

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 4, 2009

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 by asking everyone to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mike Buytendyk, Bob Henery, Ed Schuch, David Silvestri, Jeff Steiner and Jon Ulbright.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Buytendyk moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, to approve minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman updated council on various activities in the city: The All-America City Award competition team is working on the June presentation; Economic Development Fund on agenda would provide gap financing for local businesses; and on-going construction projects throughout the city.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WOOSTER CITY SCHOOLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Steiner)

Mr. Henery recused himself from discussion. Mr. Steiner indicated this was the final step in the process of transferring the former Ward Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center located at the corner of Portage Road and Melrose Drive, from the Federal Government to the City of Wooster to the Wooster City Schools. There was no further debate or discussion.

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

2. Second Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-11 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 923, SEWERAGE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri stated these updates are required in order to keep the city's pre-treatment program up-to-date and in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Silvestri noted he had not received any feedback from the public regarding this ordinance and felt its passage was necessary in order to comply with state mandated changes.

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12 ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOSTER GROWTH CORPORATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT THEREOF (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel distributed a summary of revisions to the Economic Development Fund, highlighting the significant changes in Ordinance #2009-12. He noted Mr. Dordea will forward a final draft to council members electronically and upon everyone’s review would be further discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Ansel stated this corresponds with the 2005 Poggemeyer Study which recommended the city establish an economic development funding vehicle to provide low-interest loans to qualifying businesses for financing that might not be covered by traditional loans. The Wooster Growth Corporation will be established as the administrating body to review applications and requests. Guidelines of the Economic Development Fund mirror the city’s Enterprise Zone guidelines but provides additional funding availability for small businesses.

Mr. Ulbright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to amend Ordinance #2009-12 by deleting the words “or grants” in the last line of the first paragraph of Section 3. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Buytendyk-yes; Henery-yes; Schuch-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Dordea answered several of council’s questions. Mr. Ansel explained the initial seed money of \$100,000 was not listed in the ordinance as the amount may need to be increased at a future date once it is determined what type of return the investment will yield. The ordinance was left on first reading.

- 2. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13 AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel stated this request is a budgeted item to expand the record and evidence storage capacity at the Justice Center. Total cost of the project is \$16,000 of which \$10,000 was previously budgeted for the construction of a new evidence room at the Justice Center. However, when the original budgets were formulated some of the miscellaneous items were left off and an additional amount of \$6000 funding is being requested.

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

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

- 3. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2009-52 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER LINE SERVING PARKVIEW AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri stated this request is to replace the waterline on Parkview Avenue between Oak Hill Road and Northwestern Avenue in front of Parkview School. There have been continual problems with the line breaking which happens to be in the area where the school buses load and unload. The project consists of approximately 1000 feet of new 8 inch waterline, 3 fire hydrants, 12 service replacements and all associated valves and appurtenances. Total cost of the project is \$129,000 and is fully budgeted.

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

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Schuch expressed his pleasure to Mayor Breneman for the continuation of the community garden program.

Mr. Henery added that in the past year Parkview School has been interrupted because of waterline breaks and he commended the City Utility Division for their quick work in making repairs, otherwise the school may have been shut down.

Mr. Ansel indicated he had received questions regarding Community Development Block Grant monies and how people would voice their interest in receiving those funds. According to Mr. Sigg, the available funds for 2009 are all allocated at this time. Once funds are made available for the upcoming year, an announcement will be made at council for application requests for funding. Also, Mr. Ansel scheduled a Finance Committee meeting on May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to review the city's first quarter financials. City Administration will talk about the city's revenue receipts versus actual expenses and where the city stands with spending and any potential deficit for tapping into the rainy day status fund.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Buytendyk, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

David J. Silvestri
Acting President of Council

Cheryl K. Collins
Clerk of Council