

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 3, 2017

7:30p.m.

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at a little after 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, David Silvestri, and Jon Ulbright. Excused absence: Craig Sanders.

City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration, Joel Montgomery, Law Director, Linda Applebaum, and Finance Director, Andrei Dordea.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016, regular meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

The Mayor stated that the beam signing at the new Safety Service Center was a successful event and appreciated all those who could attend, adding that Mark Morrison from Morrison Custom Welding and Marty Weber from John G. Johnson Company did a very nice job in making arrangements for the event. He reported that there was a Bike Loop Open House for the Highland Ave/Beall Ave section, which was well attended and that the audience generated good questions. The Mayor also shared that he had attended Ms. Sue Smail's swearing in ceremony, and that he looks forward to working with her. Mr. Joel Montgomery sent out an update on the Safety Center.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tabled- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO RE-ZONE LAND TO A C-5 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST MILLTOWN ROAD, BETWEEN COMMERCE PARKWAY AND OAK HILL ROAD (Knapic)
2. Tabled- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY THE ADOPTION OF VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 1103, 1149, AND 1171 (Knapic)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PREANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE ANNEXATION AND EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICES TO THOSE PROPERTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright stated it was a great pleasure that he was assigned this legislation to assist a citizen with a problem with a contaminated well. He explained that in this instance, it is for someone who works for the City and has helped other citizens with problems.

Councilman Ulbright supported the annexation and stated it has been something Council has done in the past to help other citizens in similar situations. He said the legislation was a request to allow the Mayor to enter into a pre-annexation agreement on behalf of the City of Wooster and a property owner at 2114 Oak Hill Road for the purpose of facilitating the annexation and extension of utilities services to the property, after the property owner's well was contaminated with E. coli bacteria and left not useable for potable water. He clarified that the request was an emergency matter seeking the connection of water service for the health and safety of the resident. He said that the owner had already initiated the annexation process. Councilman Silvestri spoke in support of the legislation.

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

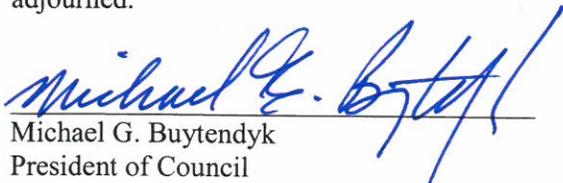
Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Cavin-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

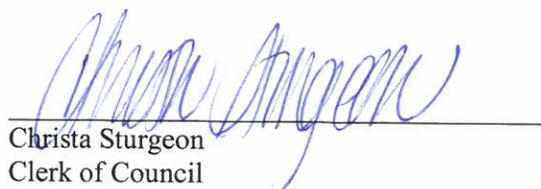
IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Ansel complimented the Public Property Maintenance Department (PPM) and stated the city is lucky to have the dedication of those employees and that they do a remarkable job of leaf collection and snow removal. Councilman Cavin stated that it was a pleasure working with Council and City Administration in the previous year. Councilman Myers stated that he thought the Bike Loop Open House was really well done; he spoke with a lot of citizens and the event was appreciated. Councilman Silvestri commended the PPM Department as well and their versatility in switching between leaf collection and snow removal. He also appreciated the memorandum from Andrew Dutton, Zoning Manager about what may be coming forward next meeting. He added that a resident had called him asking about it and he informed them that Council had until February 14th to come to a decision, and he hoped that the traffic study would be available for review in advance of voting on it. Mayor Breneman stated that the traffic study should be available prior to the next council meeting for review, adding that the 90-day timer would run out between the first council meeting in February and the second council meeting in February. He explained that should council not vote on it at the first February council meeting, that a special meeting will need to be held. Councilman Myers stated that if it does not pass, it will go back to the Planning and Zoning committee. Councilman Ulbright stated that it was good to be back and that he looks forward to another year and the challenges of another year and hopefully some solutions for problems that have lingered.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Christa Sturgeon
Clerk of Council