

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 21, 2011

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, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, David Silvestri, Jeff Steiner and Jon Ulbright.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ansel moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, to approve minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman, updated council on various activities in the city: 1) Bogner Construction and the College of Wooster's Scot Center are highlighted in this month's Construction Today Magazine, a national publication showcasing best practices in general building and heavy construction. 2) Boy Scout Troop 68, sponsored by the Church of the Cross in Madisonburg, have volunteered to adopt Diller Park and its upkeep, beginning this Spring. Troop 68 also provided the flag pole and lights at Diller Park in memory of Jamie Howey and Andrew Dye, both of whom had been Eagle Scouts. 3) Mayor Breneman said the city is still facing challenging times. The 2012 budget projects income into the General Fund of approximately \$16.1 million, the lowest income level since 2004-2005 budget. A structural deficit is projected with expenditures of approximately \$17.3 million, \$1.18 million more than incoming funds. A small amount of capital improvements have been built into the budget because the city has gone two years without any and there are items that are in need of replacement.

Andrei Dordea, Finance Director, reviewed the 2012 Appropriation Budget, detailing some new changes and additions. The budget started at a zero base, justifying essentially every expense. He said with a tight budget there is potential that council will see more budget transfer requests and appropriation amendments. Upon reviewing the document, Mr. Dordea pointed out the expanded budget now includes six sections, including a new Section 2 called Skinny Wooster and Section 3 which shows projections through 2016. Section 4 now contains pie charts detailing the 2012 Infrastructure Project Summary and Infrastructure Source Funds by Major Project, highlighting the activity in each ward as well. Mr. Dordea said he anticipates discussing further details of the budget in future committee meetings.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control advised of a D5I and D6 liquor permit transfer to 3860 Cleveland, DBA El Tapatio, 3860 Cleveland Rd. from Toscana Italian Grill Inc., DBA Toscana Italian Grill Inc., 3860 Cleveland Rd. Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Ms. Knapic, not to request a hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in our political subdivision will expire on February 1, 2012. In order to maintain permit privileges, every permit holder must file a renewal application. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of a permit and to request a hearing. Wooster Police Chief Matt Fisher indicated he did not object to any liquor permit renewals in the City of Wooster at this time.

The following member of the audience spoke: James Green, P.O. Box 1352 (leaf pickup, tax abatement & misc).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS (none)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-85 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS APPLICANTS FOR THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONIES (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said a public meeting was held (November 7, 2011) to discuss this issue and also noted that the resolution was on second reading. Mr. Ansel said it is reassuring there is a collaborative effort between the Wayne County Convention Bureau, Main Street Wooster and the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, who submitted a very comprehensive joint application. Jeff Griffin, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was unable to attend the last council meeting and there was a question on the Projects Contra Account and on expense allocations for some of the bed tax funds received on behalf of the Chamber, as it was not included in the original application. Mr. Griffith immediately responded and submitted to council an itemized list of projects for which the Chamber used bed tax dollars and explained that the Projects Contra Account line item is an accounting of the total costs invested into events and is completely independent of bed tax dollars assigned to the projects. Mr. Ansel said none of the expenses are associated with salaries or reimbursements, it is all used for tourism and promotion, community development, monthly communication newsletter, Junior Leadership Wooster, Young Professionals, professional development/networking forums, and the community Christmas tree event. Mr. Ulbright thanked Mr. Griffin for the detailed report and pointed out that the dollars the Chamber spends on the events exceed the bed tax funds they receive. Mr. Ansel requested to receive the guidelines for the bed tax fund application for future reference and better understanding of the details in terms of what programs are eligible for such funding.

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

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

2. Second Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-89 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17 BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT (Silvestri)

Mr. Silvestri said he appreciated all the questions and correspondence via email and the answers and statistics Jim. Borton provided. As a way of review, Mr. Silvestri said there was initially enough money in the budget to cover this expense but because the encumbrance was not carried over from last year, it was cut from the budget with the understanding council's authorization would be required for anything over and above the base cost. Fuel surcharges and the plant producing more waste than anticipated is why additional funds are being requested for the sludge hauling contract. Mr. Silvestri said there are many questions and he opened up the floor for discussion. Mr. Buytendyk suggested holding a public utilities committee meeting to discuss this issue at length rather than spending time doing so during the council meeting. Council members agreed and Mr. Silvestri said he would propose a couple dates for the committee meeting. The resolution remained on second reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2011-33 APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel indicated there is a lot of committee work needed to be done in December. The finance division generated the 2012 Annual Budget, which Mayor Breneman and Mr. Dordea spoke of earlier in the meeting. Mr. Ansel said this is council's first glance at the budget and said he appreciated the new and innovative accounting approach, making things more streamlined. Wooster Community Hospital will also attend the budget review meeting to make a presentation of their annual budget. Mr. Ansel said a date for that committee meeting is still be identified, but it will be held before the next council meeting and once a date is set he will communicate that information to everyone. The ordinance remained on first reading.

2. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2011-34 AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE TO ENACT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

Mr. Ulbright said the Wooster Traffic Commission meets once a month and quarterly makes recommendations to council for changes to the traffic control file, which are mostly signage. He read the list of recommendations from the last three months of Traffic Commission meetings.

Mr. Ulbright 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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-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; Buytendyk-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

3. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2011-35 AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said due to billing errors by AEP, they pushed back subsequent billings to the city. In 2010 there were two months in discrepancy that were delayed into 2011. Mr. Ansel said the city paid for ten months in 2010 and will pay for fourteen months in 2011. The four months difference equates to approximately \$30,000 a month, totaling \$120,000 catch up payment for the city's electrical consumption. Mr. Ansel said AEP is asking that the city become current in 2011, thus the additional general fund transfer to cover this account balance.

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

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

4. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2011-36 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

A taxi report with prior year comparisons was distributed to council. Mr. Ansel thanked Susan Kelley, Recreation Manager, for supplying the year end figures for the city's subsidized taxi service, which council reviews every year at this time. The taxi program assists low income residents with transportation within the city. Qualified participants purchase taxi passes for \$3 and the city subsidizes \$2, paying the taxi company \$5 per transport for the \$7 fee. Mr. Ansel said there are some good trends with user transport volume and expenses holding constant. The estimated amounts to be paid to the three participating taxi companies for services provided in November and December will exceed the budgeted amount for 2011, necessitating \$28,000 to be appropriated to the Taxi Program cost center from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund for this service. Ms. Kelley told council the number of qualified riders has maintained but the number of new participants are not increasing. She believes they are finding other transportation options such as the Wooster Hospitality bus line that offers \$2 transports for set routes. Mayor Breneman said the city is in discussions with Ken Bogucki, operator of the transit system, about possibly working out a subsidy program with the transit system as well. Mr. Ulbright requested the administration publicize a pamphlet of all available transportation options in the city.

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

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

5. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-93 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH REA & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR AUDITING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said this is the annual renewal for audit services with REA & Associates. The cost of the audit is \$83,475, an increase of \$795 from the 2010 audit. Mr. Ansel said REA & Associates have audited the city for approximately nine years and have done an exceptional job. After a certain period of time, changing auditors is required, but Mr. Dordea said the auditor of state granted the city permission for REA & Associates to perform the city's audit for another year. The city's audit also includes Wooster Community Hospital, which REA & Associates have experience in auditing hospitals and that is difficult to find.

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

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

6. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-94 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES RELATED TO THE FRIENDSVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Ulbright)

This request is to enter into contracts for engineering services related to the Friendsville Road reconstruction project. Mr. Ulbright said the estimated cost of the project is \$30,000 and is budgeted from the Capital Improvements fund and Permissive Tax funds. The contracts will be for right-of-way acquisition services. Two contracts are needed to comply with ODOT right-of-way regulations. The contract for acquisition services would be with O.R. Colan and the contract for appraisal review services would be with Bowman Appraisal Services. Both firms are pre-qualified by ODOT to perform R/W services. The project is scheduled to begin construction by early 2012 and will take at least six months to complete negotiations. Mr. Ulbright pointed out that the city previously approved ODOT's schedule for construction and therefore the R/W acquisitions need to begin. The City Engineering Division will be involved in negotiations as well, and most likely will use only a portion of the funds requested. The services will only be billed based on the services provided. Negotiations and appraisals can not be performed in-house by the city's engineering staff due to ODOT regulations and required certifications. Mr. Montgomery said the city has used both of these firms before on ODOT projects and have had no issues with either of them.

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

7. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-95 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR SEASONAL TEMPORARY SERVICES FOR LEAF COLLECTION (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said this request is not for additional funding, but to enter into two separate contracts with Staffing Partners and MANCAN for seasonal temporary services for leaf collection. When the staffing services contract was bid, two bids were received and Staffing Partners was awarded the contract, but the \$25,000 threshold has been reached. Also, 15 additional personnel were needed for the project and neither agency could provide that many laborers, so both agencies were needed to fill the city's staffing needs. Mr. Cavin expressed concerns that leaves raked to the curbside are going into the storm sewers. Jim Uhler, Manager at PPM, said they are familiar with this

problem and there isn't much they can do other than ask residents to clean out the gutters if they see they are clogged.

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

8. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-96 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said every year the municipal tax incentive review council (TIRC) meet and review the existing enterprise zone (EZ) and community reinvestment act (CRA) agreements. There are currently twenty-two projects in various stages of these agreements, both in the downtown area and throughout the commercial industrial corridor of Wooster. Exhibit A listed the companies and TIRC's unanimous recommendations to renew of all existing EZ and CRA agreements for 2012. Although, the report noted that no later than March 31, 2012, the TIRC will meet with representatives from Chesterland Estates to determine if modification of their agreement is warranted.

