

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 17, 2006

President Judith Mitten called the regular meeting of City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and upon roll call, members answered present as follows: Ansel, Breneman, Cavin, Griffin, Silvestri, Topovski.

Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2006 as received. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dordea stated that he had submitted a report of the Linked Deposit program stating that one linked deposit had been renewed in 2005 as shown in the report. Mr. Dordea also announced that for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the City of Wooster has received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting which was the highest standard for government reporting. Council applauded this achievement.

Lynne McGinnis stated that she represented Wooster Power Equipment on Cleveland Road and they wanted it on record that they were not for the annexation of their property. They don't care what Mr. Ratliff does with his property but they do not wish to be included in the process.

John Keating, Attorney representing Alan Ratliff stated that this was a one owner, one parcel annexation request and the reason Ms. McGinnis was present is because we heard informally that the question might arise why was other land not included in the annexation, specifically land located on the east side of Cleveland Road, south of Schellin Road. Mr. Keating stated that they had done their due diligence but had found no support among any of those property owners that wanted to be included in the annexation.

The Clerk read a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Div. of Liquor Control for a new C-1 permit (beer only in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1 a.m.) for Anwar Zynadi, dba Zynadi BP at 310 S. Market Street. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Griffin, not to request a hearing. Motion carried.

Mr. Topovski stated that he had received an email from a lady on N. Bever Street south of the college complaining about traffic speeding up there and he forwarded the letter to Chief Thornton.

Resolution No. 2006-11 stating to the Wayne County Commissioners, pursuant to Revised Code Section 709.03, the services which the City of Wooster would be able to provide for territory located on the east side of Cleveland Road, between Gola Drive and Schellin Road (CR 226), and contiguous to the corporation limits, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Ansel stated that he would propose that his remain on first reading pending further review and discussion. Mr. Ansel stated that this resolution would define the services that were currently available

for this proposed annexation and to reassure council and the citizens of Wooster that we do have adequate infrastructure to support this request. Mr. Ansel reviewed the services available to this property as stated in the resolution. Mr. Ratliff stated that the property consisted of 48 acres but they also owned over 3 acres that abuts Gola Drive, which was already in the city limits, so there would be access to this property from Gola Drive and through the allotment over to Schellin Road. Mr. Ratliff stated that this would be developed as single-family dwellings with the exception of the portion that abuts the township garage along Cleveland Road where we would like to build some single family and duplexes. Mr. Keating, attorney representing Mr. Ratliff stated that there was a timing problem if this was not passed tonight because we have to file this resolution 20 days prior to the commissioners public hearing which was scheduled for February 15, 2006. He requested that they would please take action and pass this on third and final reading this evening. In passing this resolution, Council wasn't accepting the annexation at this time; you are just saying that if the annexation was ultimately accepted, here were the city services that would be available to that property. A lengthy discussion followed and the legislation remained on first reading.

Resolution No. 2006-12 authorizing the Director of Administration to advertise according to law and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the hauling and disposal of sludges, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Mr. Griffin stated that this resolution would result in spending money to make money. We have lime sludge that's produced at both plants that needs to be hauled away. This was a budgeted expense in the capital plan for 2006 and the cost has increased slightly. Mr. Griffin stated that the newly renovated water pollution control plant that we're all looking forward to will reduce the amount of sludge produced in that end of the operations by up to 75%, so this price would come down in the future. Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2006-13 authorizing the Director of Administration to advertise according to law and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the drilling and construction of two interceptor wells, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Griffin stated that this was an expensive project, although it was planned and budgeted for to continue to meet the EPA standards and to continue to make our south well field productive. We have a wonderful water supply that most communities would be envious of and we need to control this plume and invest this money and we need to protect this water supply for now and the future. At this time, Mr. Griffin turned the meeting over to Mike Hunter and Jim Borton who gave a 20 minute power point presentation on where we were today on the status of the south well field, reviewed the history of the contamination and explained the need for this additional interceptor well and the benefits to the citizens of Wooster which culminated in a 7-yaer project started in 1999. A short discussion followed. Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call,

motion carried unanimously. Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Cavin stated that the League of Women Voters was sponsoring a presentation on Renewable Energy, which was something people are becoming more and more interested in. Ms. Cavin passed out a flyer which listed the time and place of the presentation. Ms. Cavin also stated that she was getting more and more phone calls, emails and comments about the gas aggregation. We have discussed this before but from what she understood from some of the websites, just because we put it on the ballot and it was accepted by the public, an opt out program for gas aggregation does not mean we are obligated to lock into a rate at any specific time. She asked Mr. Griffin one more time to look into whether we would have to lock in and if it was something we could possibly get on the ballot. She also wished to congratulate Mr. Dordea and his department for their award.

Mr. Griffin didn't know what else he could look into; the way he understood it now was the opt in program available to the voters was already available to them should they look on line and compare the prices at PUCO.com. Any citizen can go in and opt into one of the programs at a lower gas rate. To get something on the ballot, there was a cost involved to the city.

Mr. Breneman congratulated the finance department and the administration; we have 25 years of excellence in accounting and that's amazing for any city to achieve and many cities throughout the state look at us as a shining star and example to follow.

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Judith Mitten  
President of Council

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Sheila Stanley  
Clerk of Council

