



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 4, 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, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, and Finance Director Andrei Dordea.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Knapic moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman reported the Rotary District Convention was recently held in Wooster and Phil Mariola served as the District Governor for the group. Mayor Breneman also stated he attended a breakfast meeting of the local American Heart Association to discuss the upcoming Heart Walk and how employees can get involved. Mayor Breneman pointed out the agenda item for a CRA investment on Liberty Street submitted by Dennis and Paula Tafoya. He noted the Wooster City School Board and Wooster Growth Corporation have both reviewed the project. Mayor Breneman briefly touched on the several property purchases that are on the agenda for approval. He noted Council has been kept in the loop as to developments on these purchases. He noted one of the properties was not planned, but when the opportunity arose and it was determined it would save taxpayer dollars, the City thought it should proceed with trying to purchase the property.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED DESIGN-BUILD FIRM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY CENTER (Cavin)

Mr. Cavin said the time has come to continue to move toward a safety center. Mr. Cavin said the center would be situated on city-owned property where the Burbank and Friendsville Roads meet in the north end of town. He added the estimated cost is \$7 million and includes construction design and construction management. Mr. Cavin said he would leave the legislation on second reading to allow time for any questions or concerns to be raised by the public. He asked fellow council members if their particular concerns had been addressed. Mr. Ansel said he was satisfied with the financial figures and noted it will cost the City \$1.49 million less now than it would have in 2007 when a new fire station was first proposed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY STREET PARTNERS, LTD. FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel stated this proposal would put into use an abandoned downtown facility and noted the business owners and investors were in attendance. Mr. Ansel said the application was made by Liberty Street Partners, Ltd and is for a 10-year, 100% abatement of a \$350,000 investment that will relocate Muddy Waters Café and Grill to the new location. Mr. Ansel also noted the Wooster City Schools, Wayne County Schools Career Center, and Wooster Growth Corporation have approved the application. Mr. Ansel said he hoped council would agree to pass the legislation on first reading to show support for the project. Mr. Cavin, Ms. Knapic, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Silvestri all congratulated the group on the proposed project.

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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Mr. 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. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cavin)

Mr. Cavin stated had an agreement has been reached with the property owner, and this property will be the final piece needed to secure before building the Safety Center.

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

Mr. Cavin moved, seconded by Ms. 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. 2015-41 A RESOLUTION 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 SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS IN THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright stated 100% of the sidewalk project will be covered by CDBG funds. Mr. Ulbright said the project would include 1,572 square feet of sidewalks and associated curb ramps in the southwest quadrant of the City. Mr. Ulbright noted these neighborhoods are in need of new sidewalks as they are old streets, old sidewalks, and in questionable condition in many places.

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Ansel, 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. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2015-42 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO

LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST
BIDDER FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH
THE PLACEMENT OF TELEMETRY EQUIPMENT ONTO THE LAYTON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER (Sanders)

Mr. Sanders stated this work is part of the demolition effort for the Winter Street Water Tank. Mr. Sanders said the City's telemetry equipment must be updated and moved to the new tower before the Winter Street Water Tank is demolished.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Ms. 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).

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (To discuss the possible acquisition of real estate)

Mr. Cavin moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to go into executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Cavin moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, to reconvene from executive session. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

5. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cavin)

Mr. Cavin said an opportunity had presented itself to the City of Wooster to purchase a property for the location of a third fire station that is needed on the east side of the City. Mr. Cavin stated the property located at 2255 Gateway Drive is for sale, and the City would like to purchase it for the appraised value of \$386,000. Mr. Cavin said it would save money in the long run because renovations would be less expensive than new construction.

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

Mr. Cavin moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, 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).

6. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri explained the purchase of this property was first discussed in November 2014, and would allow the City to add parking to the downtown area. Mr. Silvestri said the City was the successful bidder at a public auction and, after liens on the property were resolved, is able to purchase it for \$9,500.

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

Mr. Silvestri moved, seconded by Mr. 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

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Amy M. Hamilton
Clerk of Council