

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Meyers at approximately 7:22 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

All members of Council in attendance.

All members of the Administration were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – February 25, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for February 25, 2025. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Schmidt motioned to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2025. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings Scheduled

Council President Meyers stated that the next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

MOTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Kasunick reports on the Finance Committee Meeting that took place prior to this. They discussed the budget. The committee moved the budget forward so it will be on first reading tonight. He has a copy available if needed.

Ms. Schmidt reports on WPCC Meeting. She encourages everyone to read the executive summary that they received. A few notes to think about... They are looking to purchase a \$90,000 dump truck split with Willoughby. This will discontinue their dumpster service and save about \$9000-12000 annually. The reasoning is when they take the sludge it is reading for radiation and it is very very minimal. It is not a danger to the environment or people. They have discovered through research that it is from people taking cancer medication. If it sits for a few days, they can leave it. When they ask for something, they are almost always looking for other ways to save. For 2024 there were only 2 minor violations due to a concentration of chlorine. The number was minimal. Outside of that, Mr. Gorka had Mike lead the meeting preparing him to assume the role. He is getting his certifications as well that the EPA requires. For the East Island Equalization Basin it is out to bid mid-March. There were a couple things to think about for the future because she knows that they need to have an account set up for future projects. Erie Rd Equalization Basin did not overflow 2024 which is great but it did overflow previously. Sometime this will need addressed. The rehab of 2 underground tanks might need a cleaning element added. They got 2-3 grants also. They will be looking to do a Master Plan in the near future.

Mr. Semick reports on the Port Authority meeting that took place. Laura Binnell brought up the high-fi sensors on the bridges, West Island, and Corporation Creek. Won't cost additional to sign up for alerts. Administration can sign up and he believes that residents can as well.

No questions.

Ms. Schmidt reports on ECDC. She thanks Danyielle for taking over the Good Neighbor's Award. Besides that, it was a short meeting because Finance was coming up. Saturday May 17th is the Plant Swap. They are looking for different vendors. It is a free community event and a great way to socialize. One of the members resigned sadly so they are looking for people. They do a Plant Swap, Good Neighbors, Business Lanterns, and Yard of the Year. It's a very positive committee and lowkey and upbeat and she encourages you to get involved.

No questions.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: 1/2 hour, 3-minutes per person

Ms. Heather Freeman comes to address Council. She asks if the Gazette will be continuing? Maybe a digital newsletter? Might be cost savings. The other thing, the budget that is on the agenda is listed as an emergency.

Mr. Meyers says by law it will go 3 readings.

Ms. Freeman says the sewer increases that were voted on last year... there was a lot of people online who were not aware of the increase that was approved by City Council and there was no direct communication regarding that increase. A 95% increase in the first year... She spoke with Council members who didn't know that was going to happen. She has not experienced a huge increase like some people have been sharing online. She feels that the Facebook post was condescending. Let the residents know what you are doing... put a press release out. You know people don't show up to these meetings. Until tonight she has not heard one thing about fixing the audio. When you're doing big things like that, let the residents know. Be the messenger instead of letting them

jump to conclusions. Did the MOU and Agreements with Timberlake get approved? What happens with those? Did they see the increases also?

Mr. Meyers says on the Gazette, reach out to them. He thinks they will resume in the spring.

Ms. Freeman says this is not something the City does?

Mr. Meyers says they are a private newspaper, for profit. They also publish most of the Cities around here.

Ms. Freeman says oh so you don't pay anything for that? What is your backup plan for communicating to the residents?

Mr. Meyers says Ms. Moran has information on that so talk to her after the meeting.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED:

02-25-(01)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement with Brightly Software, Inc. for services rendered to the Eastlake Service Department for the term of 36 months with an annual renewal charge of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$18,699.42), and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Gulley to adopt. Ms. Schmidt second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-011

02-25-(02)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept a donation for the Police Department weight room and gym from the Ohio State Eagles Charity Fund for a total of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak to adopt. Mr. Semick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-012.

After discussion, Council voted to Amend item 02-25-(03) to read as such:

“A Resolution approving a Morals Claim for Paul Stanley, a former City of Eastlake Police Officer, to reprieve him of repayment to the City of the Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$3,999.00) he received for his work during June 2022 from the EMA First Responder Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.”

The vote for this was as such:

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak motions to amend. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Krajnyak, YEA. Ms. Kostelnik, YEA. Mr. Kasunick, YEA. Mr. Gulley, NO. Ms. Schmidt, YEA. Mr. Semick, NO. Mr. Meyers, NO.

Motion passed 4-3. The following legislation is reflecting that change:

02-25-(03)-A

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Requested By: Council

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MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Krajnyak, YEA. Ms. Kostelnik, YEA. Mr. Kasunick, NO. Mr. Gulley, YEA. Ms. Schmidt, YEA. Mr. Semick, YEA. Mr. Meyers, YEA.

MOTION: Ms. Krajnyak to adopt. Ms. Kostelnik second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Krajnyak, YEA. Ms. Kostelnik, YEA. Mr. Kasunick, NO. Mr. Gulley, NO. Ms. Schmidt, YEA. Mr. Semick, NO. Mr. Meyers, NO.

Motion failed. Final vote 4-3.

02-25-(04)

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

Requested by: Finance Director Schindel
Sponsored by: Finance Committee

An Ordinance to appropriate for the expenses of the City of Eastlake, State of Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

**** This item was placed on First Reading. ****

02-25-(05)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____
Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Finance Committee

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a Client Services Agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. to provide EMS Billing Services for the Residents of the City of Eastlake and Non-Residents, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Semick moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Semick to adopt. Mr. Gulley second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2025-013

LEGISLATION PENDING:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Overstreet says the main thing he has for tonight is the sound system. Rich was in here this morning and discovered most of the microphones had been turned off. You also need to be closer to the mics. There is a plan in the works to see what we can do to improve the acoustics.

Fire Chief Whittington says they have monitoring the river. He appreciates Semick's comments today. Anything that can help for monitoring the river is great.

No questions.

Chief Werner references the two conditional offers he mentioned last meeting... They both accepted pending their physicals. He received a two week notice from Hines. There will be 4 openings to get budgeted number. They did put out looking for transfers. Hoping to fill a couple of those positions that way. They will never sacrifice quality to fill spots so if it takes all year then it takes all year. The body camera grant won't have that info until sometime in March. There is another grant that he will be applying for by March 19. Mentor Eagles Lodge 3605 gave them a recent donation as well. They appreciate the generosity.

Ms. Schmidt asks if Officer Isabella is a retirement?

Chief Werner says yes.

No additional questions.

CBO Menn says he just turned a small list of 5 homes to the Lake County Land Bank for the demo list.

NO questions.

Service Director Gorentz says mainly the salt situation... we ordered 500 extra tons. Morton said they could only get 175 at this time. There is still a shortage. They will do intersections, main roads, stop signs, curbs, etc.

No questions.

City Engineer Meluch says he mentioned the survey work on SR 2 last meeting. Due to weather that work was postponed. They will reschedule in early March. He will let the Mayor's office know when he knows. It is ODOT Permit. As Ms. Schmidt mentioned, the Eq. Basin is open for bid.

No questions.

Finance Director Schindel thanks them for their time this evening regarding the budget. As a point of reference, the eq high/low measuring thing is paid for by Storm Water Fund.

No questions.

Law Director Klammer says we had a workers comp lawsuit in early stages. He will keep them updated. As far as Timberlake and Lakeline, he believes Lakeline has expired but Timberlake has a few more years maybe 2029? Timberlake Law Director is new. The conversation has been started back up with both municipalities. The Law Director for both is now the same. There are outstanding delinquencies that need worked through. He thanks Judy for working on CRA and she was able to find the old ones. Most importantly, he wants to say how heartwarming it was to hear how fascinated Ms. Schmidt was with her wastewater report.

Ms. Schmidt says just for clarity, for Lakeline and Timberlake, they are responsible for that money regardless. Even though the contract is up, they are still responsible for...

Law Director Klammer believes they are being billed for the new sewer rates.

Ms. Schindel says it is two parts. They are trying to get them to see the benefits of the new agreement.

ADJOURNMENTThe meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m.

JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 3/11/25

ATTEST: Alyssa Moran
ALYSSA MORAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL