



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2015

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. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, and Jon Ulbright.

City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Law Director Dick Benson, and Finance Director Andrei Dordea. Director of Administration Joel Montgomery was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Knapic moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 regular meeting. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman reported having conducted several COG meetings with the assistance of Councilman Cavin acting as a Council Representative discussing the Dispatch Center. Mayor Breneman shared a formal job offer was extended to Capt. Michael Prebonick of the Akron Police Department to be the Dir. of the Regional Dispatch Center, to date no reply had been received. Capt. Prebonick has until 06/05/15 to reply. The Mayor reported a draft copy from OHM group has been reviewed as a potential downtown plan, a copy will be provided to Council in the near future. The Mayor reported having attended a Hospital Board meeting where plans to add a new building in 2016 were discussed; additional details to Council will follow. The City recently completed its second Police Academy, thanks and appreciation was extended to Police Chief Fisher.

Mayor Breneman recognized Amy Hamilton as the outgoing Administrative Assistant/Clerk of Council and extended his thanks and appreciation of her service. Tony Ramos was introduced as the incoming Administrative Assistant/Clerk of Council. The Mayor shared the positive news surrounding the College of Wooster's recent accomplishment of raising \$35 million dollars for the building of a new Life Sciences building. Mayor Breneman also announced and welcomed GOJO to the City of Wooster and communicated GOJO would be reopening the former Rubbermaid Facility. This reopening is expected to bring 30 to 50 initial new jobs with an anticipated total goal of 240 new jobs.

Law Director Benson reiterated a recent email sent out to council for all to meet at 6:30 pm on 06/15/15 to discuss the Enviro-Clean Case. All parties agreed to meet in executive session at that time.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

No petitions. The following members of the audience spoke: Hon. Ray Leisy, 450 N. Beaver St. (Shade Tree Commission) and Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant St.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

No committee reports.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE TO ENACT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright presented 3 recommendations from the Traffic Commission. A) Install signage/pavement markings as part of the Friendsville Road Reconstruction Project. B) Installing

lockable gates with appropriate signage to block off the portions of Spruce St. and Grosjean Rd. that are prone to flooding. C) Install a "Closed Ahead" flip sign at intersection of Grosjean Rd. and Timken Rd. Council Ulbright communicated these recommendations are part of the routine duties of the Traffic Commission.

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

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

2. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO 2015-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 905.03, TREE TRIMMING REQUIRED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY ADDING A LIMITATION FOR WORK TO BE DONE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic communicated her recommendation to keep this ordinance on the 2nd reading until the recent changes/amendments can be reviewed. The ordinance will be revised and presented at the Council meeting set to occur on 06/15/15.

Councilman Ulbright clarified remarks that appeared in media coverage of the possible ordinance change and communicated his appreciation to the Shade Tree Commission and his excitement about a more active commission, especially their Forestry Manual.

3. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri extended his appreciation to Dir. Of Admin Joel Montgomery and all those involved in the successful negotiation/purchase of the ODOT garage located on West Old Lincoln Way acres for \$100 to be used by as the Utility Division operations site. He further communicated the benefits to Utility Division and the City resulting from the purchase and the cost benefit to the taxpayer.

Councilman Silvestri 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; Myers-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; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

4. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A CITY SAFETY CENTER TO HOUSE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SITE THEREFOR, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin reiterated the City's plan to cover the cost of the Safety Center with Capital Budget funds and the issuance of bonds. The plan initially called for a 25 year plan to pay the debt but after consultation with Dir. Of Finance Andrea Dordea, a 20 year plan would save the City \$966,000.00 in interest payments. Dir. Dordea communicated now is the best time to take advantage of historically low interest rates. Councilman Ansel echoed these positives and communicated the Finance Committee did revise the amortization schedule from 25 to 20 years and agree this change in the best interest of the City and its taxpayers.