There was a lengthy discussion and concerns voiced over the renewal of the Eldorado Stone & Chesterland Estates EZ agreement.

Mr. Ulbright said although Eldorado Stone met Phase I of the agreement, to construct a facility, but they have not achieved the personal property and creation and/or retention of jobs stipulation of the agreement. Mr. Ulbright said council has been continuously told that it is important to keep this piece of property on the tax abatement schedule because it makes it more sellable and not to claw back on the agreement. He asked if there was an advantage with leaving the resolution on first reading so council could digest the information and make a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Starlin said the deadline date to get TIRC's report to the State is at the end of the year, so council would have the opportunity to review it for three readings if they wished. Mr. Ulbright said it is encouraging to hear the new information because they haven't heard that in the previous years, but he still would like to review the legislation for two more weeks.

Justin Starlin explained in 2006 the housing market was on fire and home building was going extremely well. Eldorado Stone, whose business is controlled by the housing market, entered into a two phase EZ agreement. Phase I was to construct a warehousing and distribution facility in Wooster, a \$4.5 million project, which was completed. Phase II, a \$2.5 million project, was to relocate their Stonecraft manufacturing production from Apple Creek to their new facility in Wooster. Mr. Starlin said between Phase I and Phase II, the bottom of the housing market completely fell off. This company not only drastically backed off their plans to move Stonecraft to Wooster, but also reduced their existing production. Therefore their newly constructed 195,000 sq ft building was never utilized to its full capacity. Mr. Starlin said the last four years TIRC has continually voted to keep the abatement on the facility, even though Eldorado Stone hasn't met the guidelines, because they feel it will keep the property competitive with neighboring Akron and Canton areas where there are a lot of empty buildings and warehousing opportunities available. Mr. Starlin said when TIRC met last week, they said they have to consider this project as of December 31, 2010, although Mr. Starlin confirmed that recently there have been two contracts on the building and he anticipates there will be a distribution and warehousing operation in the Stonecraft facility beginning in January 2012. He said that is why TIRC stipulated that they would meet with Chesterland Estates in March, to get an idea as to what those contracts are as the exact numbers are unknown, but the unconfirmed figure is that 90% of the building will be full and that the two businesses utilizing the building are from outside of Wooster.

Mr. Buytendyk asked what amount of real property tax dollars the property was generating before the facility was built. Mr. Starlin said before it was built, it was considered agricultural and the 24 acres parcel was bringing roughly \$1000 of which the school board got approximately \$750. Mr. Buytendyk said that is important because if we decided to claw back, the major benefactor would be the school board, not the City of Wooster. He said the city gets 7 cents, or 7% of every dollar in real estate taxes. Mr. Starlin said real estate taxes with the abatement is approximately \$35,000, in essence \$34,000 more than if the building would have never been built. Mr. Buytendyk said people tend to say with the abatement we are losing tax dollars, but those are tax dollars Wooster would have

never had, had the building not been built. He also pointed out that the school system is getting tax revenues without having to provide education services for the property, as there are no employees and therefore no children to provide education services for. Mr. Buytendyk said the bottom line is \$34,000 more tax dollars have been generated with the building than the property alone would have.

Mr. Steiner asked what would be involved in modifying the terms of the agreement for job growth, etc., to allow the abatement to continue. Mr. Starlin said to modify the numbers to make them realistic for a warehousing and distribution center as opposed to manufacturing, an agreement between the City of Wooster and the applicant would be needed, with city council's final approval.

Mr. Ansel pointed out the existing Stonecraft operation is in Holmesville, not Apple Creek. He said the original plan was to move the unabated existing plant in Holmesville to the abated facility in Wooster, creating 250 manufacturing jobs, a far cry from 10 warehousing jobs, with the original tax projection over \$100,000. Mr. Ansel said realizing compromise in any tax incentive review is important, but subsidizing flawed business plans has to be a concern to everybody. Mr. Ansel said it is significant, it should not be minimalized and the real facts need to be discussed as well as the real impact of this lost business opportunity. Mr. Ansel named several empty warehouses within the City of Wooster and wanted to caution that these facilities don't have tax abatements and are competing with a warehouse, not a manufacturing facility, that is being subsidized by the City of Wooster. He cautioned in giving people competitive edges based on the tax payers or the schools coffers when we're in a free enterprise system and the competitive arena within our community. Mr. Ansel said he was more than willing to defer the resolution to the next meeting. Mr. Ansel said he believes it is the TIRC's job to review these applications and council's job to take their recommendations and he will always do that with his vote on council. Mr. Ulbright suggested possibly having a work session for Mr. Ansel to further address this issue. Mr. Ansel said he has been very cautious about speaking on the specifics of this venture as he can be perceived as being a competitor to this particular industry. He abstained from that vote on council as he did two other companies that the same partners represent and he will continue to abstain from future votes regarding any tax abatements from his perceived competitors and he will continue to affirm the recommendations of the TIRC. Mr. Ulbright questioned if council had to vote on TIRC's recommendations as a whole or if they could vote on all the other applications and pull Eldorado Stone from the group to vote on separately. Mr. Benson said council could separate out the issues if they wished.

