

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - Final

January 6, 2020

6:00 PM

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

City Council

*Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Mike Coolman
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken
Mike Walker*

A. Call To Order

Called to order by Yaz Ashrawi, city law director designee in the absence of Gene Hollins. Ashrawi stated this is the January 6, 2020 organizational meeting of the Canal Winchester city council. First item on the agenda is the administration of the oath of office for our re-elected Mayor and re-elected council members and a newly elected city council member. The Mayor will be first.

B. Oath of Office*Coolman administers Oath of Office to Mayor Michael Ebert*

Coolman: please raise your right hand and repeat after me;

Coolman and Ebert: I, Michael Ebert, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio, the codified ordinances of the City of Canal Winchester and will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as the Mayor of the City of Canal Winchester, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God.

Coolman: I do hereby certify that the foregoing oath was administered by me to Michael Ebert and by him subscribed in my presence on this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty. Congratulations to Mayor Ebert on your fourth consecutive term.

Mayor administers Oath of Office to Robert Clark

Mayor: please raise your right hand and repeat after me;

Mayor and Clark: I, Robert Clark, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio, the codified ordinances of the City of Canal Winchester and will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a council member of the Canal Winchester City Council, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God.

Mayor: I do hereby certify that the foregoing oath was administered by me to Robert Clark and by him subscribed in my presence on this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty.

Mayor administers Oath of Office to Charles Milliken

Mayor: please raise your right hand and repeat after me;

Mayor and Milliken: I, Charles Milliken, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio, the codified ordinances of the City of Canal Winchester and will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a council member of the Canal Winchester City Council, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God.

Mayor: I do hereby certify that the foregoing oath was administered by me to Charles Milliken and by him subscribed in my presence on this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty.

Mayor administers Oath of Office to Michael Walker

Mayor: please raise your right hand and repeat after me;

Mayor and Walker: I, Michael Walker, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Ohio, the codified ordinances of the City of Canal Winchester and will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a council member of the Canal Winchester City Council, according to the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God.

Mayor: I do hereby certify that the foregoing oath was administered by me to Michael Walker and by him subscribed in my presence on this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty.

Ashrawi asked for the clerk to call the roll:

Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

C. Executive Session to Consider Appointments of Public Officials

Motion to move to executive session to consider appointments to council offices made by Lynch; seconded by Bennett

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Time out for executive session at 6:09 pm

Time in from executive session 7:08 pm

D. Nominations and Voting

Ashrawi stated at this time the floor was open for nominations for council president and vice-president of city council to serve a two year term pursuant to the city charter.

Motion was made by Amos to nominate Bennett as council president; seconded by Lynch;

Ashrawi asked if there was any discussion; he stated council will now vote on the motion of Bennett for council president, a roll call vote please.

The following voice vote occurred:

Yes 4 – Amos, Bennett, Lynch, Milliken

No 3 – Clark, Coolman, Walker

Discussion ensued as to what members were actually voting on and there was some confusion; Milliken stated he thought the vote was for the nomination; Ashrawi stated the vote was for the president; Milliken requested to change his vote from yes to no; Ashrawi agreed per procedure to allow his vote change.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes 3 – Amos, Bennett, Lynch

No 4 – Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Motion was made by Coolman to nominate Walker as council president; seconded by Clark Ashrawi asked if there was any discussion; he asked for a roll call please.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes 3 – Clark, Coolman, Walker

No 3– Amos, Bennett, Lynch

Abstain 1 – Milliken

Ashrawi stated an impasse has been reached for the election of a council president; according to council rules, council shall elect a president at its first meeting in January, however, council has been unable to do so; there will be a temporary vacancy in the office of the council president, therefore, so that council is not in violation of the rules, I would entertain a motion to suspend the rules to postpone the voting for council president to a future meeting.

Motion made by Bennett to suspend Council Rule 1 regarding requirement to elect a council president at the first regular meeting in an even numbered year; seconded by Lynch

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Ashrawi stated we will now move on to the election of council vice-president.

Motion was made by Bennett to nominate Coolman as council vice-president; seconded by Walker

Ashrawi asked for any discussion; he asked for a roll call please.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Walker, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

Ashrawi congratulated Coolman for being elected council vice-president; he stated he will now turn the meeting over to Coolman to preside over the meeting in the vacancy of a council president.

E. Council Committees and Appointments

Motion made by Amos to appointment members to the Rules Committee; Amos as chairperson, Milliken as vice-chairperson, Coolman as committee member; seconded by Lynch

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Lynch, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Motion made by Clark to appoint Milliken as a representative to Canal Winchester Human Services; seconded by Walker

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Walker, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

Motion made by Amos to appoint Walker as a representative to Destination: Canal Winchester; seconded by Bennett

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

Motion made by Bennett to recommend Clark as a representative on the Canal Winchester Industry and Commerce Corporation Board; seconded by Walker

Motion made by Amos to recommend Lynch as a representative on the Canal Winchester Industry and Commerce Corporation Board; seconded by Coolman

Both motions carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Walker, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

Motion made by Lynch to appoint Amos and Bennett as representatives to the Canal Winchester Joint Recreation District; seconded by Walker

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Walker, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Milliken

F. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Clark; seconded by Lynch

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Adjourned at 7:19 pm