

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Council-at-Large – Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; 2nd Ward - Dennis McBride; 3rd Ward -Tony Moore; Council-at-Large – Michelle Patton; 4th Ward - Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large and Council President – Brian Fischer; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; Planning/Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Finance Director– Steve Presley; Safety/Public Service Director – Duane Streator; Assistant Clerk of Council – Rachel Markovitz; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

ABSENT: City Engineer – Ryan Cummins

1. [ORDINANCE NO. 20-24](#) – APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Second of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 20-24 will be at Mr. Gasior
the Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 11, 2024

Mr. Gasior advised everything is looking good with these updates and he did not see any issues although he was still reviewing them.

2. [ORDINANCE NO. 23-24](#) – AMENDING SECTION 1042.02(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF SANITARY SEWER TAP FEES THROUGH A VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT COLLECTED ALONG WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER'S REAL ESTATE TAXES Second of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 23-24 will be at Mayor Jensen
the Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 11, 2024

Mayor Jensen reiterated that this is a way to help people pay for their tap fees who cannot afford to pay it all upfront. He advised this is another tool to help our residents if necessary. Mayor Jensen said at this point the City does not have a specific property owner in mind, but the City wanted to make this option available.

3. [ORDINANCE NO. 24-24](#) –TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 1 (THE AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX, AQUATIC FACILITY GROUNDS, FIRE STATION SITE, POLICE STATION SITE, AND THE AVON POST OFFICE SITE) FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised the bids for these six mowing contracts were advertised as they were in recent years, but this year they offered a three-year contract option with the hope of locking in each contract for a three-year period.

Mr. Streator stated the lowest and best bid was submitted by Moscarino Landscape & Design. He said they were quite a bit lower than the other bidders. Mr. Streator advised this contractor was new to bidding projects for Avon, but in researching their references, they have done a couple of bid projects locally including Bendix.

4. [ORDINANCE NO. 25-24](#) – TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 2 (THE AVON ISLE, THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AVON CEMETERY, STATE ROUTE (SR) 83 RIGHT-OF-WAY IN NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE SR 83 & SR 254 INTERSECTION, STONEY RIDGE ROAD GAZEBO SITE, OLD VILLAGE HALL, AND THE SENIOR CENTER & LITTLE LEAGUE PARK COMPLEX) FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised the lowest and best bid was submitted by Schill Landscaping. He said the City has worked previously with this contractor.

5. [ORDINANCE NO. 26-24 – TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 3 \(SCHWARTZ ROAD PARK\) FOR A THREE \(3\) YEAR PERIOD](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised the lowest and best bid was submitted by Schill Landscaping. He said the City has worked previously with this contractor.

6. [ORDINANCE NO. 27-24 – TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 4 \(VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ONLY AND ITS ENTRANCE WAY UP TO DETROIT ROAD\) FOR A THREE \(3\) YEAR PERIOD](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised the lowest and best bid was submitted by Schill Landscaping. He said the City has worked previously with this contractor.

Mr. Fischer said they know that Schill Landscaping is a good company, but he asked Mr. Streator if he was comfortable with this company handling all three contracts where they were the lowest and best bid to which Mr. Streator answered, “yes”.

7. [ORDINANCE NO. 28-24 – TO AWARD THE PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 5 \(THE AVON CITY HALL COMPLEX INCLUDING THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE MIDDLE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER SITE, NORTHGATE PARK, THE OLD COLORADO RIGHT-OF-WAY AT EATON DRIVE, AND THE CRUSHER STADIUM COMPLEX INCLUDING THE RECREATION LANE ENTRANCE UP TO STATE ROUTE 611-COLORADO AVE.\) FOR A THREE \(3\) YEAR PERIOD](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised the lowest and best bid was submitted by Moscarino Landscape & Design. Mr. Streator advised this contractor was new to bidding projects for Avon, but in researching their references, they have done a couple of bid projects locally including Bendix.

Mr. Fischer asked Mr. Streator if he is confident that Moscarino Landscape & Design can handle being awarded the two contracts where they were the lowest and best bid to which Mr. Streator answered yes.

8. [ORDINANCE NO. 29-24 – TO AWARD THE PUBLIC BID FOR THE AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 6 \(EAGLE POINT PARK\) FOR A THREE \(3\) YEAR PERIOD](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this property was added to the list this year of areas to be contracted out for mowing.

Mr. Streator stated the lowest and best bid was submitted by Green Impressions Landscaping. He said the City has worked previously with this contractor.

