollins: September 8th are approved minutes at this point; Bennett: Correct; Thought we talked about bringing back the comments from September 8th from the September 21st; Hollins: Any minutes; Bennett: so we can resubmit those at any time; Hollins: Yes;

Walker: So if the wish is that the city or clerk of council will have to prepare and have the packets ready for us by 4 o'clock on Friday, what does council wish the time to be on Friday that if it comes in at say noon, one, two, three, it's going to be very difficult for it to be in the minutes so what point it becomes a part of the next packet; the next minutes; if it doesn't make the packet for the next meeting, it moves to the next meeting, into those minutes; since you know the packets have to go out by four and the public knows that, what does council wish the time to be that day on Friday so the city has time for it to be in the actual minutes; Amos: I think this will only affect one or two more meetings; the rules that we have pending for second reading will change it to

Friday at noon, they have to be submitted; this only affects one more meeting; our request is to make sure the September 8th public comments, since we are going to miss the 21st; that they are put on the next agenda; Walker: So we are staying with noon; Amos: But it will be once the rules are published; once the third read goes through with the rules; it will be Friday at noon that all public comments have to be in order to give the Clerk of Courts time to get the things out to us; anything that comes after that will come up on the next agenda; we are still requesting the September 8th public comments still need to be brought forward; Walker: added to the minutes of the next meeting in two weeks; Amos: Yes; Bennett: Some of those have been resubmitted;

E. Communications & Petitions

[20-200](#)

September 21, 2020 B. Ferguson Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))

[20-201](#)

September 21, 2020 J. Acklin Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))

[20-204](#)

October 1, 2020 B. Ferguson Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))

F. Public Comments - *Due to COVID-19, City Council meetings will not be open to the public until further notice. Those wishing to address City Council are asked to submit written comments. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting will be acknowledged at that evening's meeting. Comments can be submitted using the form available on the City's website.*

G. RESOLUTIONS

[RES-20-009](#)

Finance

A Resolution In Support Of Storm water Awareness Week ([Resolution](#))
- Adoption

A motion made by Amos to adopt RES-20-009; seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Coolman, Bennett, Clark, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

H. ORDINANCES

Third Reading

[ORD-20-041](#)

Development

Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Sign Easement Agreement With Crossroads Christian Life Center, Inc. To Provide For A Sign Easement On Parcel 184-002666 ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos to adopt ORD-20-041; seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Lynch, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

[ORD-20-042](#)

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Convey A Tract Of Land

Development
Sponsor: Lynch

Consisting Of Approximately +-0.26 Acres On West Waterloo Street To The Canal Winchester Industry And Commerce Corporation To Provide For Its Subsequent Conveyance To Jay Jala Hospitality, LLC ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))
 - Adoption

A motion was made by Lynch to adopt ORD-20-042, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Milliken, Walker

Second Reading

[ORD-20-043](#)
Council
Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance To Amend The Rules Of The Canal Winchester City Council ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))
 - Second Reading Only

[ORD-20-044](#)
Finance
Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into An Amendment To The Contract With The Fairfield County Sheriff For Police Protection ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))
 - Second Reading Only

First Reading

[ORD-20-045](#)
Public Service
Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into Contracts With The Director Of Transportation Necessary To Replace Guardrail End Treatments ([Ordinance](#))
 - First Reading Only

I. Reports

Mayor's Report- Mayor Ebert: Thank you Mr. Walker; I was off a couple days last week so I was unable to submit a report' just a couple of reminders; Trick Or Treat is Thursday October 29th, 2020 at from 5:30-7:30; Veterans Days ceremony is scheduled for Saturday November 7th; this will be a condensed version of what we have had in the past; at minimum we will have a ceremony in Stradley Park; the City has a new Communications Coordinator, Hannah Voss; I also need approval of the Mayors Court Report for September 2020.

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[September 2020 Mayor's Court Report](#)

A motion was made by Clark to approve the September 2020 Mayor's Court Report, seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

Fairfield County Sheriff

Law Director- No particular report tonight.

Finance Director- Jackson: Thank you Mr. Walker; I mentioned earlier that Bed Tax Grant Applications are available for the 2021 application period; I wanted direction from Council about the 2020 recipients that did not spend their money; do you want me to reach out to get it back, or let them carry it over. Amos: Are most of these groups... you don't think they will go away. Jackson: Right, they are most likely not going away; they will probably re-apply this year. Amos: Can we make a stipulation for the groups that did not use it, to keep what they received and not re-apply this year? Jackson: Don't apply for this current round? Umm, I mean, I wouldn't see why not; this is your grant; so you guys can do what you want. Jackson: If you do, do that; maybe ask them to send in something that says they will be doing their project in 2021; not a full an application; but showing that they will use the funds or they will return them; also during your discussion about the public comments; I was reading through your new minutes; if you could on page 96 of your packet; under Rule 12, Hearings before Council; the second paragraph talks about those written comments; I just want to make sure it says what you decided on tonight, because I don't think it does; it does look like there is a typo in that second line in the second paragraph; it says "written statements received by Clerk of Council prior to end of day noon"; do we want it prior to end of day or noon; I think based on your discussion earlier you wanted noon; the bigger concern is the last sentence that says, "Statements received after the publication of the agenda packet but before the commencement of the Council meeting shall be distributed to all Council members and receipt acknowledged verbally during the meeting"; it is my understanding we are doing away with that then; and they will be pushed to the next agenda; is that correct. Coolman: That's my understanding. Amos: I would be very appreciative if that's what we change it too. Bennett: I think we all agree, noon is the cut off; anything after that we would push to the next meeting; I think it will make the process cleaner and make it easier for everyone to understand. Walker: This is not forever; this is a one in a hundred year pandemic; we will get back to normal. Milliken: Mr. Walker, If I may; to the public, I would like to say, we're sorry; it is not our intent to burry things or hide things; we want your voices to be heard; we just asked for a little bit of grace during this difficult time; for myself and on behalf of Council, we apologize, we want to do better for you. Bennett: I agree with Mr. Milliken wholeheartedly; and I want to add the fact that during this transitional period when we are trying to find a Clerk of Council that again there may be delays in our processes; we continue to ask for help from the City and they continue to provide help; just keep in mind we are doing the best we can.

