

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2017**

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

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:35 p.m. in council chambers. All members of City Council were present. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Linda Applebaum, Officer Brian Waddell and City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Councilman Ansel. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman shared that Rod Crider is no longer with the Wayne County Economic Development Council and the search is on for recruiting a new director. The Memorial Day Parade was well attended and he thanked the Wooster Police Department for being in full force on the holiday. June 3<sup>rd</sup> was the Bike Rodeo held at Cornerstone Elementary and then Kids Day at the Wooster Public Library. The Mayor presented 20 children with the All American Kids award at the Kids Day.

The Mayor informed Council that Breaking Point had been inspected by several of the city's building inspectors and everything is up to code. They were issued their certificate of occupancy.

Lastly, the Mayor invited Council to a program sponsored by United Way called 500 Plates. It is being held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and encourages city leaders to connect at the event and discuss issues with residents while at the community meal. He requested Council to let him know if they would attend and he would coordinate with United Way.

Joel Montgomery discussed the improvements to the Madison/Timken intersection. The barriers were replaced with raised curbs and stamped concrete. He praised Roger Kobilarcsik, City Engineer, and T.R. Snyder, Contractor, for their work.

Linda Applebaum gave a short update on the Senate Bill 331. Franklin County has received a positive response on their lawsuit, and she expects other courts to follow suit.

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC**

On the issue of the Liquor Control Hearing for GOUDA, LLC, Councilwoman Knapic moved to waive the hearing, Ulbright seconded the motion. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Four residents requested time to speak. Gordon Shull, 824 Northwestern, spoke on the need to protect our planet and control global warming and requested a task force to be created. He would like to see the City of Wooster promote itself from Tree City to a City for Climate Protection.

Dennis Helmuth, 515 Beechwood, spoke in support of Mr. Shull, and also requested a task force be created.

Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant Street, had questions regarding Resolution 2017-34.

David Griffith, 411 N. Buckeye, spoke on his ideas to promote and vitalize the downtown in relation to Resolution 2017-33.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the public hearing for the Oak Hill Annexation. There were no comments from council or the audience.

Councilwoman Knapic gave a report on the Law & Ordinances Committee meeting held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Committee met with Andrew Dutton, Planning and Zoning Manager, and consultants regarding changes to the zoning code. She said that time was of the essence since both she and Councilman Ulbright will be off the committee at the end of the year. She hopes to have the zoning changes complete by then.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS [None]**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 22**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY LOCATED ON OAK HILL ROAD, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS (Roger Kobilarcsik, pro se) (Knapic)**

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the Ordinance and asked Roger Kobilarcsik if he would like to speak. Kobilarcsik declined, and Knapic reviewed the need and reasons for the request for annexation.

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

### **2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT (Silvestri)**

Councilman Silvestri introduced the bill, stated it is a budgeted item and was enthusiastic about the upgrades to the downtown square. He opened the topic to discussion. Councilman Ulbright began saying the downtown does need to be refurbished, but he was shocked at the \$1.9 million estimate. He feels the money could be better utilized paving more streets and perhaps the project should be split into smaller phases.

Councilman Myers stated he did not remember the price tag being this large. He suggested fixing what we currently have. He would like to see updated plans.

Joel Montgomery described how the plans had been refined on the details, but remain the same as what council saw previously. Joel and others have already met with the downtown businesses and have spent much time and energy on surveys and meetings to be sure downtown is on board with the project. The streetscape project is already split into various phases, and this phase is currently in the 2017 budget.

Councilwoman Knapic thinks council has already done a good and thorough job with due diligence. Kobilarcsik does a good job with the management of construction. She feels a delay would just increase the cost of the project.

Councilman Cavin stated that he agrees with Ulbright that more streets do need to be repaired/resurfaced, but the downtown also needs to be refurbished to continue to grow.

Councilman Ansel feels that this has been a great strategic initiative so far, but feels the timing for bid is off. He believes that the project should be bid with two-time frames, one for immediate construction and one for construction in the spring of 2018 to see where the numbers come in. He feels that we would get a better price for construction if we wait until spring.

Councilman Silvestri moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried with a 5-2 vote (Knapic-yes; Myers-no; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Ulbright-no; Ansel-yes and Cavin - yes).

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR 2018 (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced and stated that a public hearing is scheduled for the June 19, 2017, council meeting. The resolution will go to second reading.

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright introduced and stated what a great job Jonathan Millea has done to acquire CDBG funding for these traffic signal projects. Kobilarcik said that this project will be similar to the recent traffic signal upgrades done on North Street. Councilman Ansel wanted to know if the signals were “green.” Kobilarcik stated that all the upgrades were using LED lighting and that the City was recently the recipient of a check from AEP due to the cost saving strategies that have been implemented. This is a budgeted item.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION WORK AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF WOOSTER (Sanders)

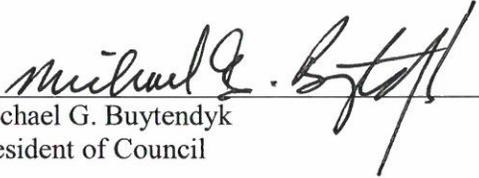
Budgeted item. Councilman Sanders moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Silvestri-yes; Ulbright-yes; Ansel-yes; Cavin – yes; Knapic – yes; Myers – yes and Silvestri - yes).

## VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Ansel praised Kokosing for running a well-organized construction site for all the pavement resurfacing work currently being done. Councilwoman Knapic gave kudos to the Wooster Police and Wooster Fire for their efforts Saturday at Kids’ Day. Councilman Myers recently toured Christmas Run Park and said the updates look great. He shared that the Church of the Nazarene recently had 150 volunteers at the various parks for a work day. Councilman Silvestri said he had received good feedback on the Burbank Road project.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
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Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council