

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 3, 2016

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 Linda Applebaum, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, and Finance Director Andrei Dordea.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman asked for Council to approve the nomination of Steven Slack to the Civil Service Commission to fill the position made available when Mr. Ken Vagnini resigned. The Mayor thanked Mr. Vagnini for his years of service and wise council.

The September 7th WARCOG monthly meeting was the best meeting to date. All members on board have been very pleased with the service they have received. Service metrics are now available to measure performance. The WCGLA is doing an outstanding job and the Mayor appreciates their efforts and service to our community. The Mayor also wants to thank the Chamber for organizing Woosterfest. The event was a huge success. The footers have been poured at the Safety Center. The WCH addition has steel in the air and things are moving well. The Mayor also issued a memo updating Council on the WARCOG manager, Mike Banks.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Buytendyk asked for a motion to approve the nomination for the Civil Service Commission by unanimous acclamation.

Councilman Silvestri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to approve the proposed membership of the Civil Service Commission. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Councilman Sanders reported on the Public Utilities meeting held earlier in the evening. The topic of discussion was Ordinance No. 2016-25. The issue is whether or not Council approves a non-exclusive franchise agreement for electrical power. There was a lot of great conversation and information shared. There will be further discussion on this legislation.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-25

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC ENERGY: THE OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND THE HOLMES-WAYNE ELECTRIC COOPERTIVE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND THE OHIO EDISON COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND ANY OTHER EXISTING OR FUTURE ELECTRIC UTILITY, A NON-EXCLUSIVE

FRANCHISE FOR ELECTRIC POWER AND OTHER PURPOSES TO THE CITY OF WOOSTER AND RESIDENTS, RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, OPERATE, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders moved to table, seconded by Councilman Ulbright, the legislation to allow time to achieve better balance of options. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WOOSTER FIT HOLDINGS LLC FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic stated that Wooster Fit Holdings LLC purchased the Hawkins Market area and she is very excited about the project. Wooster Fit aka Planet Fitness is requesting a CRA for 2312 Akron Road. The proposed rehabilitation project involves an investment of \$1,150,000 in construction and repair costs. A minimum of four full-time and four part-time jobs will be created within one year with a minimum combined \$150,000 annual payroll.

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman 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).

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman 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).

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

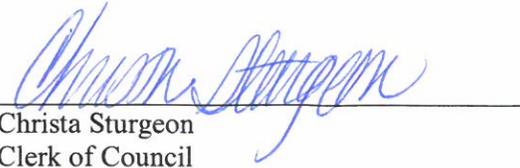
Councilwoman Knapic shared her excitement for Planet Fitness. Councilman Ulbright also shared in Councilwoman Knapic's excitement about Planet Fitness and added that the Public Utilities Commission had great discussion concerning Ordinance 2016-25. Councilman Silvestri asked if the City has received feedback concerning the roundabout and also asked that a road repair schedule be added to the City's website. Councilman Sanders welcomed Planet Fitness to Wooster and stated the group will continue to work on the Electrical Franchise Agreement to adjust the language and get out as soon as possible for review. Councilman Cavin thanked Councilman Sanders hosting the committee meeting and is also excited for Planet Fitness. Councilman Ansel complimented AEP and Wayne Holmes Electric for an enlightening Public Utilities session. He stated it was a complicated grid of information and thanked them for their thoroughness.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Christa Sturgeon
Clerk of Council