Mayor Kincannon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith present.

**Smith moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. An executive session is needed to discuss the status of an employee.
2. Additionally, there was an issue involving an employee and Councilman Flynn. Kincannon has spoken with Flynn regarding the issues. Flynn has affirmed that the problem will not continue. Solicitor Clark cautioned Flynn to follow the chain of command that we have in place (i.e., mayor, administrator, fiscal officer, etc.). Kincannon will follow up with the employee.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal did not have a report.

Accidents on township roads were briefly discussed. There have been bad accidents recently. Although the township has been clearing the northeast corner of Biggs, visibility is still an issue there. The property owner passed away about a year ago. Kincannon brought this up at a recent township trustee meeting. There was a recent fatality on Whitehead.

The police department recently notified 5 or 6 residents to keep roadways and sidewalks clear of debris (i.e., grass clippings, etc.). No citations were issued. The notifications were informative. Additionally, several vehicles have been parked on Taylor Boulevard.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark stated that the employee manual should be ready for council’s review soon. However, Homer-Miller would like to review the document before it is distributed to council.

Clark requested an executive session to include the administrator and fiscal officer.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The 75-kilowatt transformer at the wastewater treatment plan shorted out and needs to be replaced. This transformer was from the 2000 wastewater treatment expansion. It controls the oxidation ditch. The cost was unavailable for this evening’s meeting but should be available for our next meeting.
2. Agri-Sludge pressed 523,000 gallons of sludge. This has been done annually. However, we will start doing it every 6 months.
3. Don Mould’s contacted Gates about marking the location for the bicentennial trees at the park. Gates and Township Trustee Canfield met and selected 2 spots along the walking trail.

Honer asked if residents are calling about the water test results. We have received some calls. We are meeting EPA requirements.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. After learning Monday of damage that occurred in October 2023 to a police cruiser, an insurance claim was filed. This afternoon confirmation was received that insurance will cover $1,613.05 of the $2,113.05 repair cost. The difference is our $500.00 deductible.
2. The April reconciliation is almost complete.
3. Below are items shared with council and the mayor since our last meeting:
   1. The Ohio Municipal League’s member alert about the adult-use cannabis law webinar;
   2. The Ohio Municipal League’s regional conference information; and
   3. An updated open items list for your review and input.
4. Homer-Miller will not be at the May 23rd council meeting.

***Old Business:***

**Resolution 2024-1014** --- A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 103 OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION OF ADULT USE DISPENSARIES IN ALL USE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This was the second reading. Clark asked Council to amend the title to A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 103 OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSARIES AND TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION OF ADULT USE DISPENSARIES IN ALL USE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to amend the title, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt the Ordinance as amended and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

N/A

***Miscellaneous Business:***

N/A

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported the following:

There were issues during the Prebis tournament. The fields were to be closed Thursday night but were open for a girls’ softball game. It was the first night the church group worked the concession stand. However, the park chairperson interfered with the concession stand. Kincannon had to intervene. The sewer pipe going out of the concession stand broke. That resulted in the bathrooms needing to be closed. It is working now. However, work needs to be done after ball season is over.

1. Planning Commission – Price reported the following:

There was a meeting last week. North Star Builders came for an extension on the apartment project. An extension was granted for phase 1 (Crandall and Sherman) until September 30, 2024. An extension was granted for phase 2 (Douglas) until July 1, 2025. Phase 2 cannot start until the phase 1 units are leased. Gates prepared an extensive list before any occupancy can be granted; Gates will provide the list to council. The fence and concerns of the ditch were discussed. Project Manager Scott Doane was open to the suggestions. Doane will take the idea to the developer, Jason Scott.

The conditional use concerning the firearms topic was postponed due to a lack of quorum. Price welcomed Gary Gray to the Planning Commission.

1. LCIC – No meeting; no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between April 26 and May 9, 2024, totaling $148,171.71 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Kincannon asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the employment of the Village Solicitor and to include the administrator and fiscal officer. **Smith moved to go into executive session to discuss the employment of the Village Solicitor and to include the administrator and fiscal officer, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Homer-Miller took roll call, which included Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gary R. Kincannon, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer