

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
December 7, 2020**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. No briefing.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Senger led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mark Scharringhausen	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	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Council Member, 4th Ward	Present	
Steve Miller	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved for executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Parade of Lights Awards

Parks and Recreation Director Tiphannie Howard awarded the First Place trophy for the Community float category to Fairfield City School District. Queen City Coopers received Second Place. She thanked everyone for their contributions to make the drive-thru parade a success.

Public Hearing(s)

2021 Operating Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM. Clerk Wilson read the meeting notice. City Manager Wendling commented that the budget presented is a balanced budget. There were no other questions or comments. Mayor Miller closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2020 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Member

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Public Safety Committee

Mark Scharringhausen, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

Ordinance to amend Chapter 181, Income Tax, of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio effective January 1, 2021 for tax years 2021 and following.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council adopt the changes to Section 181 - Income Tax, as submitted.

Councilmember Abbott presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Route 4/Michael Lane & Camelot Drive Intersection Improvements Project (BUT-4-3.56 PID 108270) and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council adopt a resolution declaring the intent and necessity of the Route 4/Michael Lane & Camelot Drive Intersection Improvements Project (BUT-4-3.56 PID 108270).

RESOLUTION NO. 16-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CDW Government for the purchase of Microsoft Software Licensing and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
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An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio during the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

Councilmember Scharringhausen stated that he appreciated the work of everyone on the budget, and especially of Finance Director Scott Timmer. He said he would like to revisit the redevelopment fund mid-year, but he is happy with the budget that is being presented tonight. Councilmembers Besl and Abbott both concurred, and Councilmember Abbott stated he is very happy with the final product. Councilmember Senger stated that he agrees, as well, but would like to revisit some of the positions that were not included in January, because he thinks they are important to the operations.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
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MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 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, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.” - Supplemental Appropriations

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to pass appropriations to reconcile accounts. It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 110-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
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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. 111-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

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Recommendation:

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ORDINANCE NO. 112-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

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Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, December 14 - Council-Manager Briefing 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, January 11 - Council-Manager Briefing 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, January 25 - Council-Manager Briefing 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____