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

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

5. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14 BY ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright shared details of the original ODOT grant and communicated this new resolution allows for the addition of Spruce Street, N. Market Street and Mechanicsburg Road. The total cost of the additional roads total \$850,000.00. Of this amount \$575,000.00 is covered by ODOT, \$35,000.00 will be covered by Wayne County and the City of Wooster will cover \$240,000.00 with local capital funds which is a budgeted item. Councilman Ulbright encouraged passage in an effort to continue improving roads within the city.

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORRISON ENTERPRISES, LTD. FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel communicated upcoming plans to renovate the building known as the Minglewood Coal and Ice Building by the Morrison Family et al. He detailed that the building which was built in the 1920's is no longer in use and has become an eyesore as well as a danger and liability for the City. He went on to say that passage of this ordinance would allow for the opportunity to replace a dangerous/dilapidated site with a high quality historic renovation. The total investment for the project totals \$509,000.00 of which \$9,000.00 was paid to the City to purchase the site. This renovation will save the City thousands of dollars in demolition costs and increase the current tax base for the site from \$242.00 per annum to \$13,700.00 per annum after the 10 year tax abatement expires. This abatement will be a savings of \$134,700.00 for the Morrison Family. Councilman Ansel noted his appreciation to Mr. Morrison for his endeavors in what he calls a "bold and speculative project."

Councilmen Ulbright, Cavin, and Myers also added their deep appreciate to Mr. Morrision for taking on the risks associate with such a large task.

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

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR CAT CONTROL SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER. (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin communicated this resolution would allow for the safe/humane removal of feral cats citywide and encourage adoption. Councilman Silvestri gave compliments to the Humane Society for the hard work. He also challenged them to close out this particular program in an effort to reduce the costs to taxpayers.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR 2016. (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the Tax Budget and detailed its legal requirements. It is the general financial plan for the City and must be submitted to the County Commission and will use a fixed property tax rate. It then must be sent on to the Wayne County Auditor to establish tax rates. Councilman Ansel detailed the timeline and extended his appreciation to Finance Director Andrei Dordea for his efforts.

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR RESURFACING A PORTION OF BOWMAN STREET AND LONG ROAD. (Ulbright)

Councilman Ulbright communicated the urgent need to resurface Bowman St and Long Rd as two highly trafficked areas. Shared the cost will total \$450,000.00 and those funds will come from the capital improvement fund. He encouraged passage. Councilwoman Knapic asked when the dates of construction was and asked if it can be delayed until after the completion of roadwork on Route 585; she is concerned about citizen's ability to travel around the City. Roger Kobilarcsik - City Engineer communicated this project would be completed after the Rt. 585 project but there will be overlap.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN WATER LINES WITHIN THE CITY. (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders detailed plans to replace 2 inch secondary water lines which traverse Christmas Run Park. He communicated this stretch of lines is problem plagued and in need of replacement. He went on to share that a grant from the State of Ohio will cover 44% of the cost, which makes this worth pursuing at this time. He did share the current playground will need to be removed as it sits directly above the water line. However, The Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the City will rebuild once work has been completed. Councilman Myers inquired as to what streets if any would be dug up/resurfaced as part of this effort. Roger Kobilarcsik - City Engineer communicated this project would have minimal impact on area roads.

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

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Buytendyk extended his thanks and appreciation to outgoing Clerk of Council Amy Hamilton and wished her best of luck. Councilwoman Knapic presented Mrs. Hamilton with a card from Council. Mrs. Hamilton extended her thanks and appreciation to the City Council. Council President Buytendyk encouraged Council to appoint Tony Ramos as the next Clerk of Council and a unanimous voice vote confirmed this appointment.

Council Members recognized and extended appreciation to Amy Hamilton for her service and wished her well.

Council Members recognized and extended appreciation to the Morrison Family for the Restoration project, the Shade Tree Commission and the Boy Scouts in attendance at the meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Tony Ramos
Clerk of Council