

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
November 11th, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the November 11th, 2021 regular meeting to order at
2 7:30p.m..
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley, and Vini J.
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.
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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American
8 Legion 801.
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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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12 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28,
13 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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18 ~ **Lawrence Marek, 467 Mapleview Road**, noted that he appreciated the quick response to water issues
19 experienced on Mapleview and Indian Run Roads with the work to fix the issues having started. He and
20 others in the neighborhood are looking forward to continued improvements.
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23 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
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25 A "Thank You" card was received from Ken & Judy Wright (9526 Ledge Acres Rd.) wherein they
26 thanked the Fire & Police Department personnel for the support during a trying time and transporting Ken
27 to the hospital. Personnel attending were Cpt. Dave Chesnik, FF/Medics Ed Manney and Dennis Basch,
28 FF/EMT Mike Rego and Officer Chris Neal.
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30 The Fire Department were sent a gift of Malley's chocolates from Debra Hazen (20550 Tracy Ave.,
31 Euclid, OH) with a note thanking personnel (Cpt. Brian Miller, FF/Medics Tyler Hill and Jeff Tylicki) for
32 quickly attending to her while on Valley View Road.
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34 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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36 **ORDINANCE NO. 67-2021**

37 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF
38 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr.
39 Finley.
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42 **ORDINANCE NO. 69-2021**

43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
44 OHIO GOVERNMENT BENEFIT COOPERATIVE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE
45 COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE CITY OF MACEDONIA EMPLOYEES was offered by Ms. Tulley for
46 **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously
47 by a voice vote.
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49 Dir. Smith explained this is the 2022 renewal of medical benefits and changing carriers for both dental
50 and vision coverage. Initial figures came in very high, but the City was able to negotiate for a more
reasonable rate and continue providing coverage for eligible City employees.

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52 Ms. Brandt thanked Dir. Smith for her work on this and keeping the health and safety of the staff in mind
53 while doing the best with the residents' tax dollars.

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55 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 69-2021 and post the same according to**
56 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 69-2021 declared and adopted.**

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59 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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63 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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65 - October revenue from Mayor's Court was \$16,110.
66 - A sergeant in the Police Department has tendered his resignation.
67 - The new Service Building is moving forward, with the criteria architect having been chosen.
68 There are still many steps to take in the process. Discussion was had on what equipment the City
69 has and where to store it.
70 - Leaves in the street are an ongoing issue. Leaves can not go in the street—only the treelawn.
71 Those that continue leaving in the street will hear from the Building Department and potentially
72 be fined if not removed within five days. Three crews are currently picking up leaves.
73 - At Tuesday's Rotary Club meeting, Nordon High School librarian Angela Wojtecki brought a
74 student by the name of Olivia Carpenter with her. Ms. Carpenter created a program where people
75 can donate clothes to less fortunate students. The Mayor commended Ms. Carpenter for this idea,
76 and shared how those that want to donate can do so: contact Ms. Wojtecki at the high school
77 either by e-mail (angela.wojtecki@nordoniaschools.org) or (330) 908-6030.
78 - Nordon High School's band is going to a national competition in Indianapolis and wishes them
79 well.
80 - Nordon High School's football team is in the third round of the playoffs against Hoban and
81 wishes them luck
82 - Happy Veteran's Day! Work to install bathrooms at Veterans Park will begin, probably in mid-
83 December
84 - Please don't drive distracted! Put the phones down and drive the vehicle.

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87 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

88 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the Parks & Recreation Commission will have their
89 final meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm in the activity room of the Recreation
90 Center. The Commission will start back up in January.

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92 **Cemetery Board** Ms. Tulley reported the painting of the fences around the cemetery is complete.
93 Working on finding funding for the roads as it doesn't fit state funding. Work is being done on the main
94 building as well as the employee garage. Thanks to administrator Jeff Snell for persisting in getting the
95 fences painted, as well as dealing with several other issues that come up.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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Service Department: Director Karas – Happy Veterans Day, and Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps, who had their birthday Wednesday (11/10). Leaf collection is on the second round, except for the main roads of the City, which are still on the first round. Crews are working overtime, with four crews planned for the upcoming Saturday. Fall decorations will be taken down next week, and Christmas decorations will go up in preparation for the tree lighting on December 5th. Three plow trucks are assembled in preparation for snow accumulation, with two new trucks expected to arrive in early December.

