

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 19, 2016

7:30p.m.

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at a little after 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri and Jon Ulbright. Excused absence: Mark Cavin.

City Administration present Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration, Joel Montgomery, Law Director, Linda Applebaum, and Finance Director, Andrei Dordea.

The order of the agenda was changed, under New Business, Resolution No. 2016-66 will be item number two and Ordinance No. 2016-39 will be item number three. There will be an Executive Session before the reading of Ordinance No. 2016-39. Ordinance No. 2016-37, under Old Business, was changed to item number three.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016, regular meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

The Mayor met with Gojo representatives, John Wisebern and Tom Marting, they are very happy with the decision to become a part of our City. Things are going very well. All Gojo soap dispenser pumps will be made solely in Wooster. They are working on rail spurs to make it functional. The Mayor stated that the City is very thrilled to have Gojo. The Safety Service Center steel is now up and will continue in stages. There will be a beam signing event with Mark Morrison. More details to come. The Mayor had conversations in the last two weeks with Daisy and Seaman Corporation. There are some exciting things happening in those worlds. Christmas Run Park's two new basketball courts are up. Yesterday, the College of Wooster celebrated their 150th anniversary. On December 18, 1866, the charter for the University of Wooster was signed by the Presbyterian Church. The City of Wooster wished them the best and another 150 years of going and growing.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant, spoke regarding the sound quality issues of the Council meetings and the 2017 annual budget.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Ansel stated he would save his comments for the third reading of Ordinance 2016-34.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tabled- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27
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-5 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST MILLTOWN ROAD, BETWEEN COMMERCE PARKWAY AND OAK HILL ROAD (Knapic)
2. Tabled- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY THE

ADOPTION OF VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 1103, 1149, AND 1171 (Knapic)

3. Second Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-37
AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE AUTHORIZED RANGE OF PAY SCALES AND BENEFITS FOR HOURLY RATED AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES AT WOOSTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AND REPEALING FORMER ORDINANCES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that the proposed legislation was very straightforward. At the last meeting, there was a presentation by Mr. Boyes and Mr. Taylor regarding the competitive wage survey or comparative wage review for the Wooster Community Hospital salaried and wage employees. It was self-explanatory, and there were no additional questions from the last meeting. Mr. Boyes and Mr. Taylor did a very thorough and comprehensive job in their documentation to justify the proposed wage increases outlined. It is approximately a 2% wage increase from the prior year as well as some other adjustments within the step increases.

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

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

4. Third Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-34
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel thanked the Finance Committee for the review of the 2017 Operating Budget for the City of Wooster. It is a very important process, for the City and the Wooster Community Hospital. The work session two weeks ago was insightful and productive. Councilman Ansel complimented Councilman Silvestri on his query and Finance Director, Mr. Dordea for his response to some of the issues for better definition. Mr. Dordea did a formidable job responding to the questions, and they were good questions. There was a follow-up session earlier in the evening to review any potential issues for concern, and there were none. The Finance Committee recommended moving the final budget proposal for council approval. The budget will be balanced and will produce approximately a 2.5 million dollar budget surplus. Long overdue capital improvements slated for 2017 are the Burbank Road improvement and the Downtown streetscape initiative. There is one additional employee planned at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to support the transition of the operation of the digester from private to public sector. Councilman Ansel stated that Mr. Dordea and his team did an exceptional job.

Councilman Ulbright commended Mr. Dordea as well on his exceptional work. The charts, graphs, and projects broken down by ward were very helpful.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-65
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE WOOSTER YMCA FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER'S SWIMMING FACILITIES (Myers)

Councilman Myers referenced the packet of information provided, that documented statistics, year-over-year, by category and by pool. He stated that Ms. Brillhart and Mr. Battig did a great job of providing summary information. Total usage of all pools combined for 2016 was approximately 8,000 over last year. Total revenue was up over \$6,000 over last year and costs were down due to favorable weather conditions. The contract amount increased by about \$4,500 due to an increase in state-mandated minimum wage increases. If there is a rainy day, citizens can use their pass at the YMCA located at the Wooster High School. Last year that number was 477 and this year it was 1,000. Councilman Silvestri stated that he remembered being concerned about the dropping usage rates by the pool patrons and asked Mr. Battig what he thought contributed to the improvement in numbers. Mr. Battig stated that the pool was closed zero days in 2016. Day pass receipts increased as well. He stated that the City staff did an exceptional job this year. Councilman Ulbright asked what improvements are planned for 2017. Mr. Battig stated that they start maintenance as soon as the pools close for the year and planned some fun features for the upcoming year. They would like to add a zip-line appropriate for elementary age kids. He stated that they worked on improving marketing and added events such as family night.

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MURR PRINTING OF WOOSTER FOR VIDEO SERVICES FOR MEETINGS OF WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that video sound quality could be improved. He commended Murrs Printing on their fantastic coverage and commitment.

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.06(e)(4) of the Charter, an executive session will be held to discuss the WEA contract.

Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Myers, to move into Executive Session. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Councilman Silvestri moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright, to exit from Executive Session. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

3. First Reading-ORDINANCE NO. 2016-39

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WOOSTER EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REGARDING WAGES, BENEFITS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel complimented the City of Wooster Administration, staff, as well as the WEA employees on the successful conclusion of their contract negotiations for the next three years. Mr. Montgomery prepared a top-level summary. Wage increases, with a satisfactory rating, will be 3% in 2017, 2.5% in 2018, and 2% in 2019. The three-year average will be 2.5% and is very consistent with the cost of living indexes. Co-pays have been added to the insurance Gold plan. After one year of service, there is an additional personal day awarded. Compensation time was limited to 60 hours maximum.

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

Councilman Myers commended the City Administration and the WEA on doing an excellent job and for coming to an agreement quickly.

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

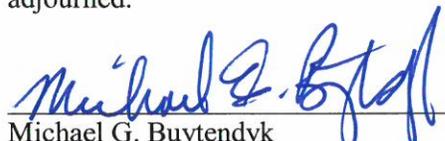
President Buytendyk stated that it was an honor to serve with everyone this year and thanked everyone for their contributions in making Wooster a wonderful place live. Councilman Ansel stated that it was a productive year and wished everyone a happy holidays, merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Councilwoman Knapic felt very fortunate to be a part of the Wooster City Council and she was thankful for the outstanding job performed by the City Administration. She wished everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year and hoped that whatever holiday would be celebrated this season was safe, healthy, and peaceful. Councilman Myers wished everyone a happy New Year and stated that he enjoyed working with everyone. He received a call a few weeks ago about the road closing on Oakley and when it would be open, the constituent called the next day, because the road had been open, and he commended the City for its quick service. Councilman Silvestri is thankful for Wooster, he stated that it is a rare community, and he thanked City Council members and City Administration for all their hard work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Breneman announced that the beam signing would be Wednesday, December 28th at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Montgomery publicly thanked the WEA and their staff for the negotiations and to Council members for voting to approve it.

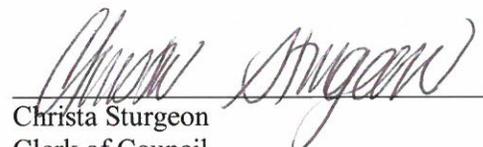
Councilman Ulbright stated that it had been an honor and privilege to serve the City of Wooster and to work with the City Administration and City Council members. Everyone did an outstanding job. Wooster has a high quality of life, and we all try to protect that and nurture it to see that it continues. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Myers, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Christa Sturgeon
Clerk of Council