

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 19, 2016

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. All members of City Council were present except Scott Myers. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Richard Benson, Fire Chief Barry Saley and John Quicci of the WPD.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cavin moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman shared details of a recent WARCOG meeting and gave an update regarding the progress of the new dispatch facility. The Mayor went on to share details of a meeting with representatives of the proposed Utopia Pipeline, the Mayor expressed his concerns about the dangers posed to a pipeline carrying liquid products so close to the water fields. The Mayor review the details of a memo present to council regarding a possible conflict of interest relating to an item on the agenda. The Mayor shared details of a recent conference he attended with WCH board members. Lastly, the Mayor shared details of a recent water line break and the subsequent repairs.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WOOSTER TOWNSHIP FOR AUTOMATIC AID FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin reviewed the details of the changes regarding mutual aid services better the City of Wooster and Wooster Township. President Buytendyk asked Chief Saley if in addition to Fire truck services if ambulance runs be included in this mutual aid as well. Chief Saley went into more detail regarding under which circumstances each entity would assist the other and the reasons for change in the agreement. Councilman Cavin extended his thanks and appreciation to Chief Saley for taking the initiative to save the city money and improves service.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel communicated to council the purpose and importance of the ODSA's housing revolving loan fund and how it is the primary vehicle for improving affordable housing stock in

designated areas. He noted it must be renewed every three years to ensure compliance. At present there is a total of \$47,339.21 in the fund.

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; Knapic-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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A 2-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR PROVIDING TREE SERVICE (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri shared details regarding the legislation. Councilman Ulbright mentioned how lucky the residents of Wooster are that this type of tree service is provided, many cities do not provide this service. Mayor Breneman noted the City is in the process of planting 180 to 200 new trees during winter 2016.

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

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, MANAGEMENT BENEFITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic noted this measure would add the position of Assistant Director of Law. She noted there has been discussion about creating this position and its budgetary impact. As a result she is tabling the measure until such time additional information can be provided to council justifying the need.

4. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAS, LLC FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel reviewed the details of proposed CRA request of 50% reduction in tax liability for 10 years to complete renovations of the 20,000 square foot property located at 2375 Benden Drive by John and Annette Saeger for the purposes of creating an adult day care facility. It was noted this new location would be the second in addition to the location in Doylestown. Councilman Ansel extended the opportunity to Annette Saeger to share additional details. Mrs. Saeger shared details about the types of senior care, wellness services and transportation services they provide. She expressed her excitement at expanding to Wooster and extending her appreciation to all those who are helping make it possible.

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; Knapic-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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

5. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-25 BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT THEREUNDER FROM THE CURRENT OWNER TO A NEW OWNER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel asked Mr. Millea to explain the need for this ordinance and the following ordinance. Mr. Millea shared details of the need to transfer CRA Agreement 10-001 from the Coyote Group, LLC to St. Paul Hotel Properties, LLC. The agreement covers the 203 & 207 S. Market Street, which constitutes the St. Paul Hotel in downtown in Wooster. Councilman Ansel noted this was a clerical oversight error and the financial impact to the city is negligible.

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; Knapic-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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

6. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-22 BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT THEREUNDER FROM THE CURRENT OWNER TO A NEW OWNER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel shared details of the ordinance which allows the St. Paul Hotel Properties, LLC and Coyote Group, LLC which have mutually agreed and requested the transfer of CRA agreement 07-003 as part of a real estate acquisition and hotel expansion project.

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

7. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE THIRTEEN, FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO (Knapic)

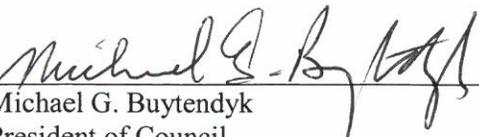
Councilwoman Knapic asked council to review the materials relating to this legislation and asked that it be kept on first reading. She did note this measure is an effort to protect the water and citizens of Wooster.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

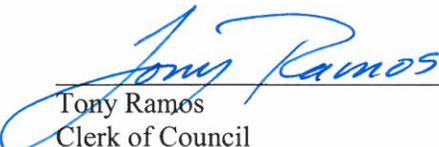
Councilman Silvestri expressed his delight at the addition of 200 trees' this year. He did express his concerns regarding the need to develop a more robust notification to residents about the cutting/replanting of trees on their property. He extended his thanks to Mr. Millea's efforts with attempting to save the trees on the Layton property. Councilwoman Knapic expressed her appreciation to the city employees who repaired the water main break on Rt. 30. She also expressed her appreciation to the members of the Shade Tree Commission. President Buytendyk noted Dan Yarnell is an exceptional arborist and city employee. Councilman Ulbright expressed his support for the Shade Tree Commission as well and extended his apologies for missing the last council meeting. Councilman Cavin expressed his appreciation to the shade tree commission as well. Mayor Breneman noted he will give his State of the City presentation prior to the council meeting on February 16th, 2016 at 6:45pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Tony Ramos
Clerk of Council