

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 4, 2022 Meeting**

Jim Velas, Council President  
Don Vincenzo, Council, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Mark Thomas, Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Terra Butler, Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Linda Jordan, Council-At-Large  
Beth Oprisch, Council-At-Large  
JC Thrash, Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Mike Smith, Council-At-Large

Kathryn Thalman, Mayor  
Jeremy Greenwood, Public Service/Safety Director  
Don Smithberger, Super. of General Services  
Annette Williams, Finance Director  
Matthew Arbenz, Chief of Police  
Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Elizabeth Glick, Law Director

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Velas at 7:30 pm. President Velas led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	HERE	Thrash	HERE
Jordan	HERE	Thomas	HERE
Oprisch	HERE	Vincenzo	HERE
Smith	HERE		
	Seven (7) Present		Zero (0) Absent

**MINUTES:** Council President Velas confirmed all Councilmembers received the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting. Councilwoman Butler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2022, Council Meeting; motion seconded by Councilman Thomas.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	YES	Thrash	YES
Jordan	YES	Thomas	YES
Oprisch	ABSTAIN	Vincenzo	YES
Smith	YES		

Roll Call Vote: Six (6) YES Zero (0) NO One (1) ABSTAIN Zero (0) ABSENT

Minutes Approved

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CITIZEN HEARING:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:** Mayor Kathryn Thalman reported participating in the District Advisory Council Meeting at the Roscoe Garage Center. They addressed the emergency with the ice storm and various funding opportunities for the City and townships during the meeting. The Mayor expressed her appreciation to the Rec Center Staff for their quick work in accommodating gubernatorial candidate Joe Blystone, who held a Rally at the Courthouse but had to move the Rally due to the inclement weather. The Mayor stated that The Rally was moved to the rec center last minute, and Eric and Debbie made it work great. The candidate was pleased, as were the many who attended. Furthermore, the Mayor stated she spoke at the Welcome Vietnam Vets

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rally at the Courthouse, where there was a moving remembrance of the veterans who returned home to very little fanfare.

**Service/Safety Director Jeremy Greenwood** reported that servers have been ordered to upgrade to the City's Server System. A grant to the EMA has been submitted, allowing the City to purchase backup generators for all the Sewer Lift Stations and the Rec Center. The OWDA loan has been submitted for the I-70 waterline project. The Water Department is looking to schedule dates to smoke the Sanitary Sewer System to look for illegal connections. Hydrant flushing will be occurring the week of April 18th. Year to date, there have been eight waterline breaks. Starting April 11th to May 1st, the Rec Center Gym will be closed to replace the flooring. April's Employee of the Month is Tonya Hutchison.

Councilman Vincenzo asked if there is any maintenance work scheduled for the Amphitheater. Mr. Greenwood stated that it had been budgeted to recoat the Amphitheater but is waiting to complete a few other projects before starting.

Councilwoman Oprisch asked for an update on the paving projects. Mr. Greenwood stated that the Asphalt plants aren't scheduled to open until mid-April, but hopefully, the paving company can start right away once they are open.

**Police Chief Matt Arbenz** reported that there were 471 calls to service in March, 18 crashes, 34 arrests, five warrants served, three domestic violence cases, and 174 traffic stops. Chief Arbenz has applied for a grant through the City's new insurance company, paying back around \$1,000 towards the Police Department Lexipol policies and procedures and daily training bulletins.

**Finance Director Annette Williams [ABSENT]** No report.

**Planning & Zoning Administrator Tom Murphy** explained to Council the purpose of Ordinance 2022-17, which would allow the City, through its Community Housing Improvement Program, better known as C.H.I.P, to provide individuals funds for low to moderate-income households to help with their home improvements.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Chair Mike Smith** No report.

**Utilities Chair Terra Butler** reported that the Utility Committee received March's billing report. The Committee also approved the Delinquent, Final, Termination and Utility Services Policy. Lastly, the Utility Committee approved a Sewer Credit Request.

**Police Chair Beth Oprisch** No report.

**Streets – North Side Chair Don Vincenzo** No report.

**Streets – South Side Chair JC Thrash** No report.

**Safety Chair JC Thrash** No report.

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**Building and Grounds Chair Linda Jordan** No report.

**Planning Commission Chair Mark Thomas** No report.

**Fire Chair Linda Jordan** No report.

**Recreation Chair Mark Thomas** No report.

**Park District Chair Linda Jordan** No report.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Law Director Elizabeth Glick**

**FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2022-17** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jordan that the rules requiring three separate readings be suspended on Ordinance No. 2022-17 and that the resolution, be passed on an emergency basis; seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	YES	Thrash	YES
Jordan	YES	Thomas	YES
Oprisch	YES	Vincenzo	YES
Smith	YES		

Roll Call Vote: Seven (7) YES Zero (0) NO Zero (0) ABSTAIN Zero (0) ABSENT

Motion Carried

Councilwoman Butler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-17; seconded by Councilman Thomas.

**ROLL CALL:**

Butler	YES	Thrash	YES
Jordan	YES	Thomas	YES
Oprisch	YES	Vincenzo	YES
Smith	YES		

Roll Call Vote: Seven (7) YES Zero (0) NO Zero (0) ABSTAIN Zero (0) ABSENT

Motion Carried

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**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before Council, Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Thrash. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. All Councilmembers will be present at the City Building for the next meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend the in-person meeting in the Council Chambers.

  
Jacob DeBertrand, Council Clerk

  
Jim Velas, Council President