

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 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 President Justin Greer.

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

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Sine Die Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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. 1-2024**

PRESENTED BY MR. CHEATHAM                      TITLE: COMMENDATION – DONNA KEIM  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO DONNA KEIM FOR HER CONTINUOUS DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON.

It was moved by Mr. Cheatham, seconded by Mrs. Gearhart, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Cheatham, seconded by Mrs. Gearhart, that **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-2024**

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK AND MRS. THOMPSON                      TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT – STREETS DEPARTMENT FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO INC  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102-2023                      AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102-2023, ‘ENTER INTO CONTRACT – 2023 CONCRETE AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM’ TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN THE BID AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,497.95 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$702,627.75, DUE TO REPLACING SIDEWALK IN POOR CONDITION BOUNDED BY AND ALONG 1ST AND 2ND STREET INCLUDING SEVERAL ADA RAMPS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS      TITLE: COMMENDATION   CAPTAIN/FIRE MARSHAL  
RICHARD W. HARDGROVE                      A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO RICHARD W. HARDGROVE  
FOR HIS 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AND TO THIS COMMUNITY.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Cheatham, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Cheatham, that **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2024

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK      TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT – ODOT  
FINAL RESOLUTION                      A FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)  
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WOOSTER ROAD WEST FROM 31ST STREET NW TO 4TH  
STREET NW WITH SIDEWALK UPGRADES ON BRIDGE NO. SUM-10-0361 (OVER WOLF  
CREEK) AND BRIDGE NO. SUM-11-0270 (OVER HUDSON RUN), INCLUDING PAVEMENT  
PLANNING, RESURFACING, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, AND DRAINAGE, ALONG WITH  
CURB, SIDEWALK, CURB RAMP, TRAFFIC SIGNAL, AND SEWER & WATER UPGRADES,  
LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF BARBERTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2024

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK      TITLE: 2024 STREET/ROAD SALT PROGRAM  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH  
CARGILL INCORPORATED FOR THE 2024 STREET/ROAD SALT PROGRAM THROUGH THE  
COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION REGIONAL PURCHASING COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS (CUE-COG), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2024

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK      TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT GPD GROUP INC.  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH  
GPD GROUP INC. (GPD), FOR GENERAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES,  
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERMISSIVE AND RESIDENTIAL STREET  
RESURFACING PROGRAMS, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DESIGN/MANAGEMENT,  
STREET CRACK SEALING, STREET STRIPING, AND MISCELLANEOUS  
ENGINEERING/MANAGEMENT SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mr. Harris, that **ORDINANCE NO. 6-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2024

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN AND MRS. BECK                      TITLE: 2024 BIDS AND CONTRACTS  
YEAR’S REQUIREMENTS FOR MATERIALS AND SERVICES                      AN ORDINANCE  
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND/OR  
ENTER INTO CONTRACTS IN 2024, COVERING THE YEAR’S REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MATERIALS AND SERVICES USED IN THE ORDINARY AND DAILY OPERATION OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF BARBERTON, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Beck, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Beck, that **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” 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**

**Barberton Community Foundation**

Mr. Michael Andric                      For a three-year term 1-18-2024 thru 12-31-2026.

President Greer called for a motion to appoint Mr. Andric. Mrs. Thompson abstained as she works for the Barberton Board of Education. Mr. Heitic refused to make the motion. Mr. Griffin make a motion to appoint Mr. Andric to the Barberton Community Foundation Board. There was no Second to this motion. No vote was taken and no appointment was made.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Greer reminded everyone that the next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting and will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 as city offices are closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY**

There were no comments.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor wanted to first thank Council for passing the Resolution for Ms. Keim. She has worked diligently and has been a staple on the Parks Board as well as other boards for the City. Volunteers like Donna work diligently donating their personal time to make festivals like Mumfest happen. The Mayor also wanted to thank the Parks Department as well as the Mayor’s staff for hosting the New Years Eve Party at the Active Adult Center.

Change for Change is January 26<sup>th</sup> at the M&M Tap House benefiting Main Street Barberton. The non-perishable collection is still on going through the end of January benefiting Barberton Area Community Ministries as well as the Salvation Army. Two loads were delivered today and as previously stated, the collection is ongoing.

We are continuing to work on the 2024 Budget. Budget meetings are still going on with the department heads to finalize the presentation. When the Budget is presented to Council, the Mayor stated he will have each Department Head present his budget and be available for a question-and-answer period with Council. This has worked well in the past as each Department head knows their budget better than anyone. Also, if after a department has presented and later questions arise, that is not a problem to bring up any questions right up to the night of the acceptance vote. It is totally normal to not understand and to have many questions regarding municipal finance and the budget process. The Mayor emphasized to ask all the questions needed to help make sense of it. Also, if any councilperson wants to come in and ask questions, the Mayor requested that they contact his office and time will be scheduled.

The Mayor stated that he has met with a business in town that is looking to expand and needs a larger facility. It is important to be able to accommodate our businesses to keep them in town and able to expand as necessary.

With the drastic changes in the weather that has been predicted, Mayor asks that we be mindful of those walking to and from work and school in the dark morning and evening hours. Also, to check on neighbors that might not have internet access or access to immediate weather warnings. If any are dealing with no heat or no food issues, please make the city aware as there are resources out there to help with these types of situations. The Mayor gave the incoming weather conditions and stated that nothing is a 100% sure thing as these conditions could hit us hard or totally miss us. In closing, the Mayor gave the website [www.firstenergycorp.com\connect](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/connect) as a source of information.

Mr. Heitic asked with congress to debate legislation, was there any updates on the grant requests from the City of Barberton. Mayor stated that there has been no updates or decisions on any of the requests. Mr. Heitic further wanted to know if any plans were in place should the grants be given. The Mayor stated that some things were in place but nothing specific as yet pending the legislation. The time frames are that once it passes it will take 30 days for the President to sign the legislation into Law. Then from that time it would be six to ten months give or take, for the funds to reach us. But there have been no updates as yet. Mr. Heitic wanted to know if there were any quotes available to present to Council regarding these future plans. The Mayor stated that nothing is ready as yet to be presented.

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 7:19 P.M.

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Justin Greer  
President of Council

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Laura J. Ries-Price  
Clerk of Council