

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 20, 2005

President Judi Mitten called the regular meeting of council to order and upon roll call, members answered present as follows: Buytendyk, Griffin, Topovski, Ulbright.

Ms. Mitten stated that we did have a quorum but we wouldn't be able to dispense with our old or new business.

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2005 meeting as received. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Griffin opened the public hearing on the 2006 annual tax budget and invited members of the audience to speak or ask questions. There was no input and the public hearing was closed.

Chuck Malta reported that the new filter system at Freedlander Pool had increased the flow of water and refiltering of the water by about 25%; it filters about 300 gallons per minute which is very significant. The water should be clear and we're very happy with this new system. The second thing I want to announce is that the City and the YMCA have worked out a barter arrangement. In August, the natatorium will close down for an undetermined amount of time for repairs, etc. We did this five years ago where the Y loops their operation over to Christmas Run pool and this year the Y will staff the pool with lifeguards and manage the depth of the pool; we'll provide the chemicals, the filter room and cashier to collect the money. The benefit is to all the citizens as the pool will be open during the month of August. Rob Johnson, director of the YMCA, stated that they appreciated the collaborative effort between the city and the Y and what we hope to do is at the end of August we hope to be able to come back to city council for some help with the water for the pool.

The Clerk read a notice to the legislative authority for a transfer of a C-1 and C-2 permit to Dino's Drive-thru at 429 E. Liberty Street from David J. Strader, dba Dino's at 429 E. Liberty and we have until July 5 to reply. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, not to request a hearing. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2005-20 authorizing the City of Wooster to pick up a portion of the statutorily required contribution to the public employees retirement system of Ohio for administrative and supervisory employees of the city pursuant to I.R.C. Section 414(H)(2), and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on third reading. Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to table the ordinance until the June 27, 2005 meeting. Upon roll call, motion to table carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2005-52 providing for the Annual Tax Budget for 2006 was read by title, being on second reading.

Resolution No. 2005-53 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with R. D. Wiles, Inc. of Wooster, Ohio for leasing city-owned land to form a drilling unit for oil and gas exploration, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on second reading.

Ordinance No. 2005-26 amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance was read by title, being on first reading.

Ordinance No. 2005-27 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tekfor USA, Inc. for tax abatement, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. President Mitten stated that this had been approved by the Wooster Growth Corporation. Mr. Benson explained the request and what was involved.

Resolution No. 2005-58 authorizing the payment of moral claims, as recommended to council by the Moral Claims Board, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. President Mitten explained the function of the moral claims board and who served on that board. This specific claim was to cover costs incurred because of a sewer back up and the costs not covered by the property owners' insurance. This was for an expense of \$2,946.32 coming out of the Water Pollution Control fund.

Resolution No. 2005-59 authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the State of Ohio Department of Development for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, and upon approval, to accept a block grant therefrom, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading.

Resolution No. 2005-60 authorizing the Mayor to accept and apply grant monies from the Department of Homeland Security, and declaring an emergency was ready by title being on first reading. Asst. Fire Chief Kuntz explained where these funds come from and how they would be spent.

Resolution No. 2005-61 authorizing the Director of Administration to advertise according to law and enter into a contract for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the Fire Division, and declaring an emergency was read by title being on first reading.

Mr. Ulbright asked when the outside portion of city hall was going to be completed – the front and back steps to city hall really needed repaired. Mayor Howey stated that there were two more stages to our renovations—one was the rehabbing of the front as it originally looked and another was drive coming in to drop off utility bills and be able to turn around and exit but it was just a question of money right now. Mayor Howey stated that it was quite extensive and he would have to check with Mr. Monea to see how the plans were coming along.

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Judith K. Mitten  
President of Council

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Sheila Stanley  
Clerk of Council