

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting
June 27, 2005

President Mitten called the special meeting of council to order at 5:30 p.m. and upon roll call, members answered present as follows: Breneman, Buytendyk, Cavin, Griffin, Silvestri, Topovski, Ulbright.

Resolution No. 2005-52 providing for the Annual Tax Budget for 2006 was read by title, being on third reading. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Mr. Breneman stated that this had to be submitted to the County Auditor and was a yearly requirement that had to be passed to July 15. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2005-53 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with R. D. Wiles, Inc. of Wooster, Ohio for oil and gas exploration, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on third reading. Ms. Cavin moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adopt. Ms. Cavin stated that this was for putting together a unit to drill in the area of the old lagoon across from the old water plant. Discussion followed and upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2005-26 amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance was read by title, being on second reading. Mr. Breneman stated that this was for the Noble Drive project which was moving at a past pace. This would cover our portion of the expense for the new facility being built by TechniGraphics. The State of Ohio gave us economic development funds for this expansion and we agreed to the upgrading of the infrastructure being done. This would bring many new jobs to the city and was a step in the right direction. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. A short discussion followed. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

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 second reading. Mr. Breneman stated that this was for a tax abatement for Tekfor and had been approved by the Wooster Growth Corporation. The abatement was 100% but they are planning a 50% pilot which was payment to the schools directly in lieu of taxes. It was advantageous for both entities; this expansion would also create 50 new jobs over the next four years and would bring in an additional 1.6 million dollars in new payroll to our community. A short discussion followed. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

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 second reading. President Mitten stated that the Moral Claims Board met on June 14 and recommended to city council the payment of \$2,946.32 to the Rabys for damages from a sewer back-up. Ms. Mitten asked Mr. Ulbright if he would move this forward. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

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 second reading. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Mr. Breneman stated that our allocation this years was \$111,000; we need to explain in the application how we are going to utilize those funds. Section 1 gives a brief outline of the projects being proposed. A lengthy discussion followed and upon roll call, motion carried by a 6-1 vote; Ms. Cavin casting the negative vote.

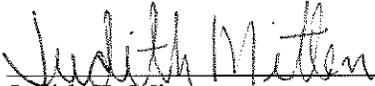
Resolution No. 2005-60 authorizing the Mayor to accept and apply grant monies from the Department of Homeland Security, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on second reading. Mr. Silvestri stated that the total amount of this grant was a total of \$61,830 provided that we as a city match 10% of the grant amount. This would be used for fire prevention and safety programs. A short discussion followed. Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Breneman, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

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. Silvestri stated that this was to purchase clothing and protective equipment. The average lifespan of this equipment was around 7 years and the current equipment was about 8 years old, so we don't wish to push the envelope with regard to the safety of our firefighters; therefore, we hope to move forward with this. Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

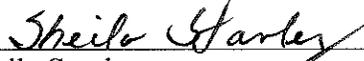
Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, that Ordinance No. 2005-20 be tabled indefinitely. Upon roll call, motion carried by a 5-2 vote, Mr. Breneman and Ms. Cavin casting the negative votes.

Resolution No. 2005-62 declaring the necessity of constructing sidewalk and curb ramps on portions of Quinby Avenue and North Bever Street, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Ulbright stated this was a result of the infrastructure committee meeting held May 25 where we agreed to begin addressing the problem of having no sidewalks on improved streets. This specific proposal would complete an area that has sidewalks all around it. Mr. Ulbright read part of the Codified Ordinances, Chapter 903.10, Sidewalks on Improved Streets, which spoke to the rationale behind this resolution. Discussion followed regarding costs, assessments and people's reactions to the mandatory replacement. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all the property owners involved so they would know the city's intent regarding replacement of their sidewalks.

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Judith K. Mitton
President of Council



Sheila Stanley
Clerk of Council