

## Akron Town Council Meeting September 16, 2024

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Andy Perkins, Attorney

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2025 proposed budget. Rebecca shared information regarding the budget figures. A member of the audience asked if there were any utility rate increases planned. Rebecca shared as of now there are no utility rate increases in the works however Baker Tilly does an annual financial report based on current cost and capital plans that they use and suggest to the Town Council if they anticipate a need for a rate increase. No other comments were heard. Rich made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Akron Resident, David Bussard asked the council for permission to either concrete or pave the alleyway next to his driveway at 314 W Walnut St. Attorney Andy Perkins suggested if the council approved of Mr. Bussard's request that he will draft a waiver and release to sign. Jim made a motion to approve Mr. Bussard's request pending signature of the waiver and release document. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca informed the council that the Kiwanis organization will host their tootsie roll drive on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rebecca shared the Akron Carnegie Public Library and would like to host the Scarecrow contest again this fall and utilize the downtown park. The council were fine with them using the space for the event.

Rebecca provided the 2024/25 Astra Insurance Renewal. Rich made a motion to approve the renewal as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the insurance agent of record for the Town of Akron to IMG (Insurance Management Group). Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Rebecca will provide a letter to Astra regarding the change.

Rebecca presented contracts from WACD for IT services in 2025. Rich made a motion to approve the contracts as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the utility adjustment request as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Water Project Agreement for Priority Project Resources as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Water Project Agreement for Midwestern Engineers as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the quote from Pike Garage Doors for 6 New Garage Doors for \$45,910.20. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the quote from Graycraft Signs for 5 new entrance signs for \$37,912.50. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the quote from Hoffman Body Shop to repaint the exterior doors and garage frames at Town Hall for \$7,160. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the quote from School Outfitters for council room chairs for \$6,470.71. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for August 2024 was presented. Justin presented a quote for new body cams and software for \$2,248. Jim made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Trick or Treat for the Town of Akron will be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8PM.

### **Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** 5 data log reports were completed. The meeting with WTH Technologies regarding the lead service line inventory was very informative and helpful. It is a work in progress. A meeting was held to discuss the OCRA Grant with Shannon & Mark. TTHM and HAA5 sampling have been completed for the required monitoring period.

**Sewer Dept:** Gas has officially been hooked up to 2 of the 3 backup generators for the lift stations. Still awaiting the final gas hookup for LS#2. The lagoons are still discharging. A meeting is scheduled for Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss and finalize plans for relining the pipe to the Old Viking Dollar Building. Rich made a motion to approve the quote from Phend & Brown to fix the manholes on East Rochester St as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. The cost is \$6,000 per manhole.

**Street Dept:** The CCMG paving and sidewalk project has begun. We are collaborating with them to get things in order. Leaf Vac Discussion took place. Due to the cost, there was no further discussion at this time.

**Miscellaneous:** Town Hall tree will be cut down on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The locations have been marked for the new radar signs. We will be contacting INDOT regarding one of the locations we selected to put up a new radar sign in the ROW.

**Attorney Report: 9**

Rebecca informed the council she would be out of the office October 8-10<sup>th</sup> attending the AIM Summit Conference in Ft Wayne.

Jim made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-16-2024 – Amending Ordinance 04-12-2021 ARPA Fund as presented. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

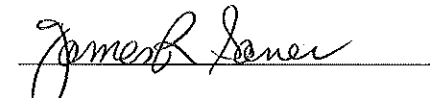
Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 09-16-2024 – Transfer of Appropriations as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$151,043.42. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

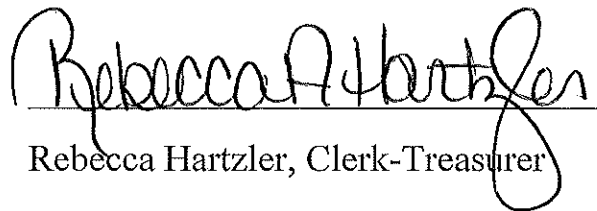
Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$31,817.50. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer