

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 19, 2016**

**I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA**

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. All members of City Council were present. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Linda Applebaum, City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik, Fire Chief Barry Saley, and Police Chief Matt Fisher.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilman Cavin. By voice vote motion passed unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman shared that the BioHio meeting happened this week. They moved forward to fund Shauna Brummet position for three years. There have been two WCGLA (Wooster Citizens Government Leadership Academy) sessions since council last met. They covered the Finance Department as well as the Engineering and Property Maintenance Divisions. There was a tour of the new Daisy plant. They are very close to starting production. OARDC just had a dedication of their new entrance and art sculpture. The Mayor met with the new dean of Wayne College. The City was just notified that the Bike Trail grant for \$117,600 to complete Phase II has been awarded. The recent hostage situation in Ashland was handled by the WARCOG. The Police Department received the new MARCS radios and have been using them with success; the Fire Department will be using them shortly.

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC**

Mr. Keith Topovski, of 1699 Lemar Drive, spoke on Resolution 2016-40. He would like to see the City keep the gazebo as part of the downtown streetscape, asked that the uneven sidewalks/brickwork be addressed in the update, and if there would be any assessments to the residents affected by the updates.

Ms. Peggy Schmitz, of 225 N. Market Street, represented Mr. Glenn Miller, CEO of Holmes-Wayne Electric concerning Ordinance 2016-25. She requested that the City renew the franchise agreement as it was written in Ordinance 1991-58. Mr. Glenn Miller, of 2594 Timothy Place, supports Ms. Schmitz statements.

Mr. Greg Gehris, of 347 N. Grant Street, spoke concerning Resolution 2016-40. He also shared Mr. Topovski sentiments on the uneven sidewalks downtown.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS – N/A**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Tabled- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-40

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright moved to take Resolution No. 2016-40 from the table, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Ulbright reviewed the history of Councils discussion of the Resolution and his items of concern. Councilwoman Knapic spoke in support of the Downtown streetscape project moving forward. Councilman Myers would like to see a detailed description of what the \$70,000 will be used for.

Councilman Ansel agreed. Councilman Silvestri seconded Councilman Ulbright's concerns and asked that OHM bring factual data from other similar communities to make sure the design plans proposed do actually work. Councilman Myers asked for further information on any assessments that the citizens may be responsible for. Councilman Ulbright also requested a Public Infrastructure meeting to discuss the Downtown Streetscape plan.

Councilman Ulbright moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6/1. (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-no).

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-50  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ANNUAL BRIDGE INSPECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

This agreement will allow ODOT to inspect the City's bridges at no cost to the City.

Councilman Ulbright moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ansel. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

2. First Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-23  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS; AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS (Ulbright)

Monies will be appropriated from the unencumbered funds in the General Fund for street repair per the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Infrastructure Committee. Resurfacing and repair will be made to the following streets: Old Airport Road, Buckeye Street (Liberty to Bowman), West Henry Street (Walnut to Market), Kurtz Street, Winter Street, Ihrig Avenue and Sherman Road.

Councilman Ulbright moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Cavin. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Myers to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

3. First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-51  
A RESOLUTION STATING TO THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.03, THE SERVICES WHICH THE CITY OF WOOSTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR TERRITORY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PERKINS DRIVE, SOUTH OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH ROBINSON ROAD, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Knapic)

This will allow the property of Petitioners, Jackie and Cynthia Welch, to be annexed into the City of Wooster. Upon annexation to the City, the land will receive the following services: police protection, fire

protection, emergency squad services, access to the city's water and sanitary sewer lines, and other services such as solid waste pick-up, street maintenance and access to parks.

Councilwoman Knapic moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ansel. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

4. First Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO UTILIZE OHIO STATE BID PRICING AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE ENGINE; AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS (Cavin)

Monies will be appropriated from the unencumbered funds in the General Fund for the purchase of a new fire engine per the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Public Infrastructure Committee.

Councilman Cavin moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Cavin moved, seconded by Councilman Myers to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

5. First Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-25  
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC ENERGY: THE OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND THE HOLMES-WAYNE ELECTRIC COOPERTIVE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND THE OHIO EDISON COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY OTHER EXISTING OR FUTURE AND OTHER PURPOSES TO THE CITY OF WOOSTER AND RESIDENTS, RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, OPERATE, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (Sanders)

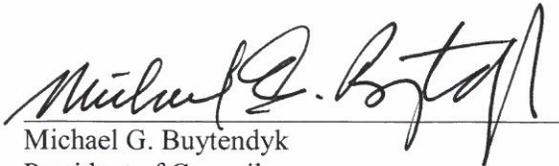
Due to the depth of this discussion Council had the first reading and will further discuss the Ordinance at the upcoming Public Infrastructure meeting scheduled for October 3, 2016.

#### **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilwoman Knapic is excited to hear that Planet Fitness is coming to Wooster and will take up residence in the Hawkins Plaza. Councilman Ulbright seconded Ms. Knapic's sentiments on Planet Fitness. Councilman Silvestri stated it was great news and would like to see a roads project schedule on the website. Councilman Ansel gave a brief overview of the year-to-date of City financials and stated the City is doing remarkable. Councilman Myers congratulated the City on the bike trail grant. Councilman Cavin ended the evening's miscellaneous comments by stating he had confidence in the downtown project.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ulbright moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.



Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council



Christa Sturgeon  
Clerk of Council