

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 5, 2018

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. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, Dave Silvestri, Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Bill Bostancic and Jennifer Warden. City Administration present: Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Law Director John Scavelli, Deputy Law Director Kevin Gibbons, Human Resource Manager Jeanette Wagner, Economic Coordinator Jonathan Millea, Recreation Manager Jeff Battig, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Hershberger, Recreation Coordinator Alexis Gunn and Chief Matt Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018, meeting, seconded by Councilman Ansel. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman announced that the architectural firm that designed the Wooster Community Hospital James Cancer Center was recently honored by the American Society Interior Design Group for their work at the hospital.

Mayor Breneman also spoke on Ordinance 2018-021. The Administration did not instigate the legislation and feel it is ill-advised to pass it.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Barb Knapic, 2766 Vinton Woods, Wooster, read her statement supporting Ordinance 2018-021.

Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant, Wooster, gave his reasons for opposing Ordinance 2018-021.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders gave background on Ordinance 2018-021 from the Laws and Ordinance Committee meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-018
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WOOSTER EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REGARDING WAGES, BENEFITS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated this was a request for a one-year extension of the WEA contract. Councilman Myers questioned how the percent increase was determined. Mr. Montgomery said the city does comparables with other cities and it is negotiated with the union.

Councilman Sanders moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel to suspend the rules. Upon roll call, motion to suspend carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Warden – yes). Councilman Sanders moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call motion to adopt carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin – yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Warden – yes)

2. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-019
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, MANAGEMENT BENEFITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated that this Ordinance is to apply WEA/Fire/WPD benefits to Management so all entities are the same. He wishes to leave it on second reading. Councilman Myers had a question regarding the payout of \$6000 towards retirement. Mr. Montgomery stated that Fire and Police both are eligible for the payout after 18 years. WEA and Management are eligible after 27 years.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION 2018-065
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JAS, LLC FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES TO THE MEMMER HOMES GROUP LLC, A NEW OWNER, AND GILCREST SENIOR WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER INC, AN EMPLOYER (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated joint ventures are always exciting and introduced Jonathan Millea to discuss the tax incentive. Mr. Millea gave the background and history of the incentive and the need for the transfer. It is an advantage to partner with two parties in order to make the project successful. Mark Memmer, Memmer Homes Group, said his group made a big investment to bring the building up to code in order for it to be used as adult day care. Councilman Cavin reminded council that the terms are unchanged for the incentive.

Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Myers to suspend the rules. Upon roll call, motion to suspend carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Warden – yes). Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call motion to adopt carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin – yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Warden – yes)

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-066
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE WOOSTER YMCA FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER’S SWIMMING FACILITIES (Myers)

Councilman Myers is excited to be in partnership with the YMCA again. 2018 saw record income and attendance at the pools. Councilman Myers is working on keeping Christmas Run Park pool open for a longer period. Jeff Battig said that there had been some issues at Knights Field Spray Park and it has been decided to try to hire a more seasoned individual to be at that site. Knights Field only has one attendant on duty. This is part of the reason for the higher costs needed for the 2019 contract. Councilman Myers requested this go to second reading.

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375, SNOWMOBILES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES AND ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this is legislation he requested to be done. He requested it go to second reading.

Councilman Bostancic stated this is a big no for him; he does not see a need and feels it would create a safety issue. Councilman Cavin agreed. Chief Fisher does not see an upside to this legislation and it will cause problems. Mr. Scavelli said the ORC allows for the city to have this for golf carts. It is a choice we can make.

4. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-021
AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL TO
PURCHASE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH THE CITY OF
WOOSTER (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said the issue was discussed at the committee meeting and requested this go to second reading. Councilman Bostancic thinks this is a difficult issue and needs more research and discussion. He would like it to go to next year.

Councilman Ansel wants the Finance Committee to look closely at the cost structure of the health care program and control escalating costs.

Councilman Silvestri requested comparables on salaries, hospitalization, and how many cities designate city council as employees or elected officials.

Councilman Sanders thanked the Administration for all the work that has been done so far on this issue. He asked if it would be beneficial to hire a third party attorney and what the cost would be. Mr. Gibbons said a less expensive method would be to survey other cities our size and see what's out there. Our consultant and broker, Chapman & Chapman, have no other cities that provide insurance to city council members. Councilman Sanders requested the city research it further.

Councilwoman Warden would like to wait for the compensation committee to make their recommendation.

Councilman Ansel stressed that this legislation is an opt-in for employees to pay the entire premium and obtain the city coverage and would be an option for the part-time employee.

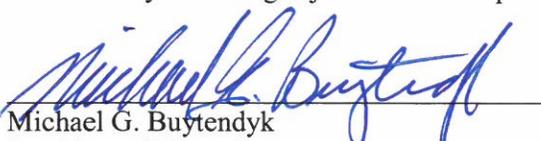
Mayor Breneman will be asking for names from council for people to serve on the compensation committee. The Charter mandates the committee be formed in 2019. The committee is comprised of nine residents that must meet certain criteria.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Ansel reminded council that the Finance Committee is meeting on November 19th at 6:30. The bed tax joint application has been received and if anyone would like to review it, Lynne has it. Ohio Light Opera and Wayne Center for the Arts will be presenting their ideas for possibly expanding the bed tax funding.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Cavin moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ansel. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council