Mr. Streator advised in looking at all the low bids this year compared to last year, the City is saving \$21,836.00. He said next year it will cost the City \$150.00 because most of the bids stayed close to the same bid amount as the first year. Mr. Streator stated the last year of these contracts will increase about \$1900 for all of the mowing contracts. He advised he was pleased with the results received and they look forward to working with these companies as this has been a successful program.

Mr. Fischer advised it was great to see all the contracts come in under the estimated cost.

Mr. Streator agreed and stated this is the first time that the City asked for a three-year bid for mowing these City properties and they were not sure how many bids would be received. He said he was pleased to report that they received double the number of bids as they did last year so there was a lot of interest in this type of work.

Mr. Fischer asked if there is a mechanism in place where if a company is not working out within these three-year contracts that the City has some recourse.

Mr. Streator advised yes, within the contracts that he and Mr. Gasior reviewed, if any company fails to perform, the City can serve notice to the contractor and subsequently get out of the contract, if needed.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 30-24 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING THE 17.7 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NAGEL ROAD BETWEEN MIDDLETON & DETROIT ROADS, PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 10-04-00-022-102-044, 10-04-00-022-102-043, 10-04-00-022-102-039, 10-04-00-022-102-041, 10-04-00-022-102-042, 10-04-00-022-102-047 & 10-04-00-022-102-048 FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-4 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT Planning Referral

The First of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 30-24 will be
at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, March 11, 2024
A Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 30-24 will be held at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024

Ms. Fechter advised in July 2022 Council approved Ordinance No. 71-22 to rezone 12.71 acres on the east side of Nagel Road that subsequently was on the ballot in the General Election held in November of 2022 and was passed by the voters. Now she said Drug Mart is requesting to rezone these parcels on the west side of Nagel Road. Ms. Fechter stated Frank Jaram's property known as Middleton Crossings where the proposed Sheetz will be located is to the north of these 7 parcels and there is an existing house to the south of these parcels on the corner of Detroit and Nagel Roads. She said the request consists of 17.7 acres seeking to be rezoned from R-1 to C-4 and they are seeking approval to be included on the ballot at the General Election in November of 2024. Ms. Fechter noted there is a representative from the company present if Council has any questions. She pointed out that the conceptual development site plan that was in Council's referral packet from the Planning Department gives a better idea of what the property owner anticipates lining up with what is on the west side of Nagel Road.

Mayor Jensen advised this came from the Planning Commission as a positive recommendation, but he clarified that they are recommending it be placed on the ballot for the voters to decide if it should be rezoned. He said what the City is looking for is for the residents to say that they would like to see these parcels rezoned to C-4.

Mr. Gasior advised from a procedural standpoint Council would need to pass this Ordinance in order for the next step in the process to take place, which would be a Resolution to place the item on the ballot in November. If Council were to defeat this legislation, there would be no ballot measure.

Mr. Moore said he is a little concerned with all the traffic that is already on Nagel Road and the intersection of Nagel and Detroit Roads. He asked if the intersection of Detroit and Nagel Roads is going to be addressed before any development were to go in on these parcels because that area is already a mess. Mr. Moore wondered if that intersection was going to be widened to be able to handle traffic.

Mayor Jensen advised that is the discussion that City Officials will have with Discount Drug Mart should the voters pass this rezoning request. He said the Administration does not want to be premature, but if the voters pass the rezoning, then they will be asking what improvements will need to be made in that area. Mayor Jensen stated should this issue move forward and be rezoned then there will need to be more discussions taking place like they do with all projects. He advised they will still be talking to the property owners about the improvements that need to be done before they can move forward. Mayor Jensen said it is hard to have those discussions until the rezoning passes and if it does pass then that changes the discussions regarding what improvements need to be made, but both sides know that there are improvements that need to be made.

Mr. Fischer said he received a call from a resident this week asking what improvements were going to be made on Nagel Road at that intersection with all the traffic and development that is taking place. He asked if the voters pass the rezoning request, would the developers still have to come before the Planning Commission for any proposed development to which the Mayor answered absolutely and the owners of the property are aware of that.

Mrs. Demaline advised she shares the same sentiments as Mr. Moore as she too has concerns about the traffic and more development on Nagel Road as well as the intersection at Nagel and Detroit Roads.

Mayor Jensen advised those developments cannot take place without improvements and the Administration has made that clear to the property owners.

