

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
December 19, 2023**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

*******ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS*******

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Radeff, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Wtulich, DeBottis, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves.

Excused: Service Director Hastings

Attending: Citizens, videographer.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

Work Session- *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Liquor license permit for 4646 E Lake Rd. Short discussion about permit with following key points. President Rosso says I spoke with this gentleman today and his plan is to sell high end wine. Councilman DeBottis asks and this is for carryout only? Law Director Graves replies correct, wine and low proof mixed beverages, no beer. Councilwoman Gee asks did he say how late he plans on being open? President Rosso replies I did not ask him that. Our job is not to dive into how he is going to run his business, it's whether or not we want to ask for the state to have a meeting on the permit.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to not request a hearing.

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Gee, Radeff, Cizl, DeBottis. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. **/Safety:** Chairwoman Stark reviews the minutes of the December 6, 2023. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** None. **/Ordinance:** None.

/Finance: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Gee reports we had two different parties the last week and the children wanted to thank everyone for all they did to help. Representative Gee reports on updates at the center. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** None. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** None. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring states there are numerous people I would like to thank throughout this last 12 years that supported me. I'm pleased to see the council at large stay in place. Mr. Rosso has been a staple to this council and I appreciate everything you have done. Mr. DeBottis, I think will be a wonderful addition. Mr. Erdei who was a long-time councilman, I truly will miss him. He was a great councilman and asset. I think we accomplished a lot in the last 12 years. When I came in, I made \$8,800, I obviously didn't come in for the money, but for the love of the city. I tried to do what was good for the whole city, not individuals and I would do the same thing all over again. We have added almost 2 million dollars to just the service dept./equipment. Our newest addition is going to be a \$500,000+ vac truck. We have added onto the civic center, added sewers and waterlines, roads, etc. I personally am very pleased with what's going on and hope it continues. There are two people I cherish the most. Tammy Smith and I work very well together and it took us 12 years to get to this point and it was difficult. We were cautious on how we handled the budget and it has shown because we have a nice little nest. But, that can all go away very quickly. That is your job to make sure it doesn't and that it is spent correctly. Tammy is a very dedicated person and very much appreciated. Pat Hastings, there is nothing I can say that would even come close to being as grateful as I am for him. He has done a tremendous job and we actually became friends. There was a lot of nonsense that went on the last nine months and I was very disappointed in that and disturbed by what happened. The person that stood by me the most, was my wife and I do appreciate her. I am grateful for everybody and really appreciate the city. *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings is excused. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Finance Director Smith reports in your packets tonight are council #047 which are the last appropriation changes and council #048, the 2024 budget. Councilman Kovach asks did you receive a certificate for a winning audit? Finance Director Smith replies yes. Councilman Kovach asks so 12 straight years? Finance Director Smith replies yes, we got a regular certificate and a star certificate for the last 4 years. *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:** Law Director Graves has no report.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #043- TABLED- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #044- TABLED- AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-23 REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #047- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Cizl, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, DeBottis, Gee, Radeff. Yeas All.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Gee, Radeff, Cizl, DeBottis. Yeas All.

Ordinance Passes # 45-23

COUNCIL #048- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Wtulich, Kovach, Stark, Gee, DeBottis, Cizl, Radeff. Yeas All.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Gee, Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Cizl, DeBottis, Radeff. Yeas All.

Ordinance Passes # 46-23

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: President Rosso says to the finance director and mayor, I think you both know I appreciate you and your work you did for the city and I thank you both for your friendships.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION: This Meeting of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Brandy Randolph

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that

this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of

COUNCIL of Dec. 19, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring