



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2021**

**I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

City Council members present include Frank Bertone, Jon C Bennehoof, Tom Counts, Heather Karr, Brian Lorenz, Melissa Riggins, Dan Swartwout. Also present were Andrew D White, City Manager; Yazan S Ashrawi Esq, Law Director; Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager / Community Development Director; Buddy Caplinger, Public Services Director; Claudia Husak, Planning Director; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Jason Nahvi, HR Business Partner; and Elise Schellin, Development Planner.

**II) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III) PROCLAMATIONS**

**2020 Census Population Certification**

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**IV) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Bertone opened the citizen participation portion of the meeting, and hearing no comment, citizen participation was closed.

**V) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**09212021 Council Minutes**

[09212021 Council Minutes.pdf](#)

MOTION: Jon C Bennehoof moved to approve 09212021 Council Minutes. Dan Swartwout seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

**VI) RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2021-15: ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.**

1. [Res 2021-15\\_Memo.pdf](#)
2. [Res. 2021-15\\_Resolution.pdf](#)

Mr. White introduced the legislation and reviewed the memo. He stated this resolution will set the rates as provided to the City from the County, and noted there are two effected pots of funding: the general fund and the bond fund.

Mayor Bertone opened the item for Council comment, hearing none, the Mayor closed this portion and opened for public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Bertone closed the item for public comment.

Councilwoman Riggins noted that language regarding the item being on a consent agenda be stricken.

MOTION: Jon C Bennehoof moved to approve RESOLUTION 2021-15: ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Heather Karr seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

## **VII) ORDINANCES: SECOND READING(S)**

### **ORDINANCE 2021-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF POWELL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE ROUTE 750 RESURFACING AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (DEL-750-2.17, PID 110618).**

1. Ord. 2021-23\_Memo.pdf
2. Ord. 2021-23\_Ordinance.pdf

Mr. White noted this is the second reading for this ordinance, and there is no emergency. Adoption is recommended at this time. SR 750 is being resurfaced as part of an ODOT program, however the City has a responsibility to fund a portion of the project. Mr. Huber added that most of the work will be nighttime work. He clarified that a different grade of asphalt will be used from the last repaving of SR 750.

Mayor Bertone opened the item for council discussion. Councilman Lorenz mentioned that this proposal has been reviewed by Development Committee, and it was determined to move forward. Lorenz noted that there are residents whose property abuts SR 750, and encouraged staff to reach out to those that may be impacted by night work. Hearing no other comment, this portion was closed.

Mayor Bertone opened public comment, and seeing none, public comment was closed.

MOTION: Jon C Bennehoof moved to approve ORDINANCE 2021-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF POWELL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE ROUTE 750 RESURFACING AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (DEL-750-2.17, PID 110618). Brian Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

## **VIII) ORDINANCES: FIRST READING(S)**

### **ORDINANCE 2021-28: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A BID TO CARGILL CORPORATION FOR HIGHWAY ROCK SALT**

1. [Ord. 2021-28\\_Memo.pdf](#)
2. [Ord. 2021-28\\_Ordinance.pdf](#)
3. [Ord. 2021-28\\_Attachment.pdf](#)

Mr. White introduced the legislation. He pointed out the contract is for 1,000 tons total, and the City does have some existing salt available from the previous year's maintenance program. He noted there is a price increase from 2021 to 2022 based on the bid per ton, however that increase is down significantly from a couple years ago. Mr. White advised Council to move forward with the ordinance.

Mayor Bertone opened Council comment. Councilman Swartwout stated that he will be abstaining. Councilman Bennehoof asked about the City's burn rate on salt. Mr. White said that data is not tracked, however it would be useful to consider. Riggins asked for clarification on the ordinance language, specifically if "cooperative" should be "competitive". Mayor Bertone, Mr. White, and Mr. Caplinger stated that "cooperative" is the correct term for the legislation. Councilwoman Riggins asked for clarification of the bidding process, which Mr. Caplinger then explained. Mayor Bertone asked why the City has not previously considered brining. Mr. White stated that with Mr. Caplinger now on board as the new Public Services Director, there will be a more comprehensive look at the maintenance program, including alternative materials. Mr. Caplinger discussed his ideas for snow maintenance in the future, which may include brining. Hearing no other Council comment, Mayor Bertone closed this portion of Council comments.

Mayor Bertone opened the item for public comment, and hearing none, public comment was closed. The second reading of this ordinance will be October 19.

## **IX) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **X) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY CALENDAR**

Mr. White introduced the new Public Services Director, Buddy Caplinger, who gave an overview of his vision of the Public Services Department moving forward; discussed the lack of continuity of the Powell boundary, specifically Sawmill Parkway and SR 750; notified Council the CIP will be presented by our consultants on the October 19 meeting; discussed the Powell Green development project, and the expectation of a commercial component along the S Liberty Street frontage; asked Mr. Nahvi to give an update on the open job positions, including the Parks and Recreation Manager, Clerk of Council, Finance Director, and a Service Worker position as well as probationary periods for new employees, expectations, and performance evaluations; addressed the public comments made by residents in the historic district at the previous City Council meeting; discussed political signs; and thanked Council for their support.

## **XI) OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilman Bennehoof mentioned the business community is seeing a positive improvement in the community.

## **XII) ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Jon C Bennehoof moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Tom Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE:        Y   7          N   0   (None)        AB   0   (None)

