

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:35 P.M. in the J.V. Stone Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with an Invocation by Pastor Michelle Wilkey of Harmony Creek Church followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with Mayor Compton presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff were present as follows:

Councilmembers JoAnne Rau
 Mark Engert
 Belinda Kenley
 Duke Lunsford
 John Palcher

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
 City Manager Wayne Davis
 Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
 Finance Director Tyler Roark
 Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt
 Police Chief Matt Brown
 Development Director Erik Collins
 Economic Development Administrator Joey O'Brien
 Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
 City Engineer Jim Brinegar
 Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
 Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
 IT Director Ryan Collins
 Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton invited Pastor Wilkey to speak about Harmony Creek programs. Pastor Wilkey discussed the upcoming Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Excuse Absent Councilmembers

Mr. Lunsford made a motion to excuse Mr. Serr, Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings had been distributed prior to this meeting:

Council Meeting: November 20, 2023.

Work Session Meetings: November 20, 2023.

Mrs. Kenley made a motion for approval of the minutes, Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Communications

Mrs. Davis reported no communications.

Presentation

- A. Auditor of State – Auditor of State West Regional Liaison Joe Braden presented Mr. Roark with the *2022 Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. He explained the criteria required to achieve the award for accounting excellence and fiscal integrity and noted very few municipalities qualify for the honor. Mayor Compton praised the Finance Department. Mr. Roark thanked Mr. Braden for presenting the award and praised the Finance Department staff effort, particularly noting Mrs. Piatt's contributions. Mr. Davis expressed appreciation for Mr. Braden's assistance throughout the year.

Recognition

- A. Mayor Compton presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Duke Lunsford, recognizing him for his service on City Council.

Citizen Comments and Petitions - none**Officials' Reports**

Mayor Compton spoke about the great budget presentation work session on November 16 and recognized Mr. Roark for his preparation moving into this year's budget season.

Mrs. Kenley discussed her participation in the Shop Uptown Walk last Saturday.

Mrs. Kenley advised that Blue Star Mothers is in need of monetary donations to cover shipping costs.

Mrs. Kenley thanked and praised the Yankee Trace restaurant staff for a great Thanksgiving meal and for a very nice wine dinner.

Mr. Engert thanked Mr. Lunsford for his service on City Council.

Mr. Palcher thanked Mr. Lunsford for his dedication to his various board liaison commitments.

Mr. Lunsford advised of ongoing Americana Festival trustees meetings.

Mayor Compton mentioned Dale Berry's retirement celebration tomorrow night at 6:30 at the Rec Center.

In the City Manager's Report, Mr. Davis spoke about:

- Budget books disseminated to Council members tonight; the public hearing is scheduled for December 18.
- Employee luncheon on Wednesday.
- Thanked Mr. Lunsford for his service.

Old Business

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 19-23, An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Number 05-23 In Its Entirety And To Establish Class Titles, Pay Ranges, Grades, Rates Of Pay, And Regulations For Employees Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio.

Ms. McCormick explained that this is a two-year pay ordinance for 2024 and 2025. She noted some salary changes for market competitiveness and internal equity. Ms.

McCormick also discussed the change from a longevity bonus to a merit-based bonus system.

Mayor Compton opened the Public Hearing.
Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Compton closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Rau sponsored Ordinance 19-23 and moved for its approval. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

New Business – none.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Compton turned the attention of the group to the Consent Agenda. Any City Councilmember may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

City Council read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

- A. Motion to Set the Public Hearing for the 2024 Operating Budget for December 18, 2023.
- B. Ordinance 20-23, An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Set for Public Hearing on December 18, 2023).
- C. Ordinance 21-23, An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Number 24-22 In Its Entirety And Adopt All Fees, Rules And Regulations Associated With The Golf Club At Yankee Trace (Set for Public Hearing on December 18, 2023).
- D. Resolution 104-23, A Resolution Requesting Advances Out Of The Current Collection Of Real Estate, Personal Property And Estate Taxes Assessed And Collected On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville.
- E. Resolution 105-23, A Resolution Authorizing Payment Of Invoices With Then And Now Certificates For The Third Quarter Of Calendar Year 2023.
- F. Motion to Reappoint the Following Boards and Commission Members:
Regis Lekan to the Streets, Highways and Drainage Commission (3-year term).
Bob Lentz to the Streets, Highways and Drainage Commission (3-year term).

Mr. Palcher sponsored the Consent Agenda and moved for its approval. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Compton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. The next regular meeting of City Council is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.

Approved: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of Council