Mr. Silvestri felt any type of a tax abatement could be perceived as granting a competitive edge in a free enterprise system. Therefore he didn't see the specific flaw in this case, as one applied and received the tax abatement, the another didn't.

Mr. Cavin said the other point he didn't hear mentioned was the other companies with tax abatement have by in large met their obligations and Eldorado Stone hasn't even come close. Personally, Mr. Cavin said he is done, he was done last year and he cannot support the Eldorado Stones abatement renewal, however he will attend a session to hear more, but at this point he is done.

In closing, Mr. Ansel said it is the TIRC's responsibility to make these recommendations, he just wanted to clarify some of the points Mr. Starlin shared. Mr. Ansel said if we're not going to hold businesses accountable, then we don't need to have claw backs because there can always be economic circumstances beyond our control and that is something we'll have to discuss as it relates to future EZ abatements. Mr. Silvestri said another point to consider is that Eldorado Stone isn't drawing on a lot of the city's infrastructure either. Mr. Cavin said but if they were here, they would be paying taxes to the city. They did not honor their contract and in his opinion the citizens of Wooster were sold a bill of goods and nothing was delivered and its time to pay up. Mr. Ansel said under the new tax abatement provisions if at the end of ten years a company fails to meet the guidelines, they will have to pay current tax rates for the next ten years, plus everything they were forgiven during the first ten years of abatement. He said its something to think about. The resolution remained on first reading.

9. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2011-97 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Mr. Ansel said this is something new, where the city can contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) to ensure any of our community housing improvement initiatives through CHIP do not interfere with the National Register of Historic Places. For example, Mr. Ansel said before renovating a 150 year old building we would check with the OHPO to determine if the building has historical significance before making improvements to the structure. Mr. Ansel said it's a neat resource and the beauty of it is we can enter into the contract for zero cost. Mr. Silvestri questioned if this would create more red tape and slow down the process only to find out there is not historic value. Ms. Knapic wondered if we had to run all projects through this resource or if we can pick and choose based upon whether we feel there might be some historic significance. Mr. Starlin said the CHIP program is administered by the Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority who initiate this process. On every project, if they run into anything questionable that the structure may be historical, which they are trained to look for, they contact OHPO who will either review it or defer it back to Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority to access. Mr. Benson said this contract just came up for us. He pointed out it's a very good thing that the city is able to use these monies for services Metropolitan Housing Authority has been administering for years. He explained the funding is coming from the federal government and there are governmental restrictions we are required to honor. If we don't, we have to return the money. Mr. Ansel said this has already been happening, it just wasn't contractually binding. Mr. Silvestri said the formality of this agreement is a new stipulation and the city is obligated to at least have this in place if we want to continue the program through Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority.

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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-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; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Buytendyk congratulated the City of Wooster's Finance Division for receiving a Certificate of Distinction from the State Auditor's Office. He also gave kudos to Jerry Martin and George Grande for their hard work in putting up the Christmas lights in the downtown. Mr. Buytendyk wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Ansel said for everyone to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. He looks forward to reconvening and getting into the deliberation of the 2012 budget as it should be a very interesting process.

Mr. Silvestri set a Public Utilities Committee meeting for Monday, November 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to further discuss Resolution No. 2011-89. Mr. Silvestri said he was particularly happy to see the Skinny Wooster section of the 2012 budget. At past council meetings it was said the citizens would be glad to see some of the cost saving initiatives the city administration has put together and ways they've slashed costs in general, such as going two years with no capital improvements and now finally needing to do something about our aging infrastructure. He will be looking over that section and appreciates the inclusion of that in the report.

Mr. Steiner pointed out that the City of Wooster's Finance Division has won the Certificate of Distinction multiple times and he congratulated them for receiving the award again.

Ms. Knapic too congratulated the finance division on their award. She also thanked Boy Scout Troop 68 for taking on the job at Diller Park and she also thanked the College of Wooster students who raked lawns for residents. Ms. Knapic said the Downtown Winter Wonderland was great and she wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Cavin wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Ulbright commended the City of Wooster Finance Division on their award and thanked them for the clarification of the 2012 budget report. Mr. Ulbright mentioned that the downtown looks beautiful and wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Cavin to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

David J. Silvestri
Acting President of Council

Cheryl K. Collins
Clerk of Council