



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 15, 2015

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. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders and Jon Ulbright. David Silvestri was absent.

City Administration present: Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Dick Benson, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, and Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea. Mayor Bob Breneman was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Joel Montgomery communicated to Council details regarding the spring 2015 City Newsletter. The newsletter will go out in the Daily Record newspaper on 06/23/15 as well as being posted on the City's website.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

No petitions or Communications from the public.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Ansel presided over a public hearing covering the Annual Tax Budget for 2016. Councilman Ansel gave a synopsis of the budget review/passage process. No public comment was offered and no comment from Council was offered. The hearing was closed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – ORDINANCE NO 2015-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 905.03, TREE TRIMMING REQUIRED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY ADDING A LIMITATION FOR WORK TO BE DONE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic communicated completed amendments have not yet been received but work continues. Councilwoman Knapic moved to table until amendments are ready. Councilman Ulbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

2. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR 2016. (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel re-introduced the Tax Budget and detailed its legal/submittal requirements. It is the general financial plan for the City and must be submitted to the County Commission and will use a fixed property tax rate. It then must be sent on to the Wayne County Auditor to establish tax rates. Councilman Ansel detailed the timeline and asked it be held on 2nd reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-21 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL FOR TERMS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic shared details of the empaneling of a Compensation Review Committee in March earlier this year. This legislation details their recommendations for pay increases for future council members with terms beginning on or after 01/01/16. Councilwoman Knapic requested this be left of first reading to allow for review by the public and comment.

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-22 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic reiterated details of the empaneling of a Compensation Review Committee in March earlier this year. In addition to determining compensation for the council, they also considered/reviewed compensation for the mayor. Councilwoman Knapic gave a brief summary of the compensation recommendations set to take effect on or after 01/01/16. Councilwoman Knapic requested this be left of first reading to allow for review by the public and comment.

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO RE-ZONE LAND TO A CF (COMMUNITY FACILITIES) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3319 AND 3365 BURBANK ROAD (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic shared details regarding the importance of rezoning the areas identified in the legislation to the progress of the city's new safety center. She requested public notice be given and schedule a public hearing at the next city council meeting. Councilwoman Knapic requested this be left of first reading to allow for review by the public and comment.

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND A COMPANION CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT;; TO ACCEPT SUCH MONIES, IF AWARDED; TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel gave details about the CDBG process and the benefits of these funds to the City. He gave additional details on the amounts highlighting that \$11,550.00 would be donated to the Viola Startzman Free Clinic. The remaining amounts would be used for the North Street signaling replacement project. Councilman Ansel asked Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea if he would like to add additional information. Mr. Millea communicated this particular application is a competitive request and there is a chance of denial but is confident of success. In the case of denial a secondary project can be submitted. Councilman Ulbright asked what the secondary project was. Mr. Millea communicated repairs on sidewalks in the area of Henry Street is the alternative project.

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

Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Knapic, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TERMINATING THE CITY OF WOOSTER’S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAYNE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE HOUSING OF THE WOOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE WAYNE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin shared details regarding the City’s part ownership of the County Justice Center. He highlighted the city spends over \$125,000 per year in rent and utilities. This measure would allow the city to remain in the current space for 3 years at no cost and forgoing it’s equity share. The goal is to have the new safety center completed in that period of time to allow a smooth transition from one location to the other. Councilman Cavin asked if council members had questions; there were none. Councilman Cavin requested this be left of first reading to allow for review.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Ulbright shared his impressions and concerns with local news coverage of the Larwill Mobile Home Park Water issues. He asked the Administration to detail what efforts have been made on behalf of the city to assist the residents of the park. Dir. Of Administration Joel Montgomery detailed many efforts the city has taken. Door to door efforts, direct mailers and significant coordination among local social service providers were some of the many ongoing efforts being employed to assist the residents. Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea, shared some examples he made in personal visits, meetings and phone calls to assist the residents. Councilman Ulbright thanked them for sharing and for their efforts; he wanted to make sure their efforts were made public and expressed hope that this would be relayed through the media.

Councilman Ansel shared he is happy about the newsletter and believes it both useful and important. Councilman Cavin expressed his hope for a positive resolution for the Larwill Mobile Home Park residents. Councilwoman Knapic expressed thanks and appreciation the administration and are social service agencies for the efforts to assist the Larwill residents. Councilman Myers expressed thanks and appreciation to the compensation committee for the efforts.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Tony Ramos
Clerk of Council