

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 5, 2005

President Mitten called the regular meeting of city council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers and upon roll call, members answered present as follows: Breneman, Buytendyk, Cavin, Silvestri, Topovski, Ulbright.

The Clerk read a petition to Wooster City Council from citizens of Wooster petitioning the City of Wooster to take a more proactive role in the safety of our neighborhood in the area of Pittsburgh Avenue, Billiar Street and Billiar Alley (speeding and ignoring stop signs) and asking that the traffic laws be enforced. There were 22 signatures on the petition.

President Mitten stated that the Mayor had sent a memo requesting council approval of the appointment of Jerry Packard to the Hospital Board of Governors. Mr. Breneman moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D-2 permit to Wayne Pizza, Inc. dba Pizza Hut at 1831 Beall Avenue; the D-2 is for wine and certain prepackaged mixed drinks for on-premises consumption. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, that we do not request a hearing. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2005-62 declaring the necessity of constructing sidewalks and curb ramps on portions of Quinby Avenue and North Bever Street, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on second reading. Mr. Ulbright stated that this had been explained and discussed on first reading and the best explanation was that there had been an historical or geographical quirk that there were no sidewalks in front of these residents but their neighbors had them. The folks on Bever had been notified of the city's intent so they might attend the meeting and give their input. The engineer had given us an estimate of the total including the 2% that the city would pay, that total being \$30,621.73. Mr. Ulbright hoped to increase our budget next year for sidewalk construction and to move ahead from this project to some other areas of the city that presented some serious safety problems. A short discussion followed.

Resolution No. 2005-63 authorizing the Director of Administration to enter into a contract with K. E. McCartney & Associates of Mansfield for right of way acquisition services related to the E. Milltown Road reconstruction project, and declaring an emergency was read by title, being on first reading. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Mr. Ulbright stated that this allowed the city to enter into a contract with this company to negotiate and secure the utility relocation arrangements for the E. Milltown Road project. This was included in the capital improvements budget; this was an expert firm in this field and we have worked with them in the past. Ms. Cavin asked how many property owners this would involve. Mr. Montgomery stated there were 41 properties. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously.

President Mitten stated that the Mayor had requested an executive session to discuss acquisition of property. Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Breneman, to adjourn to executive session. Upon roll call, motion carried by a 5-1 vote, Ms. Cavin casting the negative vote.

Mr. Silvestri moved to reconvene city council, seconded by Mr. Topovski. Upon roll call, motion carried. Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Breneman, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Judith K. Mitten
President of Council

Sheila Stanley
Clerk of Council