


WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 5, 2018

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. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, Dave Silvestri, Jennifer Warden and Bill Bostancic. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Chief Matt Fisher, Director of Law Linda Applebaum, City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik, Planning and Zoning Manager Andrew Dutton, and Recreation Manager Jeff Battig.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Ansel moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018, meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman introduced Melissa Pierce, Executive Director for Community Action Wayne Medina. Ms. Pierce expressed CAWM's appreciation for the partnership with the city to enhance the transportation program. The participation numbers have increased significantly in just the two months the expanded program has been in place.

Mayor Breneman informed council that the construction work has begun on the northeast quadrant of the square. The work is being performed by Simonson Construction.

The Administration recently hosted a parking meeting attended by more than 30 people to discuss changes to the leased parking program. The Mayor stated April 1st is the anticipated effective date of the upcoming changes.

The City was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the State of Ohio capital budget to be used for a capital project, specifically for construction of a park at the donated Seaman property.

The Mayor announced the Wooster Community Hospital was selected as one of the 100 Top Hospitals in the U.S. by IBM Watson Health/Truven Health Analytics. The hospital has won the award four times, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2018.

Site Selection Magazine has listed Wooster, Ohio as number 3 on the 2017 Top Micropolitans behind Findlay, Ohio and Batavia, New York.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders reviewed the Laws & Ordinances Committee meeting agenda. The committee is getting very close to the end of reviewing the planning/zoning code changes. They reviewed the zoning map changes and discussed the medical marijuana zoning map.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-006
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-3 (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 50 RIFFEL ROAD (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders requested this remain on second reading to give council time to review the additional information that was provided late Monday afternoon. Councilman Myers stated he would like to support the new hotel, but not sure he wants the entire area rezoned to C-3 and is concerned about the parking.

Councilman Ansel has been receiving positive feedback regarding rezoning for the hotel. It appears it would be a financial asset to have another hotel at the north end. The unknown is whether the parking variances would be approved by the planning commission and what enterprise would go on the property if the hotel does not.

Councilman Silvestri asked if city council can revoke the C-3 zoning if the hotel concept doesn't go through? Andrew Dutton stated that council, planning commission or the property owner could request the zoning to be reversed.

The Ordinance will go to its third reading on March 19th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER TO RENOVATE THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE WOOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CAPITAL PLAN FOR 2018 (Myers)

Councilman Myers introduced the legislation and stated that after attending the recent spaghetti luncheon, it is apparent the community room could use updated. The renovation would be incorporated into any future expansion. Jeff Battig is hoping that once the room is brought up to date, the community center will be able to rent the room out more often.

Councilman Cavin asked if there was any grant money that the city could apply for? Councilman Myers said he would send Battig information on an AEP program that is available for lighting in 2018.

Councilwoman Warden asked if the kitchen would be renovated? Battig stated that the last quote they received to upgrade the kitchen was over \$75,000, so that is not an option at this time.

Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Warden-yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri - yes).

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES RELATED TO THE WOOSTER LOOP PHASE 2 BIKE TRAIL PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic introduced the resolution and reviewed the need to follow ODOT procedures with this project. Roger Kobilarcsik gave an overview of the project and an explanation of the ODOT requirements.

Councilman Bostancic moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll call, motion carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Bostancic – yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Warden-yes; and Silvestri - yes). Councilman Bostancic moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Warden-yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri - yes).

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-020
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 REPLACEMENT OF PART OF THE WATERLINE
ON EAST WAYNE AVENUE(Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated this is a request to replace a portion of the waterline on East Wayne Avenue near the College of Wooster. The Engineering Division has coordinated the time frame of construction with the college already to not interfere with any college events. It is a budgeted item.

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

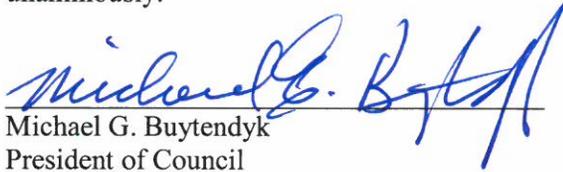
VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Silvestri said that it is a tough decision on the zoning issue. He will consider rezoning now that he knows council has the prerogative to reverse the zoning if the hotel option does not go through. Councilman Myers stated he agrees with Silvestri and the only way he would agree to the zoning change is if they could rezone it back.

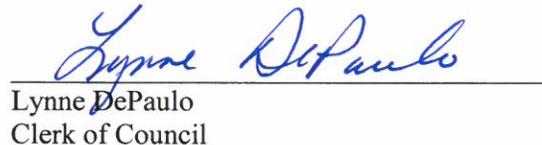
Councilman Ansel thanked Dutton for answering the rezoning questions and thought it was a creative way to support development. He also stated that Wooster Community Hospital is a superstar and an asset to the community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council