

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 5, 2012

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 by asking everyone to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, Jeff Steiner and Jon Ulbright.

Mr. Buytendyk said the agenda would be slightly altered as Resolution No. 2011-99 would be brought off the table during Old Business.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, to approve minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman, updated council on various activities in the city: 1) Wooster dodged a weather bullet last week with the only occurrence being strong winds taking down a tree on Quinby Ave. 2) Wayne County has been named the No. 2 micropolitan area in terms of economic development by Site Selection magazine, finishing in the Top 10 for a sixth straight year. The Wooster Micropolitan Statistical Area, which covers Wayne County, finished second among 576 micropolitans across the country.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The clerk read a letter from the Wooster City Planning Commission indicating at their February 22, 2012 meeting a motion was made and carried to recommend to Council approval of an amendment to the City of Wooster's Zoning Code, Section 1149.03 (c)(4), in order to permit the continued use of legal non-conforming residential dwellings that are destroyed beyond 50% of their replacement value. The motion, however, failed due to a lack of majority vote (3 in favor; 4 against; 1 abstention). City Council set a public hearing for Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Steiner reported on the Safety Committee meeting that was held prior to the council meeting on March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the proposed Regional Dispatch Center. He said Fire Chief Eyler brought the committee up-to-date on the Feasibility Study and talked about the interested parties forming an organizational group to implement the proposal. The three major parties, City of Wooster, City of Ashland and Wayne County, held a meeting at Wooster High School on February 28, 2012, along with several other smaller governmental entities, to organize their efforts.

Mr. Ulbright scheduled a Public Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, to discuss 2012 infrastructure projects including state and federally funded projects, 2012 paving projects and Safe Routes to School project update. In regards to the Safe Routes to School funding, Mr. Ulbright said word was received from the state that the monies set aside for Wayne Elementary School, which will be closing, can be transferred or moved to the other three schools. Further details will be available at the committee meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2012-05 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ABS MATERIALS, INC. AND THE WOOSTER GROWTH CORPORATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Steiner)

Mr. Ansel and Mr. Sanders recused themselves from the vote. Mr. Steiner said ABS Materials is requesting a 75% abatement of property taxes for 10 years. ABS Materials plan to invest \$3.1 million in new construction, machinery and equipment at the old Snap-On building, or previously known as the Bell & Howell building. ABS Materials develop innovative projects which clean hydrocarbons out of water. Mr. Steiner said they are a fast growing company and will be creating 26 full time permanent jobs with this abatement. Glenn Johnson, Chief Operations Officer, ABS Materials, was in attendance to answer questions.

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

2. TABLED/
AMENDED - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-99 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE PAYMENT TO THE WAYNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mr. Ansel said Resolution No. 2011-99 was introduced on December 5, 2011 and was tabled on December 19, 2011. Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, to remove Resolution No. 2011-99 from the table. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously. (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Ansel said Resolution No. 2011-99 originally allocated a funding level of \$30,000 for WEDC. However, based on WEDC's achievements and Wooster's emphasis on economic growth and expansion within our surrounding region, the City Administration decided to amend the resolution by increasing the funding level to \$40,000, the same amount it has been since 2007. Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Cavin, to amend Resolution No. 2011-99, increasing the amount of funding from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously. (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Rod Crider, president of WEDC, distributed a fact sheet outlining WEDC's activities over the past year, their accomplishments and the importance of the city's continued funding, focusing on the return of investment. Mr. Crider said that for every dollar the city invested into the WEDC, it returned a \$1.70 back in terms of local property taxes. He also noted that 70% of WEDC's funding comes from private investors and 30% from government funding. Mr. Crider thanked the city for their unique partnership which helps makes WEDC successful in this area. Mr. Ansel thanked Mr. Crider for the information he provided and for WEDC's contribution to the City of Wooster and Wayne County.

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to adopt Amended Resolution No. 2011-99. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2012-33 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR CLEANING THE VOC STRIPPING TOWERS IN THE SOUTH WELL FIELD (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright said the estimated cost for this project is \$40,000 and is a budgeted expense. There are three towers in the south well field and one near the north well field. Mr. Ulbright said it is essential to periodically remove VOC media and clean the stripping towers to maintain VOC removal efficiencies which is an Ohio EPA requirement. This has been an ongoing expense for 20 years and unless something radically changes, Mr. Ulbright said the process will continue. City Engineer Joel Montgomery said they have been keeping track of the VOC removal efficiency as build up occurs and based on the schedule it looks like the towers will need to be cleaned three times

this year, rather than two times as in past years. Due to this, the cost will exceed the \$25,000 threshold this year, requiring the bidding process. He said until the media is actually pulled out, it is unknown whether it can be cleaned or will need to be replaced. Materials to clean the towers were purchased approximately a year ago. The VOC tower cleaning and media replacement are on an "as needed" basis. Mr. Ulbright added that if it is found the towers do not require cleaning at this time, there will be a price reduction.

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

2. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2012-34 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF SR 302 WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright said this request is for authorization to enter into an agreement with ODOT for resurfacing SR 302 from S. Bever Street to SR83, and SR83 from SR302 to the US 250 ramp. The city is only responsible for the 2.43 miles of roadway located inside the Wooster corporation limits. The city will pay for 20% of the cost, approximately \$54,000, and ODOT will pay the remaining 80%. The project will not be budgeted until 2013 as the project isn't scheduled to begin until early 2013. Joel Montgomery said another resolution regarding this project will come before council later this year after ODOT has a final cost on the project.

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

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

3. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2012-35 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE UNDERNEATH THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE MERCHANT'S BLOCK DEVELOPMENT (Sanders)

Mr. Sanders said this request is to authorize the construction of a water line underneath a public parking lot in order to provide domestic and fire service to the Merchant's Block development. These terms were negotiated with the Merchant's Block development group, for the city to provide the funding to install the water line. The estimated cost is \$25,000. Mayor Breneman noted the water line does serve a public purpose as there is a main fire hydrant at the end of this water line that would supply water to downtown buildings if a fire were to occur in that area.

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

4. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2012-36 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE OAK HILL ROAD AND QUINBY AVENUE MICROSURFACING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS PROJECT (PID 92641) (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright explained the city was awarded a grant from ODOT to resurface Oak Hill Road between Wayne and Oldman, and Quinby between Bowman and Wayne. The total project cost is \$412,000 with the ODOT grant paying 80% (\$329,800) and local funds 20% (\$82,400). Also, ODOT is funding 80% (\$299,800) of construction

and construction engineering costs. All of the construction engineering contract management and inspection will be performed in-house by the engineering divisions staff, and ODOT will reimburse 80% (\$30,000) of those costs as well. Mr. Ulbright said this request is simply to accept the funds that have already been awarded.

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

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

On behalf of the city, Ms. Knapic expressed sympathy to the City of Chardon for their tragic loss they sustained last week. Ms. Knapic also congratulated the College of Wooster basketball team and wished them luck at their upcoming tournament games.

Mr. Buytendyk recognized and congratulated Waynedale High School for bringing another state wrestling championship to Wayne County.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Cheryl K. Collins
Clerk of Council