Dan Hopkins of 3494 Parkview Drive, Avon of DJH Developers thanked Council for their consideration. He advised they have talked through the process with the Planning Commission, and there is a wonderful model in the City of Avon, which is Chester Road. Mr. Hopkins said their goal would be to work with the City and the City's Planning Department as this project grows to have it mirror as much as possible with Chester Road, which has five lanes. He stated it must be attractive for potential tenants looking to come to Avon because potential tenants do not want to invest in an area and pay a large dollar amount for land if it not going to be convenient or conducive for their business. Mr. Hopkins advised if it is not going to be a smooth process for potential tenants then it is going to be a bad process for the citizens as well, so they very much want to make this right. He said he mentioned at the Planning Commission meeting that they are very fortunate that they have a corporate partner in Drug Mart who has been a corporate citizen in Avon for 35 plus years and that is who owns this property. Mr. Hopkins stated this all came to be when they were requesting to rezone the east side of Nagel Road as there were five or six property owners of these 17 acres across the street who approached him and the architect asking how they can get their property rezoned to commercial because they wanted to sell. He pointed out that Drug Mart's real estate entity is a separate entity. Mr. Hopkins advised these properties have nothing to do with Drug Mart's retail operations, but Drug Mart has a real estate arm of their corporation that operates all over the State of Ohio. He said since Drug Mart has a longstanding business across the street on Nagel Road, they want to continue to be a good corporate citizen and they look forward to working through the process for this project.

10. [ORDINANCE NO. 31-24](#) – REAPPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Presley

Mr. Presley explained the amendments to the supplemental appropriations as follows:

General Fund No. 101

Increase City Hall budget by \$100,000 for Repair/Maintenance of the City of Avon Storage Garage on French Creek Road as this was not included in the original budget.

Increase Law Department by \$28,500 for Wages and Benefits of the Victim Advocate as that position was not included in the Original Budget.

Increase Tree Commission budget by \$7,450.00 for Wages and Benefits as this was not included in the original budget. Mr. Presley indicated this was an oversight.

Increase the Building Department by \$50,000 for Plan Review as the original budget is insufficient for the remainder the year. Mr. Presley advised there is a large commercial development that has come in and the Building Department charged a deposit for the plan review of that development of about \$50,000 and this needs appropriated to be able to contract the plan reviews.

Total Increase in Fund 101

\$185,950.00

Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team (ELCERT) Fund No. 224

Increase Vehicle Purchase by \$350,000 for the purchase of a BearCat G3 Armored Vehicle as this was not included in the original budget. Mr. Presley noted this was discussed a couple meetings back by Police Chief Fischbach.

Total Increase in Fund 244

\$350,000.00

Grand Total of All Re-Appropriations

\$535,950.00

Mr. Fischer asked how they came up with the amount of \$100,000 for repair and maintenance of the storage garage. He asked if they had estimates on the work.

Mr. Presley advised there were discussions between the electrician and other individuals in the Street Department who have worked on items.

Mr. Streator advised they have done a lot of work with the Street Department in clearing out the garage to gain access. He said they are looking at some repairs to the roof and the siding to make it a usable facility. Mr. Streator stated that combined with some of the other costs to upgrade the electrical and such that is the amount they are estimating will be needed.

Mr. Fischer asked if that amount was overestimated or underestimated. He inquired if they would be coming back asking for more funds or was that going to cover it.

Mr. Streator advised they were not sure. He said they are in the process now and Mr. Loeser was getting prices today and meeting with the working contractor as well as some pricing on siding. He said he could not say for sure the exact dollar amount until they get into it further.

Mayor Jensen advised they believe that amount will get them through 2024. He said they do not want to do too big a project this year. Mayor Jensen stated he would like Council to come look at the property in person. He advised the garage needs two big garage doors as well as the siding and they feel confident that amount will get them through this year. Mayor Jensen said they would like to do the improvements in pieces. He advised they will be able to use this garage to store large items and they will be protected from the weather.

Mrs. Demaline asked if the appropriation for that building would include a new address marker that might be a bit more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Streator answered yes and explained the makeshift one was put up temporarily because they had some dumpsters being delivered and they could not locate the property.

Mrs. Demaline asked regarding the amount to ELCERT amount of \$350,000 for the tactical vehicle if the three cities were paying into that total amount.

Mr. Presley advised they will be paying into. He said the invoices are being prepared to bill North Ridgeville and Avon Lake in addition to what Council has authorized from the Equipment Fund of the Avon Police Department.

