

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
December 9, 2019**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. No Briefing.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Vice Mayor Debbie Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Bill Woeste led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron D'Epifanio	Council Member at Large	Present	
Chad Oberson	Council Member at Large	Present	
Bill Woeste	Council Member at Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Council Member, 1st Ward	Present	
Craig W. Keller	Council Member, 2nd Ward	Present	
Debbie Pennington	Council Member, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Council Member, 4th Ward	Present	
Steve Miller	Mayor	Present	

Vice Mayor Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Oberson, made a motion to excuse Mayor Miller. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Miller was present for the meeting, but not participating at the dais, due to it being Vice Mayor Pennington's last meeting.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Keller, moved for executive session to discuss preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

a. Presentations to Councilmembers Debbie Pennington & Craig Keller

Mayor Miller read proclamations honoring Councilmembers Debbie Pennington and Craig Keller for their service to the City during their terms on Council.

b. Hugh Thompson, 5777 Windemere

Mr. Thompson addressed Council regarding sustainability in the City. He feels that it should be a more important part of the comprehensive plan and that there should be a sustainability plan for the city. He feels very strongly that the City should make it more of a priority. Vice Mayor Pennington referred him to staff to discuss his concerns.

c. George Wilson, 151 Twin Lakes

Mr. Wilson addressed Council regarding an incident with a police officer in May 2018, in which he feels he was profiled and given a warning ticket. He wants a meeting with the police officer to address his concerns, however, his request has not been accommodated. Vice Mayor Pennington referred him to the Police Chief regarding his request.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2019 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chair; Craig Keller, Member

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Member

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Craig Keller, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Debbie Pennington, Member

Public Safety Committee

Ron D'Epifanio, Chair; Craig Keller, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Debbie Pennington, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee

Ron D'Epifanio, Chair; Craig Keller, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read one (1) ordinance by title only.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Keller presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to adopt new sections 373.16 and 533.22 and amend various other sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council adopt an ordinance to update the Traffic and General Offenses Codes. Suspension of the rules is requested so that the amendments can be effective as soon as possible after state law changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 123-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read one (1) ordinance by title only.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

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MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-18 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 124-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, December 30 - Oath of Office, 6:00 PM
- B. Monday, January 13 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, January 27 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____