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[Finance Director's Report](#)

Public Service Director- Peoples: Thank you Mr. Walker; I have nothing to add to my written report.

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[Public Service Director's Report](#)

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[Construction Services Administrator's Report](#)

Development Director- Haire: I don't have anything to add.

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[Development Director's Report](#)

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Mr. Milliken: Thank you Mr. Walker; Tools for School is wrapping up; still taking donations; we are delivering food to the Snack Shack at Indian and Winchester Trail Elementary Schools; Thanksgiving baskets are starting; still looking for drivers for seniors; and lastly Adopt-a-Family applications started the first of October; I guess in the past Council has adopted a family; is that something we want to do this year? Council then all agreed.

CWICC - Mr. Clark: CWICC met September 30th; the biggest news from that was the annexation has been filled for 75 acres of the Evans property that will extend Canal Pointe; the next CWICC meeting will be December 15th at 11:30 at the Interurban Building; the McDorman Building; I have not participated in any additional meetings; I know the staff has been busy meeting to finalize HVAC and personal items like desk and chairs; and things like that.

CWJRD - Mr. Bennett: The Joint Rec has officially completed their transition to the school for fiscal services; the one employee has been shifted to a contract position that is hired through the schools; we had an emergency board meeting last night; to discuss school access; to continue keeping the community safe they have asked us to limit our adult activity in the building; so we have pushed out men's basketball to after the first of the year; they have let they are allowing us to run our volleyball program; the program director is looking into working with the high school coaches to run a clinic style basketball camp for boys and girls; and it will last six weeks; and that will be led by high school coaches but they will have parent volunteers; next board meeting is Thursday October 15th virtually on Google meet; Ms. Amos, do you have anything to add? Amos: No, you encompassed quite a bit; we uh... hopefully are exiting COVID soon.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Mr. Walker: Next meeting is November 24th at 6:00 p.m. and the location is yet to be determined; the fall festival is October 24th; and that is all I have.

K. Old/New Business

Coolman: I would like to make a statement; I have stated in pass meetings that I would be happy to share my thoughts on certain issues; if individuals contacted me directly about concerns; I feel out Council meetings should be reserved for City business as intended; I don't feel it's a good use of our time for city councilmembers to address personal issues at meetings; as most of you know, I have been available to meet with each and every one of you on Saturdays from 9 to noon starting from the last Saturday in May running through the last Saturday of September at the Canal Winchester Farmers Market; every Saturday I have sat with members of the community that have come to the market to meet with me; it has been wonderful to hear from the residents; and we have some very good discussions; I want to particularly thank the residents that came that past two markets to hear my side of the Amanda Lemke issue; I am going to break my own protocol because it has been increasingly distracting to all of Council and we need to move forward on City business; therefore I want all of Council and the public to know my side of what happened; Amanda Lemke and I have been friends for a very long time; the past ten to twelve years we have worked together through different organizations, organizing many different events; June of this year I called Amanda to offer the City the use of a free outdoor movie screen; in case the city was planning any

movie in the park events; she thanked me and explained that due to COVID it was unlikely the City would host that kind of event; I said that while I had her on the phone I wanted to ask her about the specifics on the Destination Canal Winchester and City of Canal Winchester drive in movie night that we had scheduled to occur in August; she confirmed it was all set; I asked if on the City website if Destination could be added to the description because it stated at that time that the City was hosting the drive in movie; Destination was funding the event, I thought it was only fair that we be listed as a co-host; her reply to me was "gee I don't know let me look"; she saw at that time indeed the City was listed and Destination was not; she replied, "Oh, you're right"; I asked if she thought we should be listed since we are funding the event; which we agreed and replied, "there, I fixed it"; she had taken the City off the event completely and added only Destination; I explained that wasn't what I meant because it was being held on City property, so the city should be listed; at this point she seemed frustrated and replied that she added the City back; because she seemed so frustrated I explained it was important due to the social media attacks on both the City and Destination that we both should be listed; as I explained I jokingly said, "If you repeat any of this conversation, I will call you a liar, and I will deny that I said it" I was laughing when I said it; and I even said Amanda, that was a joke; Amanda replied, I know you are joking, I am sick of it too; I am sick of the social media attacks and I am sick of being in the middle of it; at the time of the conversation Amanda Lemke was well aware I was not bullying her; we ended the conversation on a pleasant note; what happened after that phone conversation, that made Amanda write what she did, only she can explain; so I hope this answers a lot of questions that any of you had; if any of you want to discuss this further with me you know my address you know my phone number, and you know email address; so thank you for giving me this time.

Amos: Mr. Peoples; now that the McDorman building is coming along is there any more conversations about the Sheriffs moving? Peoples: No, we are still in design mode on the building, we have not looked at the existing building. Amos: We also had talked about temporary sign parking up; have we gone any further with that? We talked about one in front of Wigwam and the jewelry shop. Peoples: I am trying to remember this since it's been four months; I did walk along the street; I think my concern back then was sitting another post in here. Conversation ensued in regards to the logistics of adding parking signs, and why it isn't feasible.

M. Adjournment @ 8:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker