

## EP COUNCIL 7/22/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. May, Mr. Povenski and Mr. Simpson. Dr. Rocco was on vacation. Her absence was excused on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Ms. May. The minutes of the 7/8/24 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski, seconded by Mr. Glavan. There were no department reports, agenda items, clerk's, mayors, street, or park/rec/cem committee reports.

**MANAGER:** Manager Edwards stated he attended public comment sessions with the DOJ. WRL is putting the finishing touches on the new government website. July 16 there will be a RCAP/Think Tank meeting. He stated he and Councilwoman May attended a workshop at the Port Authority. Work is continuing on Brookdale Avenue and they are still working on grants for the Cemetery. He added he will be requesting funds from the Electric Light Trust to make repairs on the mausoleum roof because it cannot wait. Nicole Drabick has teamed up with Barb Kliner to help coordinate the Paramedicine Program and he will meet with them at a later date to discuss. There is a resolution on the agenda pertaining to rezoning for a Meadowview Apartments expansion project. Finally, he stated Rotary Soccer will be at the polo field this year due to the phase 1 park project, since they cannot use the park, he has agreed to help them get the field/road ready.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers stated the vacant land behind Meadowview Apartments has requested a change in zoning adding that he changed how it has been done in the past. He prepared a resolution directing referral to the Planning Commission for review. He also prepared an ordinance for a first reading at next meeting.

**DEV/FIN:** Ms. May stated she attended the ribbon cutting for the phase 1 park project and noted everyone was impressed with how it will look. Last week she met with county leaders to discuss projects/activities to try and pull the county together. She said she and Manager Edwards also attended a Port Authority meeting for downtown vibrancy; unfortunately, the state did not give any funding to Columbiana County so they are now working on a plan B. The Think Tank continues to meet with another meeting on July 29 from 6-8pm, attendance is limited so you must register ahead of time. The guest speaking will be Columbiana Manager Lance Willard to talk about how RCAP helped them.

**UTILITY:** Mr. Blythe reminded everyone of the open houses at the Water Plant Aug 3 and Aug 6.

**SAFETY:** Mr. Povenski stated phase 1 demo at the training center has been completed and the phase 2 bid has been awarded.

### **THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION**

**VISITORS:** John Davis, Dave Biggins, Jerry Coblenz, Dan McKinstry, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Steph Elverd.

**LEGISLATION:** In reference to Res.16-2024-Train Depot, Mayor Conaway stated he doesn't feel a business should go in there and also that he feels the village should retain control of the building instead of giving it to the CIC. Resident Dan McKinstry suggested moving the contents of the Historical Log Cabin to the Train Depot and make it a museum/historical center for the Village. Ms. May stated the idea of a business going there was to make it self sustaining but that we could possibly do both. Mr. Glavan asked if there were numbers available as to the cost of updating the depot, if not we need to be proactive in finding out prior to something going in there. Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 10-2024 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance adopting a wage scale to be incorporated into the Personnel Policy Handbook (Whitebook).** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 11-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the City of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Povenski, Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 11-2024, passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson introduced Res. 16-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Ms. May. **A resolution designating East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation as the agency of the Village of East Palestine for its**

**industrial, commercial, distribution and research development of the East Palestine Train Depot.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res.16-2024 seconded by Ms. May. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson introduced Res.17-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Ms. May. **A resolution directing referral to the East Palestine Planning Commission for consideration a certain application for zoning reclassification, for permanent parcel number 68-0412.0074, containing 3.159 acres from RS-Single family dwelling to RA Multiple Dwelling units. Said property is owned by Neighborhood Development Services, Inc., the applicant. The property is situated directly adjacent to other improved property of the applicant, on South Washington Street, immediately south of the currently improved property of the applicant.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res. 17-2024 seconded by Ms. May. Mr. Blythe-y, Mr. Glavan-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-n, Mr. Simpson-y. 4 to 1 to pass.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Glavan. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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**MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK**

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**MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY**