

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
November 25, 2024**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. None

Business Meeting Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Matt Davidson led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Excused	
Debbie Pennington	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, moved to excuse Councilmember Paullus. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, made a motion for Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property for public use. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentations

None.

Citizen Comments

Mike Cain, 2058 Spyglass Hill Court
Frank Rose, 6283 Firestone Drive

Mr. Cain and Mr. Rose addressed Council regarding an issue with a neighbor that has been brought to the City's attention. They stated that there is a court order issued regarding a lot of ongoing property maintenance issues. The property owner parks anything and everything in the yard, and did not remove it when told it was a violation. He only moved everything to the driveway and covered it in plastic. City feels he has complied with the order to put the items on a hard surface, however, vehicles have been moved back to the grass. Pictures and drone video has been supplied to the city to show the mess. Originally reported July 17, 2023. Property owner is Tom Campbell on 6265 Firestone. Development Services Director Greg Kathman spoke with the residents to try to address their concerns and explain the process regarding property maintenance and court orders.

Council Reports

Mayor Rhodus - Light Up Fairfield parade was phenomenal and heard a lot of positive feedback from residents

Councilmember Brill - Great job to all the Parks team for a wonderful parade!

Councilmember Meyers - Announced the winter edition of the Fairfield Flyer available online; noted applications will be accepted for Boards and Commissions through January 17, 2025, upcoming community blood drive, and article regarding Special Needs Registry and Business Registry with Fairfield Police Department.

Councilmember Kraft - South Gilmore Road paving and sidewalk on Route 4 projects ongoing

Councilmember Pennington - Kudos to the Parks Department for the parade!

Councilmember Besl - Thanked the Parks Department for making the City look so good. Announced that there are many Christmas and holiday events going on through December, so be sure to check the website and flyer for more information.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2024 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to amend per Planning Commission recommendation

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1130.01(B)(2), the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the concept plan for the Whispering Hill Planned Unit Development.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this item at the October 28, 2024 meeting and set the joint public hearing date for November 11, 2024.

Councilmember Davidson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 12/9/2024 6:00 PM
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft	
EXCUSED:	Paullus	

Motion to remove from table

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Restricted Fund Agreement with the Fairfield Community Foundation to establish a Fairfield public art fund for public mural and sculpture installation and maintenance, authorize a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to be made to the fund for establishing a mural program and piloting two murals in the Town Center, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this ordinance and pass as an emergency.

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, motioned to remove from the agenda. He stated that Council does want to look into revitalization of the Town Center area and while this is a good idea, it needs more information. Motion carried 6-0.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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Finance & Budget

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Motion to remove from table

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

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.

Councilmember Brill, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, motioned to remove from the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 6-0.

Development Services

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1130.01(B)(2), the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on these items at the November 25, 2024 meeting, set a joint public hearing date for December 9, and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance and set the Joint Public Hearing date for December 9, 2024.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 12/9/2024 6:00 PM
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Public Safety

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance adopting the Ohio Department of Health model Emergency Action Plan for the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) developed pursuant to Section 3701.851 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended by the City Manager’s Office that City Council approve this Ordinance and adopt of the Department of Health’s Model Emergency Action Plan for the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator (“AED”) device.

ORDINANCE NO. 146-24. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Finance & Budget

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024” - Supplemental Appropriations.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 147-24. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

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. 148-24. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

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. 149-24. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Pennington, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Paullus

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, December 9 - Regular Meeting 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 recessed to Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____