


WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 4, 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. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, Dave Silvestri and Jon Ulbright. Barb Knapic was absent. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Captain Scott Rotolo, Director of Law Linda Applebaum, Director of Finance Andrei Dordea, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Brillhart and Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017, meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman began with a reminder that leaf season is about ended and the last scheduled day is December 15th, weather permitting. He expressed his thanks to the Finance Committee for their work so far on the 2018 budget.

Mayor Breneman extended his sympathies on the recent loss of several community leaders, Don Buehler, Carolyn Abramson and Joe Retzler.

The Mayor asked Council to support the resolution for the Natatorium stating that the schools are important to the community and the pool represents a quality of life valued by the residents.

Joel Montgomery advised council that the old fire station on E. Highland was being advertised for bid on Tuesday, December 5th. An Open House is scheduled for December 12th and the bid opening is December 20th.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The following persons all spoke in support of the Natatorium resolution:

Janice Gallagher, 241 E. Beverly
Chuck Malta, 2113 Normandy
Jonathan Harvey, 888 Wildwood Drive
Beth Davis, 655 Beechwood Avenue

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Silvestri spoke on the recent Law & Ordinance Committee meeting. The committee is continuing its review of the planning and zoning code. They are streamlining and overhauling many of the chapters in the code book. It is an ongoing project.

Councilman Ansel discussed the Finance Committee meeting held before the council meeting. He thanked the administration for the concise and deliberate details submitted to the committee for review. He stated that Ordinance 2017-36 would be going to three reading in two weeks.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – Ordinance 2017-36

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, 2018 (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated this Ordinance will be voted on in two weeks at the December 18, 2017, council meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-49
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the legislation stating that the TIRC board had met in May to review 31 abatements. Of those abatements, 29 of them are continuing, and two are requesting amendments. Since 2005 the CRA has resulted in over \$29,000,000 in new property improvements while creating 198 jobs and retaining 140 jobs.

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-52
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the legislation stating the TIRC board had reviewed 15 active EZ agreements. The numbers are remarkable for the number of jobs and revenue created by these EZ agreements.

Councilman Ansel 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; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes; Knapic - absent). Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Myers, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried 5-1 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-no; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes; Knapic - absent).

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-37
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10 BY INCREASING THE TERMS OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA COMMITMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated this is one of the CRA agreements looking for an amendment. The TIRC recommended reducing the workforce commitment for Brasfond from 11 full-time to four. Brasfond has since requested the workforce commitment be reduced to two full-time. Councilman Ansel motioned to do a floor amendment reducing the workforce commitment from four full-time jobs to two full-time jobs. Councilman Myers seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the amendment carried 5-1 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-no; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes; Knapic - absent).

Councilman Ansel moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, the motion did not carry due to the emergency clause, the vote was 5-1 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-no; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes; Knapic - absent).

The Ordinance will have its second reading on December 18, 2017

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE WOOSTER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELLEN SHAPIRO NATATORIUM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers)

Councilman Myers discussed the need for the improvements to the natatorium and encouraged the passage of the resolution. Councilman Silvestri questioned the lifespan of the renovations. It was stated that the pool board expected the upgrades to have a useful life of 25 years.

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

5. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-38
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY’S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM BY ACQUIRING WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY(Ansel)

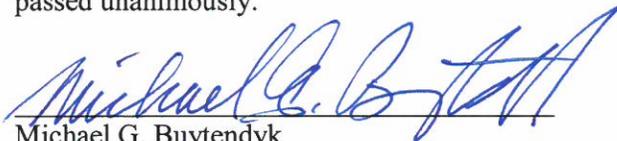
Councilman Ansel discussed the need to move from the short-term bond financing that was used for the purchase of Quasar to a long-term structure and locking in low-interest rates. It was decided to keep the Ordinance on first reading and for council to be ready to vote at the December 18th meeting.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Members of council expressed their sympathies to the families of Don Buehler, Carolyn Abramson, and Joe Retzler. Councilman Cavin stated he was unhappy with the YMCA and pool arrangement and thinks the YMCA should be donating more funding to the renovations.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council