

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
June 12, 2023**

Council-Manager Briefing

None.

Business Meeting Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Meyers 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	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Excused	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

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

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brill, moved for Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentations

a. Police Oath of Office - Officer Emma Partin

Mayor Rhodus administered the oath of office to Officer Emma Partin. Chief Maynard welcomed her to the department.

Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Parks, Recreation and Environment

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Motion to amend

Motion to amend ordinance provisions regarding fireworks. City code will remain unchanged.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Kraft

Ordinance to adopt new Sections 303.083, 513.16, 517.17, 537.19, 549.14, 1519.06, 1519.07 AND 1519.08 and amend various other Sections in the Traffic and General Offenses and Fire Prevention 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.

Councilmember Paullus presented the second reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	SECOND READING	Next: 6/29/2023 6:00 PM
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Public Utilities

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

NEW BUSINESS

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

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to extend Police fleet camera services an additional five (5) years and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council authorize the City Manger to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprises to extend their services to provide cameras for our marked cruisers an additional five years. The annual costs associated with the contract will be paid from the police department operating budget. The new contract will take effect at the end of our current contract which will expire in December of 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Kraft

Public Utilities

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

An ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental electric aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Butler County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize all actions necessary to effect a governmental electric aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, directing the Butler County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question on aggregation to the electors. Rules suspension is requested to expedite the exchange of information with the Board of Elections in advance of the November 2023 election.

ORDINANCE NO. 95-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Kraft

An ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Butler County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize all actions necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, directing the Butler County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question on aggregation to the electors. Rules suspension is requested to expedite the exchange of information with the Board of Elections in advance of the November 2023 election.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to amend Section 953.01(a) of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio relative to the service fee for residential garbage and solid waste and recycling collection and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to modify the ordinance pertaining to the rates in the contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Solid Waste and Recycling Services.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smithcorp Construction Services for the Emergency Drainage Repair of the Detention Basin Outlet Pipe at the end of Stonewall Lane and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that emergency funding be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund as

described in the Financial Impact.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.” - Supplemental Appropriations.

Recommendation:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 99-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.”

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. 100-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.”

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. 101-23. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, July 10 - Council-Manager Briefing 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, August 14 - Council-Manager Briefing 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, September 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at .

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____