Mrs. Demaline thanked Mr. Presley for the explanation as she just wanted to confirm that Avon is not paying for the full \$350,000 but only one-third of that amount.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 32-24 – AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE EASTERN LORAIN COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM FUND NO. 224 Mr. Presley

Mr. Presley advised this legislation is tied hand in hand with the appropriation amendment and they need to establish a Special Revenue Fund so that the City can account for the revenues i.e. the receipts from the other two cities and the transferring from Avon's funds to this fund account. He said also accounting for the expenses for the ELCERT, which currently is the BearCat and then any additional equipment associated with that vehicle. Mr. Presley stated also any additional funds over the purchase price of \$375,000 will be maintained in that fund to pay for repairs, maintenance or insurance costs. He clarified that the City of Avon was not going to pay solely for the insurance costs, but it will be shared out of this fund.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 33-24 – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE STADIUM LEASE FROM BLUE DOG BASEBALL, LLC Mr. Gasior

To Be Considered at a Special Meeting Immediately Following this Work Session

Mr. Gasior advised he sent Council a memo over the weekend to explain what Council's function is going to be tonight regarding this lease transfer. He said he is happy to answer any of Council's questions, but it is very limited in what Council is to consider tonight as he pointed out in that memo.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 34-24 – TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LENCO INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 BEARCAT G3M ARMORED TACTICAL VEHICLE AND ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF ELCERT Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this is the contract to authorize the purchase of the vehicle with the three cities that Chief Fischbach discussed with Council. He said it will be purchased under the City of Avon with Avon Lake and North Ridgeville reimbursing Avon the two-thirds.

14. RESOLUTION NO. R-15-24 – DECLARING IT NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS TO COMPLETE THE 2024 SIDEWALK PROGRAM Mr. Gasior

Mr. Gasior advised this Resolution was prepared based on what he believed Council indicated over the few months where they would like to see sidewalks installed. He said Mr. Cummins, the City Engineer, who is not here tonight prepared that list and he inserted it into the Resolution. Mr. Gasior stated he was not sure, but believes next Monday when Mr. Cummins is here, he may be able to identify all the individual addresses that will be impacted by that then the certified letters will go out and he believes the residents will have a certain amount of time, around October 1st, to install a sidewalk. He advised if the sidewalks were not installed then the City will install them and assess the property owners the cost.

Mrs. Demaline stated she had mentioned, and Mr. Moore shared some of the same sentiments that they would like to see sidewalk access on State Route 83 where Ward 1 and Ward 3 border each other from South Park North. She said she was disappointed they were not connecting one of the largest developments in the City although she understands there were some logistical concerns about it, but she is hoping that the Administration will take that under consideration for the 2025 Sidewalk Program if it is not going to be introduced for 2024. Mrs. Demaline felt it was imperative that they start connecting one of the largest developments in the City.

Mrs. Demaline advised that she feels that Kinzel Road from Center Road to Stoney Ridge Road on the south side, that not is a productive place for the City to be focusing the sidewalk program. She said it does not really connect anywhere and if they are not connecting from South Park North on Center Road then she does not feel this takes them anywhere. Mrs. Demaline wondered the thoughts of the Administration on that section of the proposed sidewalk improvements.

Mayor Jensen advised that was a mistake, as that area was to be removed from the list. He stated regarding the area on State Route 83, there is some development that is looking to take place on Riegelsberger Road so they are trying to combine that with other improvements that will have to take place in that area. Mayor Jensen said they will take that area under consideration for 2025 once that improvement on Riegelsberger Road is complete.

Mrs. Demaline advised she was still looking for some resolution on some outstanding items from the 2023 program. She said she knows that Mr. Gasior has been working on that property at the corner of Detroit and Moon Roads and she asked for an update on the status of that situation.

Mr. Gasior advised he reached out last week to the statutory agent, who happens to be an attorney, and he told him in an email that he passed the information on to the owner of the property and the owner was supposed to get in touch with him but has not at this point. He said it is looking more and more like they are going to have to take legal action in court, some sort of quiet title action or something along those lines. Mr. Gasior stated he did not see eminent domain applying. He advised it is an unusual situation where the property is situated inside the City right-of-way, but he would feel more comfortable if they get a judicial order allowing the City to take the barn down as he felt that is what it is going to take. Mr. Gasior said they were probably going to have to start that process in the next week or two.

Mrs. Demaline advised that there is an outstanding property on Colorado Avenue where sidewalks have not been installed and she asked if they could be forced to comply. She asked Mr. Streator for an update as she knows that Ms. Clements spoke about it at the last meeting where sidewalks were discussed.

Mr. Streator advised Ms. Clements let him know that the property owner is preparing plans to take down that house and do some development so they were waiting on that to happen.

Mrs. Demaline asked if there was any timeline as that is what Ms. Clements told Council at their last sidewalk meeting.

