



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 18, 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, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, and Jon Ulbright. Ms. Knapic and Mr. Silvestri were absent.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cavin moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, to approve the July 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Cavin, to approve the August 4, 2014 special meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Breneman noted that all council members should have received a memorandum from Mr. Dordea containing the history of revenues distributed by Ms. Jarra Underwood, Wayne County Auditor, to the city. Mr. Breneman noted the figures show the city's projections on decreases in funding from the state level were accurate.

Mr. Breneman stated road repairs are coming along and potholes are close to being completely gone. He asked council to let the city know if they or residents still have some that are of concern to them. Mr. Breneman said the SR 585 and Friendsville Road projects are still under construction and are moving ahead.

Mr. Breneman noted that Seaman Corporation celebrated the completion of a recent expansion project earlier in the day. Mr. Breneman stated Seaman Corporation chose to move its operations to Wooster in 1985, and has been a good community partner since that time.

Mr. Breneman informed council that the city sent out a newsletter to inform residents of recently completed, current, and upcoming projects. Mr. Montgomery added the newsletter is an effort by the city to keep residents informed as to what the city is doing to uphold the promises made during the income tax campaign. He noted that the newsletter describes many of the capital projects that have been done as well as highlights awards presented to various departments and individuals.

Mr. Buytendyk asked city administration about the status of resident-requested repairs on East Pine Street. Mr. Montgomery said he thinks should have the report of the street conditions, though it will be every street in the city. Mr. Montgomery added that the condition ratings are complete and the city is now working on prioritizing the streets. Mr. Ulbright stated that he would like to have an Infrastructure Committee meeting to have a discussion about streets that were considered improved streets at the time they were installed, need to be rebuilt, and no longer meet the criteria for an improved street. Mr. Ulbright stated he would hold the committee meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2014 in council chambers. Mr. Ulbright asked if the clerk would send out notices to the East Pine Street residents of the committee meeting so they could attend the meeting.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Liquor License notice regarding a request to transfer a D1, D2, D3, and D6 class permit from N and D Restaurants Inc., DBA Red Lobster #766, to Red Lobster Hospitality LLC, DBA Red Lobster #766, at 3805 Burbank Rd.

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to waive a hearing on the permit. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

The following member of the audience spoke: Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant St. (Agenda Item #4).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Sanders stated the Public Utilities Committee held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. during which the committee received a presentation from Vince Crawford of Waste Management. Waste Management (WM) is the city's current contractor for refuse collection. Mr. Sanders said Mr. Crawford provided an overview of WM's services, the recycling industry, evolution of plastics in the waste stream, changes in processing technology, and discussed the landfill. Mr. Sanders said the committee was informed there is about 84 years of capacity remaining at the current landfill in Waynesburg.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-52 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND APPLY GRANT MONIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cavin)

Mr. Cavin stated the Department of Homeland Security is offering to contribute \$190,620 (90%) towards the cost of equipment for the fire division and the city would contribute the remaining \$21,180 (10%). The specific equipment to be purchased are self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for firefighters to use when they are in a burning building. Mr. Ulbright asked how many of the SCBAs can be provided for this amount. Mr. Cavin replied it would provide 34 units. The legislation was left on first reading.

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-53 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED UNDER CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel stated the city needs to clean and replace the media in its water stripper towers each year. This legislation is to authorize payment for the cleaning and replacement of the media. The payment will be made after the service was provided, so it needs council approval. The legislation was left on first reading.

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2014-54 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)

Mr. Ansel stated this legislation will accept the rates and amounts as determined by the Wayne County Budget Commission for fiscal year 2015. Mr. Ansel stated the tax rates are unchanged from last year. Mr. Ansel told council members he would forward to them the summary he received. Mr. Ansel stated the

projected amount to be remitted to the city is \$2,144,200. The total is distributed to the general fund, the firemen and the police pension funds. The legislation was left on first reading.

4. First Reading – Council authorization for the sale of two police cruisers to the City of Ashland Police Department.

Mr. Buytendyk stated that the city has asked for permission to sell two K9 police cruisers to the City of Ashland Police Department. The combined sales price of the vehicles is \$7,000.00 and includes the equipment already installed in the vehicles.

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Cavin, to authorize the sale of two K9 police cruisers to the City of Ashland Police Department. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

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

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Ulbright asked city administration if they could provide an overall status report on the city parks at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Ulbright said he thought it would be helpful in responding to constituent phone calls about conditions and maintenance. Mr. Montgomery responded that administration could do that, and since the budget process is just starting for 2015, it would be until the city is about mid-way through that task before he could provide budget numbers. Mr. Ulbright stated he had visited Schellin Park and noted several instances of vandalism, specifically the entrance from South Street. Mr. Montgomery said that he knows the parks have not been maintained as they once were because of the budget constraints that the city faced over the last several years, and he knows the city has not yet been able to catch up. Mr. Cavin concurred with Mr. Ulbright's comments and would like to see the city act as good stewards of its assets. Mr. Myers stated the Public Health and Leisure Committee could meet to review the information. Mr. Myers also stated he would like to have the Committee review the results of the contract with the YMCA and the city for the YMCA to run the city pools. Mr. Montgomery said that information is actively being put together.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Amy M. Hamilton
Clerk of Council