

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 5, 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, Chief Barry Saley, Chief Matt Fisher, and Captain Scott Rotolo.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017, meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman stated he hoped that council enjoyed the Safety Service Building tour and how excited the police and fire are to have their new facility and thanked all who helped make it happen. While at the tour, the Mayor swore in new firefighter, Aaron Spurlock. The Mayor informed council that the city would be well represented at the Heritage Ohio training session being held in Wooster on Wednesday, September 6th.

Chief Fisher presented a plaque to city council as a thank you.

Jonathan Millea requested council appoint two persons to serve on the CRA Housing Council and reminded them that the appointees did not need to be city council members. Councilman Ulbright moved to nominate Craig Sanders; Councilwoman Knapic seconded; upon voice-vote, the motion passed unanimously. Council will wait until after the elections to appoint the second person.

Councilman Ulbright requested an Infrastructure Committee meeting for October 2, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant Street, had questions regarding Resolution 2017-39. Councilman Sanders stated that the topic would be covered during the resolution discussion.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Civil Service Committee submitted their support of Ordinance 2017-26, Chapter 133.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Second 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 moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ansel. 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 Ansel, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried 6-1 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-no; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Second 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 as a second reading. Representatives for Ohio Power answered questions from council.

Councilwoman Knapic moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. 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).

Second 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 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 Myers, 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).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENTS AND NEW SECTIONS TO TITLE FIVE, CHAPTER 133, CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the bill and explained that the current chapter is outdated and the ordinance will bring the city into compliance with federal and state law. Ms. Applebaum reviewed the changes made. Chief Fisher explained the need for the lateral hiring phrasing. Detective Lemmon stated the police union does not take a stand on civil service.

Councilwoman Knapic requested the ordinance be tabled and go to second reading.

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, MANAGEMENT BENEFITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic introduced the bill and requested Chief Fisher to explain why the changes are necessary. Chief Fisher stated that the changes would bring the police in line with the fire and that it wasn't a hiring process, just a shifting of titles. Councilman Ulbright would like to keep the Lieutenants classification. A lengthy discussion ensued.

The ordinance was tabled and slated for second reading.

First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the resolution and stated it was the second piece of legislation of Resolution No. 2017-34. Councilman Silverstri said to think of it as approving the final product.

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 Councilwoman Knapic, 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 - RESOLUTION 2017-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH GREEN ARROW ENGINEERING (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders introduced the resolution and reminded council that this is an investment in our future for the anaerobic facility. Kevin Givins, Utilities Manager, stated that the funding is coming from Operations & Maintenance budget and replaces the money spent to Quasar. Budgeted item no need to suspend the rules.

Councilman Sanders moved, seconded by Councilman Myers, 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 2017-40

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15 BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FROM LORAL PROPERTIES LLC TO IALEXO LLC, A NEW OWNER, AND MODIFYING COMMITMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Myers introduced the bill and stated he had met with Jonathan Millea, Economic Development Coordinator to discuss the transfer. Andrew Bowers, iAlexo representative, told council his company is an IT outsourcing firm and he currently has 23 employees and hopes to increase by 40%.

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

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

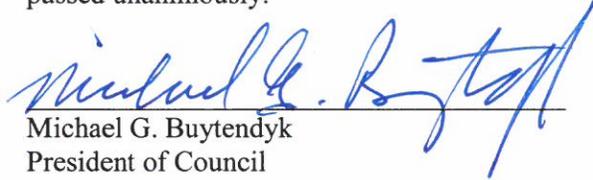
Councilman Ansel moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilman Ulbright. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

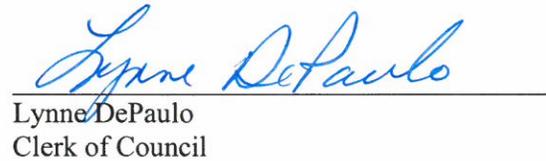
Kudos were given to the community and everyone involved in the creation and construction of the new Safety Services facility.

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