

Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:37 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led President Greer followed by the Invocation by Mrs. Coburn.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Greer, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Angeloff, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Jaber, Mrs. Coburn, and Mrs. Frey. Mr. Heitic was absent.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Frey to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2023, as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

There were none.

MATTERS REFERRED

Each Council Member, the Mayor and 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

There were none.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 11-2023 TO CAPTAIN MICHAEL CORLL,
BARBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 12-2023 TO FIREFIGHTER KEVIUN THACKER,
BARBERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council's office.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2023

PRESENTED BY MR. JABER & MR. HEITIC TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT
SECURITEC AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SECURITEC IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$67,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS IN
THE PARKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 38-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2023

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: PROJECT IMPACT RULES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 155-2016 (SALE OF LAND BANK
PROPERTIES) TO REFLECT UPDATES TO THE PROJECT IMPACT PROGRAM, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This will go for three (3) readings. This was the first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2023

PRESENTED BY MRS. ANGELOFF TITLE: FINAL RESOLUTION ODOT
4TH STREET NW RESURFACING A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BARBERTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT
WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF 4TH STREET NW (PID 115350), AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mrs. Bailey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mrs. Bailey, that **RESOLUTION NO. 40-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2023

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND
RESTORATION A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO
GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRERECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, 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." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **RESOLUTION NO. 41-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2023

PRESENTED BY MRS. FREY TITLE: RAIL SAFETY
A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO
FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON, OHIO FROM THE
INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON THE TRACKS LOCATED AT
NEAR OUR CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that **RESOLUTION NO. 42-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2023

PRESENTED BY MRS. ANGELOFF TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT
KUNKLE & SONS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KUNKLE & SONS
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC, THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDER, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$64,962.26 FOR THE 2023 EAST HUSTON SEWER CONSTRUCTION, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mrs. Bailey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mrs. Bailey, that **ORDINANCE NO. 43-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2023

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 63-2021
EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 63-2021, "EMPLOYEES NOT
INCLUDED IN NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES," IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE PAY
SCALE OF SEASONAL AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES
RETROACTIVE TO MARCH 1, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, 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." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 44-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2023

PRESENTED BY MR. JABER TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT CXT INC.
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT WITH CXT, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 TO BE USED FOR THE
PURCHASE OF RESTROOMS FOR MCCAFFERTY PARK, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic was absent. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 45-2023 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Mr. Heitic 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.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Greer requested a motion to excuse Councilman Thomas Heitic from this Legislative Meeting. Mrs. Thompson made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Frey. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

Mr. Jaber asked for prayers for the families involved in the school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee. If you see something, say something especially where kids are concerned.

President Greer noted that the next meeting of Council will be on Monday, April 3, 2023 which will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor wanted to thank Council for passing tonight's legislation especially the legislation for improving our parks and for the 4th Street resurfacing. This is long overdue as we applied for federal grants which will cover 80% of the costs of this project. Also, for the Local Government Fund Restoration legislation as we are looking back to see if that can be restore to pre-recessionary times. Referencing Mr. Heitic's comments last week, this was the first time this fund was reduced since it began back in the 1930s. Finally, the rail safety which is so important to the safety of citizens. The State and Federal government are both looking into this as well and we are hoping for some quick changes to benefit everyone soon.

The Mayor wanted to thank those that came out for the Mayor's Open Office Hours Saturday, March 25th. There were some great questions and feedback.

A meeting with the residents of Taylor Road concerning The Water Line Replacement Project for which we received almost \$80,000.00 in grant funds which includes the resurfacing of Taylor Road as well.

The next CPR class will be held Tuesday, March 28th. There are still open slots for anyone to sign up.

Change for Change will be this Friday, March 31st at the Pregame Tavern benefiting the Barberton Sparkles.

Last week the Mayor visited a few of the businesses as with the Business Visit Program and will be meeting with a few more this coming week. The discussions revolve about how the City can help them with their businesses. This program is going very well.

This was a very busy weekend. The Bodnar Twins as well as the Larry Ricks family were at the Library reminiscing and telling stories about the 1976 Barberton Magics State Basketball team and playing basketball at the University of Michigan.

The Barberton Theater Group did an amazing job with Mama Mia at the Highschool this weekend. It's great to see our youth doing so many cool things in the community. So many times we hear about the not so good things but there is a lot of talent and great youth in our town.

This Saturday is the first of two bulk drop-offs for citizens in Barberton. Items may be dropped off at the Street Garage. This reduces the dumping in town and really helps keep the city properties cleaner. This is a free service. There is a list of what can and cannot be dropped off. Citizens must provide an ID and/or a utility bill proving residency.

Lastly, the Mayor stated that he submitted a request for legislation to help eliminate medical debt. This will be explained in detail during the Health Committee Meeting next week. Many cities in Ohio are reviewing this in their City Councils. We are inquiring and reviewing different cities and the non-profit who is running this so that we know all the aspects of this.

President Greer asked if there was a program for tire disposal. The Mayor stated that currently there is no program but that they are looking into different avenues for the disposal of junk tires.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:14 P.M.

Justin Greer
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council