

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21, 2017

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. Council Clerk, Lynne DePaulo, called roll, present were Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barb Knapic, Craig Sanders, Dave Silvestri, Scott Myers and Jon Ulbright. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Joel Montgomery, Andrei Dordea, Linda Applebaum, Kevin Givins, Jeanette Wagner, Chief Barry Saley, Officer Victor Nedoma.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2017, meeting, seconded by Councilman Ansel. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman informed City Council that Wooster did win the Best Hometown Award presented by Ohio Magazine. The new Safety Services Center is operational, and police and fire are now moved in. The Mayor hopes to coordinate an Open House with council members before the September 5th council meeting. The Ohio Conference of Community Development awarded the 2017 Young Professional Award was given to Jonathan Millea, Economic Coordinator for the City of Wooster.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Petition for Hearing from the Liquor Control Renewal for the Bell Stores (Citgo Station) located at 2424 Akron Road. Motion to waiver hearing by Councilwoman Knapic, seconded by Councilman Ulbright. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Council President reviewed the need to hold a public hearing for the alley vacation in the area of Maiden Lane and Maple Street and the legislation will be presented at the October 2, 2017, council meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2000-72

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
WOOSTER, OHIO BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE
IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES
(Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the bill and explained how with the simpler wording the Ordinance would not need to be continually changed whenever the federal or state laws changed. Jeanette Wagner, Human Resource Manager, asked for council to approve the legislation in order to be compliant with federal and state law.

Councilwoman Knapic 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; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, 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).

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 163 OF THE WOOSTER CODIFIED ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO PART-TIME AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, SECTIONS 163.02 AND 163.04 (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the bill and discussed how this Ordinance would comply with the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). Jeanette Wagner explained some of the problems and difficulties surrounding the current ordinance wording. Councilman Myers requested this stay on first reading.

First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH OHIO POWER COMPANY (“AEP”) AND WOOSTER TOWNSHIP (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the Resolution and asked Nicole Burigana (Ohio Power Representative) and Thomas Scanlon (Counsel for Ohio Power) to speak and answer questions presented by council. Councilwoman Knapic stated that this is a different process than city council usually sees for an annexation, but follows Ohio Revised Code. After much discussion, council decided to leave on first reading. Knapic encouraged council to be ready to vote at the September 5th meeting.

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENTS AND NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 921, WATER (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the Ordinance and stated that many of the changes are Ohio EPA mandated. Kevin Givins, Utilities Manager, spoke on the need for the various changes. Council requested wording change on item 921.07A, amending from water consumer to water consumer and/or property owner. 921.07 E, amended to reasonable notice to the occupant and/or property owner. Council decided to leave on first reading.

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the Ordinance, and Tim Monea, Building Standards Manager, gave a presentation reviewing the need for additional money to use towards demolition of abandoned buildings.

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORC 121.22(G)(2)(3)

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

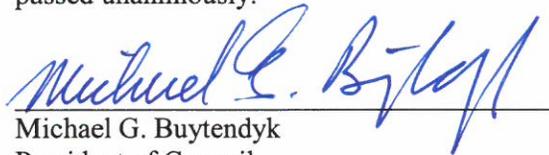
Councilman Silvestri moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Myers spoke on the United Way’s Heart & Sole run over the weekend with 726 participants and 60 volunteers. Councilman Silvestri thanked PPM for their paving and maintenance of the roadways this summer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council