

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 2, 2008

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

Acting President David Silvestri 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, Mike Buytendyk, Ed Schuch, David Silvestri, Keith Topovski and Jon Ulbright. Jeff Steiner was absent. Mr. Silvestri asked everyone to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schuch moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman updated council on various activities in the city.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The following members of the audience spoke: Kevin Breeden, 620 Arlington Dr. (pedestrian crossings) and Michael Lehman, 2148 Eagle Pass (re-zoning).

A Notice of filing of Petition for Annexation and Notice of County Commissions' Hearing was received from John Keating, agent for Petitioners, for the annexation of 57.245 acres located at the northeast corner of SR 83 and Smithville Western Road and contiguous to the corporation limits. Public hearing before the Wayne County Commissioners is set for August 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Resolution #2008-60 will consider the availability of city services for this annexation.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Ulbright announced a Public Infrastructure committee meeting is set for July 7, 2008, 6:30 p.m., in council chambers prior to the regular council meeting, to discuss proposed sidewalks on Normandy Drive.

Public Hearing - Re-zoning of 8.33 acres from a C-F (Community Facilities) District to an R-1 (Suburban Single Family) District for property located on the east side of Mechanicsburg Road, between West Highland Avenue and Varns Road (WWM Properties).

Mr. Buytendyk explained that this acreage was originally zoned R-1 but was inadvertently changed to C-F when the zoning code was updated. The property owner has asked that zoning be changed back to R-1. There was no public comment and Mr. Buytendyk closed the hearing.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2008-18 AMENDING TITLE ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO RE-ZONE LAND TO AN R-1 (SUBURBAN SINGLE FAMILY) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MECHANICSBURG ROAD, BETWEEN WEST HIGHLAND AVENUE AND VARNs ROAD (Buytendyk)

A public hearing for this re-zoning was held prior to reading of the title and there was no public opposition. Mr. Buytendyk indicated the property owner is advocating that zoning be changed back to R-1, which isn't a major change to the zoning plan as it was originally zoned R-1, which is the most restricted residential designation.

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Schuch, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

2. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2008-56 PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR 2009 (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel announced that a public hearing will be held on June 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled council meeting to review the Annual Tax Budget. He stated the Annual Tax Budget is a yearly procedure done by the finance department. Finance Director, Andrei Dordea, provided council members with information regarding the projections of prior years, current year and estimated 2009. It is a requirement to show the need for levying authorized property taxes which is a revenue driver for the city and also provides a future forecast as to what appropriations will be in each of the line items in the budget. Mr. Ansel stated this will require two readings. Resolution remained on first reading.

3. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2008-57 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH EMH & T OF COLUMBUS, OHIO FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE GIS SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel explained this is a software upgrade of the City's GIS system which will provide a platform for both internal and public GIS applications. This is the second phase of a two phase software upgrade and the first phase was approved last year. The upgrade will allow accessibility through a web portal for the public to access GIS locations. It also updates the data base with most current location and other references provided through a third party service. A comprehensive competitive review was done to secure the lowest cost for the upgrade and the service provider was qualified through a pilot project. This is a budgeted item and falls within the amount appropriated.

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

4. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2008-58 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE A TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE MOUNTING OF VALVE-TURNING EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri stated council previously approved the purchase of a valve turning system, intended to be mounted on an existing truck chassis, for use in exercising water system valves which is required by Ohio EPA. The system did not fit onto the existing 8 ft. truck chassis as it was not long enough to properly mount the equipment. The Water Pollution Control department is seeking authorization to locate and purchase a mechanically sound used truck/chassis which would fit the specifications for mounting the valve turning equipment.

Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Topovski, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Topovski-yes and Ulbright-yes).

5. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2008-59 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY; TO-WIT: STORAGE AREA NETWORK

EXPANSION (“SAN”) FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel gave a brief introduction, stating this upgrade is vitally needed for the storage and back-up capacity of the city’s computer network. There would be tremendous liability exposure if this expenditure was not initiated. The purchase is a sole source situation due to the unique configuration. Mr. Ansel asked Ty Collins, IT Manager, to explain in layman’s terms the technical summary of what is required with the SAN expansion. Mr. Collins gave a thorough overview of the proposed technology. Mr. Ansel noted that with the fast growing archive and information retention as mandated by the state, reference data is growing at a break neck pace and based on IT’s projections, this proposal should accommodate that growth for 5-10 years. Funding for this project will come from the Water Fund (\$34,400), Water Pollution Control Fund (\$34,400) and General Fund (\$103,200). Due to the size and value of the expenditure, Mr. Ansel indicated he would keep this resolution on first reading.

6. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2008-60 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 AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SR 83 AND SMITHVILLE WESTERN ROAD, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (John Keating, Esq., Agent for Petitioners) (Buytendyk)

Mr. Buytendyk explained when an annexation is filed with the county, the municipality is given notice and are to inform the commissioners what services, if any, will be available to the area. He noted this resolution is not to approve the annexation only to show what services are available. John Keating, Agent for the Petition, and Steven St. Peter, VP of Rubloff Development Group, spoke to council. Mr. Rubloff indicated his company has the option to purchase the property and would like to annex the property into city limits and comply with zoning requirements for a shopping center use. Mr. Ulbright expressed concern that expanding northend commercial development would put additional strain on the city’s police, fire and maintenance division services. Mr. Ansel felt this development is a positive for future growth but also noted concern over the safety forces coverage area. Mr. Silvestri too shared concern over the expanded area for police and fire protection. Mr. St. Peter noted they recognize improvements will need to be made to the intersection of Burbank Rd. and Smithville Western and they have it within their budget to improve the intersection in all four directions and to pay for a traffic signal. Mr. Buytendyk questioned if its going to cost the city more to bring an area into the city than the benefits that will be derived from it. He stated he would leave the resolution on first reading.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Schuch complimented the Parks & Recreation Division and volunteers for doing an outstanding job on Kiddie City. He feels it is quite an asset to the city.

Mr. Ulbright wanted to know when or if Mayor Breneman will be signing the U.S. Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement and where we stand on that. He asked that administration get back with council regarding that.

Mr. Buytendyk addressed a Letter to the Editor which unfairly maligned the Parks & Recreation Division and the Sewer Division. The letter contained information that was either distorted or not true. He feels both divisions take great pride in their work and in maintaining city property.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:40 p.m.