



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 21, 2014

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. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, and Jon Ulbright.

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

Mr. Buytendyk noted that, should council members vote to do so, council will hold an executive session to discuss pending litigation after the business portion of the meeting.

II. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Police Chief Matt Fisher introduced Gaetano Bremenour as the City of Wooster's newest police officer. Mayor Bob Breneman performed the swearing-in ceremony. Chief Fisher then read a letter of commendation that he received regarding the life-saving actions of Sergeant Clint Bartolic. Sgt. Bartolic was presented with the Wooster Police Department Life Saver award.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Knapic moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to approve the April 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman stated that the College of Wooster held a gathering of college and city administration at which Dr. Cornwell presented the city with a check from the college for \$10,000.00 to be used for the city's safety services. Mr. Breneman indicated that it would be split evenly between the fire and police departments.

V. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

None.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Myers announced that he will hold a Public Health and Leisure Committee meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mr. Myers stated that the committee will receive a presentation and will also be allowing time for input from the public.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel stated that this legislation is to allow the Engineering Division to hire an independent firm to perform an automated pavement study of city roadway infrastructure. Mr. Ansel explained that the firm will collect the data and the city will then create a plan to address the roads that need the most work. Mr. Silvestri added that if the city were to try to do this project in-house, then it would have to put other contractors on ODOT-funded projects, costing another \$200,000. He also stated the project would cost twice as much if the city did not already have an in-house engineer that can interpret the information after it is gathered. Mr. Ulbright noted that even if the city were able to do this work in-house, there would be an innate bias that could not be overcome. A third-party will be neutral and able to provide objective results.

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

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, 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. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR, INC. FOR BOTH ASP AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR BOTH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel noted that this legislation is to renew the city's contract with Sungard to provide financial software and support for the City. Mr. Ansel stated that Sungard has agreed to 0% increases in each of the first two years of the contract renewal with a 3% increase in the third year.

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Ms. 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).

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF AKRON ROAD (SR 585) AND GEYERS CHAPEL ROAD WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright) (PID 83203)

Mr. Ulbright explained that ODOT is planning to perform work on SR 585 near the city limits. A small portion of the project will occur inside the City limits and, therefore, ODOT is requesting a resolution of cooperation from the City before they commence work. Mr. Silvestri asked where the work will take place. Mr. Kobilarcsik replied that the project will start at the northern end of the City's Akron Road Phase 1 project and extend past Ramseyer Farms to Thompson Road.

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

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. 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).

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS TO MELROSE DRIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright stated that this legislation will allow the City to advertise and award a contract to repair the asphalt base on Melrose Drive between Milltown and Smithville-Western Roads. Mr. Ulbright noted that

the worst areas would be removed and replaced with asphalt concrete base material and then the road will be chip sealed. Mr. Ulbright noted that this project will buy the City some time until it can schedule a complete improvement project for that portion of the road to install curbs and sidewalks. Mr. Ulbright stated that this item was not budgeted because it was not known last fall that the winter would cause the road to be in such a state. Mr. Ulbright stated that the funding for this project will come from the capital improvements fund which now has funding because of the income tax increase approved last year. Mr. Ulbright also asked council members to send him the name of callers and the location of potholes because he is collecting those to get those areas repaired. Ms. Knapic asked when Melrose Drive is slated to be improved. Mr. Kobilarscik replied that he intends to have plans ready by January 2016 to get that process started.

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

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. 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).

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Ansel noted there was an article in the Daily Record regarding the new property inspection program. Mr. Ansel congratulated the City staff for working on these issues and for the progress that is being made.

Ms. Knapic wished to underscore that, because the income tax increase passed in 2013, the City was able to add an additional police officer, will be able to repair Melrose Drive, and was able to hire a new building inspector. Ms. Knapic stated it is important for residents to recognize that the increase is being used in ways to serve and to protect the residents.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, to reconvene from executive session. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Amy M. Hamilton
Clerk of Council