The Mayor thanked Dir. Karas for his service in the Marines.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti- A crew broke ground on the new monument sign at the Golden Link right-in/right-out access road.

Ms. Tulley asked whether a sign could be placed alerting drivers that construction is happening at that location as construction vehicles are parking on the access road and causing traffic backups.

Parks and Recreation Department: Director Chadock – Work continues on the HVAC units and the Recreation Center currently has heat and air is properly flowing. Wireless thermostats will be installed. Winter programming is set and more information can be found at macrec.com. Staff is currently setting up Spring/Summer programming. Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 5th from 6-8pm at the City Center.

Ms. Brandt asked whether a Winterfest was going to take place, to which Dir. Chadock responded that procuring all the necessary supplies proved to be a challenge and the Parks & Recreation Department did not want to put on a “50% event” and have it less than what it should be. The plan is for that event to take place in 2022 and focus on the Holiday Tree Lighting event instead.

Finance Department: Director Veres – Expressed appreciation for the veterans. One small amendment will be coming to the December Council meeting for the receipt and purchase order creation of the \$75,000 grant that was received for the Senior Center last month.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley- Thanked the veterans for their service, including Dir. Karas and Chief Ripley’s son-in-law. Santa delivery is happening in Macedonia this year. Logistics for Santa tracking are being worked through, with the help of Mr. Garvas. Bags will be available at the City Center, Recreation Center and Northfield Center Town Hall near the end of the month. Highland Road is now open, which is a big thing, operationally, for the Fire Department. Congratulations to Ms. Brandt, Ms. Tulley and Mr. Ventura on their recent re-elections to Council. Go Knights!

Police Department: Lieutenant Yakopovich - Thanked the veterans for their service. Sgt. Sean Hathaway, who is also the jailer, submitted his resignation. The Civil Service Commission will be holding a promotional exam on December 7, which should give time for Sgt. Hathaway to help train his replacement. Sgt. Hathaway has been with the Police Department over nine years and started his own business a couple years ago, which has since expanded.

HR Department: Director Smith – Echoed the thanks for veterans and their service. The HR Department is busy with benefits and training and looking forward to completing before the end of the year.

IT Department: Director Collins – Recognized the veterans and their service. The IT Department closed 25 tickets since the last Council meeting. The downstairs speakers at the Recreation Center have been fixed. The music player at the Recreation Center has also been updated to allow for an extended playlist. Work continues on the new website, with the hope of rolling it out within the next six months.

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153 **Law Department:** Dir. Guidetti – No report.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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158 Ms. Tulley asked when the new traffic signal at Olde 8 and Twinsburg Roads will be turned on, to which
159 Dir. Gigliotti responded it is in Northfield Center Township and is a Summit County Engineer project, but
160 he can reach out to the County to see about a schedule.

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162 The Mayor wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving as Council will not convene again until after the
163 holiday. The Mayor also congratulated Mr. Ventura, Ms. Tulley and Ms. Brandt on their election wins.

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165 Mr. Ventura thanked the residents for their continued support, faith and respect to allow the re-elected
166 Councilors to work for them another four years.

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168 Ms. Brandt wished a peaceful Veterans Day to all veterans and made a special shout out not only to Mr.
169 Ventura, but her favorite veteran and father, Robert Brandt, Jr., who was in Vietnam fifty-one years ago
170 and celebrates his fifty-first Veterans Day.

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172 Ms. Tulley stated she had met her husband while he was on leave before going back for his third stint in
173 Vietnam. She thanked him for his service and expressed gratitude that he was able to come home. Ms.
174 Tulley also stated that Terri Hudak, who was part of the Recreation Center and Longwood Manor, passed
175 away recently. She was remembered for always being at Council meetings, having a smile on her face and
176 being a very valued citizen.

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178 The Mayor added that Ms. Hudak was a fantastic person and staunch in her faith.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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184 There being no further business, Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adjourn the meeting.**

185 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
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Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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196 **Mayor:** _____

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