

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 3, 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, Economic Coordinator Jonathan Millea, Planning and Zoning Manager Andrew Dutton, and Chief Matt Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cavin moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman spoke on the 2019 budget, the published City Newsletter and his memo to council regarding appointments to the Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Ansel motioned to approve the reappointment of Steven Slack to the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Councilman Myers, upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Warden motioned to approve the appointment of Susan Buchwalter to the Civil Service Commission, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Silvestri motioned to waive the Ohio Liquor Control Hearing for Minit Mart seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to waive hearing carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Bostancic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Warden-yes; and Silvestri – yes)

Roger Adkins, 401 Maiden Lane; Paul Jackson, 3997 Stone Creek Drive; Mark Gooch, 1636 Gasche Street; Kevin Franklin, 150 E. North Street; Erica Kiefer, 845 Quinby, Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant; objected to Ordinance 2018-025.

Barbara Tickton-Gill, 220 W. Henrietta Street, spoke on Ordinance 2018-020.

Greg Gehris, 347 N. Grant, spoke on Ordinance 2018-021.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Jonathan Millea gave a review of the Tax Incentive Review Committee meeting. The Committee meets annually to review the CRA and EZ agreements and applications.

Councilman Ansel stated the Finance Committee had a very productive meeting. The City is in a very positive position financially as is Wooster Community Hospital.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third 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 ordinance has many advantages and has the safety requirements for the vehicles. Councilman Myers is concerned about placing golf carts in with snowmobiles and motorcycles in this section of the code. John Scavelli stated he was trying to find the best place for it to fit within our ordinances. Councilwoman Warden read an article regarding the safety of golf carts on roadways.

Councilman Sanders moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call motion to adopt was defeated 5-2 (Ansel-no; Cavin – no; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-no; Silvestri-no; and Warden – no)

2. Third Reading – Ordinance 2018-021

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH THE CITY OF WOOSTER (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated that it is difficult to categorize council as anything other than part-time which will create more issues. He would like to have more time to research what other communities are doing. He requested council table the issue.

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

3. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, TO ZONE LAND (53.428 ACRES) TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BURBANK ROAD AND WEST SMITHVILLE-WESTERN ROAD KNOWN AS PARCEL 67-02990.000 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this is a fantastic opportunity. Councilwoman Warden questioned whether there was adequate sewer and water available. Andrew Dutton said that the developer will be responsible for all upgrades, water, sewer, traffic, etc.

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)

4. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-023

AN ORDINANCE 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, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said they had talked about the city budget enough this evening and to be ready to vote at the December 17th council meeting. He set a Finance Committee meeting for 7:00 p.m. on December 17th to answer any additional questions on the 2019 Appropriations Budget.

5. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-070

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated he had received no feedback from anyone on this issue. The WEDC is an important partner with the City for economic development, it an excellent return of investment.

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

6. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 521, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers)

Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Bostancic 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 Myers 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)

7. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 521, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said that both sides have had the opportunity to state their views. The legislation will go to third reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-026

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE AUTHORIZED RANGE OF PAY SCALES AND BENEFITS FOR HOURLY RATED AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES AT WOOSTER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AND REPEALING FORMER ORDINANCES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that Wooster Community Hospital annually provides a comparative wages/salaries survey used to gauge employee merit increases. The hospital board has approved a 2% wage increase effective 1-6-2019. Councilman Ansel said this would go to second reading.

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-071

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel thanked Jonathan Millea for his summary containing plenty of statistics and projections on the economic development. It was comprehensive and thorough.

Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Sanders 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)

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-072
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT
TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said the enterprise zone is comprised of the heavy-weights in the industrial community. Jonathan Millea said these agreements have a major impact on the economy.

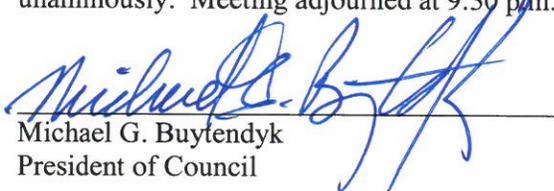
Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilman Myers to suspend the rules. Upon roll call, motion to suspend carried 7-0 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Warden – yes). Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll call motion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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Various council members thanked the citizens for their input and for attending tonight’s meeting. Councilman Sanders stated that Ordinance 1992-31 is still in effect which allows limited access for golf carts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. 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