Mr. Streator advised he does not know of a deadline, but he would speak with Ms. Clements and find out.

Mayor Jensen advised sidewalks will be installed on Colorado Avenue whether the property owner decides to move forward. He said that is one of the projects from the 2023 sidewalk program so the property owner will either have to tear down the existing house and move forward or the City will put the sidewalk in and the property owner may have to replace a section if needed. Mayor Jensen stated the property owner was told they had to put that sidewalk in and it has to be done.

Mrs. Demaline asked the other members on the Service Committee, Mr. Moore and Ms. Berges, if they felt it was necessary to still have the committee meeting next Monday. She said the sidewalks were the topic that they would be addressing in the committee meeting, but now that they were addressing it in the Work Session she asked if they have any reason to continue to hold that Service Committee Meeting, which is currently scheduled for next Monday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. since it seems as if they are taking care of the topic now.

Mr. Radcliffe suggested the Committee Meeting be shortened to begin at 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. to see if there were any further updates on some of those small outstanding issues. He advised he did not see the benefit to remove Kinzel Road from the list of proposed areas to be improved. Mr. Radcliffe said it is a small step toward getting connectivity from Stoney Ridge Road over to State Route 83. He stated they want to keep pushing for sidewalks on SR 83 so he felt if they can install some sidewalks they should, and he noted that some of the properties on the south side have sidewalks and the north side was complete.

Mayor Jensen advised after talking with Mrs. Demaline he felt like they probably should wait on adding sidewalks on Kinzel Road and if they can get everything at once they can go on the south side and then continue down to the Highland Park Subdivision.

Mrs. Demaline asked the Clerk to move the time of the scheduled Service Committee meeting to 7:00 p.m. for Monday, March 11, 2024.

15. RESOLUTION NO. R-16-24 – TO RE-SCHEDULE COUNCIL'S FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 TO MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION OF COUNCIL Mr. Fischer

Mr. Fischer advised as he mentioned previously, the Solar Eclipse event will be happening on Monday, April 8, 2024 so, if there are no objections from Council he suggests moving that meeting date to Monday, April 1, 2024 after the Work Session for a double meeting night. He said Mrs. Demaline has indicated she may be absent, but Council should still be able to conduct business if the rest of Council will be present. Mr. Fischer asked Council to let him know if they will be absent for the April 1st meeting other than Mrs. Demaline.

16. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN had no comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE pointed out that she was wearing a City of Avon jacket and hat on a recent vacation to Antarctica, and she mentioned how she decided to take the City of Avon with her on her trip and Avon was well represented.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1 had no comments.

MR. MCBRIDE, WARD 2 had no comments.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 had no comments.

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE had no comments.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4 had no comments.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE said he and others on Council received a call from a resident about a train in her back yard. He stated he spoke with Mr. Streator about it earlier in the week and asked if he had any updates.

Mr. Streator advised he spoke with this resident and gave her some information to put some pressure on the railroad and he would try to connect with her this week to see if there was some success. He said there was some success south of Burns Road where part of it was moved and speculated that they may be working their way north. Mr. Streator reminded everyone that the railroad is controlled by their own entity and the Federal Government, and the City has no jurisdiction.

Mr. Fischer said he understood, and he knows that Mrs. Demaline brought this subject up a while ago and he was just putting it on the record that this resident is still dealing with that train car parked in one spot on the tracks and it is disconcerting. He hoped something could be done to rectify the situation.

Mayor Jensen advised that the resident has a big field in between her house and the railroad and that most of the property is in Sheffield Village so that makes it even more difficult as Avon officials to work through that. He said they advised this resident that this is a Federal issue and possibly she could reach out to her Congressman, and she was adamant that the City should be able to do something about it and they let her know that they have tried, and it has been over two years.

Mrs. Demaline advised this resident reached out to her again she let her know that she exhausted every effort that she could. She encouraged her to reach out to other elected officials at the federal level and perhaps strength in numbers would help to get this situation rectified. Mrs. Demaline agreed those train cars have been sitting in that location for over a year and a half. She said she appreciated the efforts that the City has made.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER was absent.

MS. FECHTER, PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR had no comments.

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR updated Council on the Fire Department calls for the month of February 2024. He advised in 2024 there were 273 rescue (ambulance) calls and this up from 212 at this same time last year and there were 43 fire calls, which is about the same as last year. Mr. Streator reported that the first two months of the year were an increase as far as the number of ambulance runs.

AUDIENCE:

There were no comments from the audience members.

17. ADJOURN: 8:08 p.m.
There being no further business, the Work Session of Council was adjourned.

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council