

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:12 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Greer. The Invocation was given by Mrs. Tayler Thompson.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Greer, Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart, Mr. Harris. Absent: Mr. Cheatham

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2024 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic to approve the Finance Report for the month of December, 2023 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

There were none.

MATTERS REFERRED

Each Council Member, the Mayor, the Safety and Service Directors were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees with their packets.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2024

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS TITLE: COMMENDATION – POLICE OFFICER SHANNON DAVIS
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO SHANNON DAVIS FOR HER 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO THIS COMMUNITY.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Gearhart, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Mr. Cheatham was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Gearhart, that **RESOLUTION NO. 8-2023 BE ADOPTED**. All Members present voted “Aye.” Mr. Cheatham was absent. Motion carried.

This Ended the First Readings

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Heitic, and seconded by Mr. Harris to excuse Councilman Cheatham from this evening's meeting. All members present voting "Aye." Motion Carried. Councilman Cheatham is excused.

Ms. Gearhart stated that there was a question on a community page asking if Barberton had a Shredding Day. Mayor Judge explained that in the past we have had shredding events that were operated by Reworks and were typically held in the spring. Last year they had their funding cut and we have not received any word if they are scheduling any future events. The Mayor stated he will reach out to them and check on the status of future events.

President Greer reminded everyone that there is no meeting next Monday, January 29th as it is the fifth Monday of the month. Our next meeting, a Committee of the Whole Meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2024 in Council Chambers.

President Greer also wanted to mention that there are Weather Advisories out due to an ice event predicted overnight and into Tuesday so everyone should be aware of falling limbs and powerlines or power outages to report them if they occur.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

Change For Change will be this Friday night, January 26th at M&M's Taphouse benefiting Main Street Barberton. We are continuing to collect non-perishables until the end of the month benefiting BACM and the Salvation Army.

Work is continuing on the 2024 Budget. The Mayor stated that he is continuing to meet with department heads. The Mayor stated that if any Councilmembers have questions on the budget to contact the Mayor's office. This includes questions for Mr. Incorvati, the Court Administrator. The Mayor met with him earlier in the day and explained that court monies are very specific in their funding and usage. It is extremely complicated to delve into the legalities and usage of every fund for each department so it is better to discuss these issues during the Budget Hearings that will be scheduled here in council chambers.

Lastly, our area is still under a Winter Weather Advisory to show caution. The Mayor wanted to thank our Street Department for all their hard work this past week. We are predicted to have freezing rain overnight and then the temps are to be in the low 60's by Thursday and back to freezing this weekend. Please be cognizant as almost anything can happen. We know there are potholes out there and if the weather permits, we will attempt to patch holes.

With nothing further, it was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn. All Members present voting "Aye" and none apposed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:22 P.M.

Justin Greer
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council