

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 20 2009

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

Acting President David Silvestri called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers by asking everyone to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mike Buytendyk, Bob Henery; Ed Schuch, David Silvestri and Jon Ulbright. Mr. Silvestri noted Jeff Steiner was absent as he ran the Boston Marathon earlier in the day.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Schuch, to approve minutes of the April 6, 2009 regular meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman updated council on various activities in the city: News that Jean Baird, former Director of Administration for the City of Wooster, passed away on April 19, 2009; new look on Beall Ave. with underground wiring as part of the Streetscape III project; Wooster Community Hospital was recipient of 2008 Commission on Cancer Outstanding Achievement Award and Ohio State Board of Directors agreed to accept the Par facility building project on the OARDC campus.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The following members of the audience spoke: Jeff Griffin, President of Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce (Metro Health Flight Aircraft will be locating at the Wayne County Airport).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Ulbright reported on the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. They reviewed a list of potential sites around the city where sidewalks are needed, focusing on areas within close proximity to schools. A project was not chosen at this time. A walkability/bikeability survey will be done to determine the number of students who walk or ride bicycles to the elementary schools which will help prepare a travel plan. Sometime in June the committee will review the survey results and make a decision as to whether or not they will propose a sidewalk project for 2009.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WOOSTER CITY SCHOOLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Steiner)

Mr. Henery recused himself. Mr. Ansel explained the City was gifted the U.S. Army Reserve Center at the corner of Portage Road and Melrose Drive. The property could not be directly transferred to Wooster City Schools and therefore was transferred to the City of Wooster. An agreement was structured with Wooster City Schools that they will be accepting this property which is contiguous to Melrose Elementary School. Mr. Ansel noted there were not enough council members to suspend the rules so the ordinance was left on second reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-11 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 923, SEWERAGE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri stated certain amendments to the city ordinances which govern the treatment of sewerage are needed in order to keep them current with the State of Ohio EPA requirements. The permit requirements were brought up-to-date in August of 2008. Mr. Silvestri stated he would leave the ordinance on first reading as it is a very in-depth and complicated change. He asked council members to contact him if they felt a Public Utilities Committee meeting was needed to discuss the changes in further detail.

2. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2009-51 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 THE POINT OF VIEW SANITARY LIFT STATION SERVING THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri stated the majority of this project (\$500,000) is being funded by an Ohio Department of Development grant through the Job Ready Sites program. The remainder will be paid for out of the Water Fund (\$75,000) and the Sewer Fund (\$150,000). This project will upgrade a lift station that is in dire need of repair. The lift station will serve the south-east portion of the City sewer system, as well as the BiOhio Project on Secrest Road, which will require a greater amount of standby power. Due to the economy, Mr. Montgomery feels bids will come in under the original budget projection.

Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Henery-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Henery-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Ulbright thanked everyone, especially Joel Montgomery, for participating in the Infrastructure Committee meeting. He felt it was very productive. Mr. Ulbright shared that on April 2, he and Mr. Schuch toured rundown properties in the City of Wooster with Tim Monea and Mark Nussbaum. These properties, mostly residential and some commercial, have been problem properties for sometime. The owners have been notified that the properties must be brought up to code and the Building Division is preparing to meet with the prosecutor's office to move forward with forcing the compliance. Mr. Ulbright asked that the list of properties be sent to all council members and suggested they make arrangements to take a similar tour. He felt the Building Division should be supported in all their efforts and hard work in dealing with these issues.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David J. Silvestri
Acting President of Council

Cheryl K. Collins
Clerk of Council