

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 16, 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. All members of City Council were present except Councilman Jon Ansel.

City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Richard Benson, Fire Chief Barry Saley and Police Chief Matt Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved, seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the minutes of the November 2nd, 2015 regular meeting. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman shared some details regarding the 2016 budget and extended his appreciation to Finance Director Andrea Dordea and his staff for their efforts. The Mayor expressed his comfort with the budget and noted the budget is technically balanced, but a recent rule change by the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation on how they bill and the first interest payment on debt incurred from the upcoming Safety Services building. The Mayor shared news about the College of Wooster's new president who will take office in summer 2016. He went on to share details regarding the last public presentation of the "Downtown Plan" and extended his thanks to those who attended. Congratulations were extended to Pallotta Ford on their recent business expansion and to Joel Montgomery who received the Director's Award from Main Street Wooster at their annual dinner. The Mayor closed by extending his congratulations to those members of council who were reelected for new terms in the Nov. 2nd election.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

I. Liquor Control Hearing Notice

a. JEJOPA Investments LTD (Spoon Market & Deli)

Councilwoman Knapic motioned council waive its right to a hearing, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried (Cavin-yes; Knapic-Yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-37 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers for Ansel)

Councilman Myers recommended leaving this ordinance on first reading to allow review and reminded council members of the Finance Committee meeting on December 7th. Councilman Ulbright asked Mr. Dordea to highlight some items that may be unusual or unique. Mr. Dordea shared additional information regarding how the BWC has changed how it bills from retrospective to prospective. He went on those to share details about upcoming capital expenditures and the upcoming safety center as being items that impacted the upcoming budget.

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-69 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES BY THE WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND FOR PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES (Myers for Ansel)

Councilman Myers presented details about the cities arrangement with the county prosecutor which started in the late 1970's and noted it has worked well to date. He noted that there will not be an increase in costs for 2016 over 2015. The measure is a budgeted item.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-70 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-63 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin reviewed the request by Chief Saley to expand the scope of the project for renovations at Fire Station 3. The scope expansion would allow for additional structural improvements. Councilwoman Knapic noted even with the additional work the current expense is still lower than the next bid. Councilman Silvestri asked Chief Saley to give additional details on this need. Chief Saley noted these items were separate items from the original bid and later learned it would be most cost effective to include them in the initial construction to minimize costs and construction time.

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

4. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-38 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Sanders for Ansel)

Councilman Sanders shared details regarding adjustments needing made to previously approved work at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Some items initially were not planned to be changed/repared in the initial scope of work. However, during the course of work it has become apparent additional work is need to maintain efficient operations. Councilman Sanders reviewed the initial cost numbers and additional costs associated with expanding the scope of work. He also noted these items must be completed to complete overall repairs to the facility.

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

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. To discuss pending litigation

Councilman Sanders motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilman Ulbright. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried (Cavin-yes; Knapic-Yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Councilman Silvestri motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried (Cavin-yes; Knapic-Yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Councilman Sanders motioned to authorize the city administration to enter into a settlement agreement with ATS and Evoqua to resolve ongoing litigation relating to the city's Water Pollution Control Plant, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried (Cavin-yes; Knapic-Yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

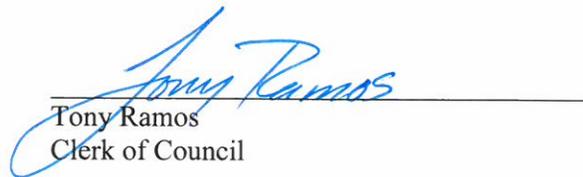
IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Silvestri extended his thanks to those who voted for him for another term in office, he also extended his congratulation to Mr. Montgomery for his award and closed by thanking all those who participated in the crafting, planning and presentation of the downtown plan. Councilman Ulbright expressed his condolences to the people of Paris, France in the wake of recent terrorist attacks. Councilwoman Knapic wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and noted we all have a great deal to be thankful for and also encourage everyone to visit downtown in the coming holiday season. Councilman Myers reminded council of the Finance Committee meeting on December 7th at 6:00 pm to review the 2016 budget and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilman Cavin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ulbright for his kind words of wisdom with respect to the terrorist attacks in France and he extended his congratulations to those recently reelected council members.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Tony Ramos
Clerk of Council