


WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 1, 2019

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, Bill Bostancic, Jennifer Warden and Mark Cavin. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Law Director John Scavelli, City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik, Planning & Zoning Manager Andrew Dutton, Building Standards Manager Tim Monea and Chief Matt Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman gave an update on the Wooster Growth purchase of the old Horn Nursing Home and spoke on the recent Wayne Onward meeting held by the county to develop a comprehensive plan for Wayne County.

Several members of the administration attended a meeting at the College of Wooster put on by AMRE. AMRE took a look at the homeless situation in Wooster and gave their thoughts and suggestions on how to make improvements.

Joel Montgomery announced that ICMA had awarded the City of Wooster the Community Sustainability Award for the work done at the Water Resource Recovery Facility.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Ansel made a motion to waive the liquor control hearing, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, the motion passed unanimously. (Ansel-yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri-yes; Cavin-yes; Warden -yes)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Health & Leisure Committee met before the council meeting to learn about General Wooster as presented by Jason Alexander. Mr. Alexander is asking for donations to place a statue of General Wooster at the Wayne County Public Library. Councilman Myers thanked Mr. Alexander for his presentation and stated that council will have a future discussion regarding funding the statue.

Public Hearing – Annexation

Councilman Sanders opened the annexation hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak for the annexation on Old Mansfield Road.. Mr. Anfang, 434 N. Market Street, Wooster OH, is representing Mr. Graham. It is a logical extension of the city limits. There were no comments made against the annexation. Councilman Sanders closed the public hearing on the annexation.

Public Hearing – Zoning

Councilman Sanders opened the zoning public hearing for the property on Old Mansfield Road. Mr. Anfang spoke on the benefit of applying the I-2 (General Industry) to the property. There was some discussion regarding stormwater control, set backs and water quality. There were no comments made against the I-2 zoning. Councilman Sanders closed the public hearing on the zoning.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT FOR THE TERMS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders thanked the compensation committee for their service and recommendations for the salary increase. Councilman Sanders doesn't consider the salary increase necessary.

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

2. Third Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders again thanked the compensation committee for their work and recommendations for the salary increase. Councilman Sanders doesn't consider the salary increase necessary.

Councilman Myers wanted to make it clear that our current Mayor works hard every day and the councilman has much respect for the Mayor and supports him 100%. He was just questioning the laws that are in the Charter.

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

3. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD MANSFIELD ROAD (TR 46), EAST OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCAFEE ROAD, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS. (William Anfang III, Esq., Agent for Petitioner GramCord, LLC) (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated the public hearing had been held; this is a fantastic opportunity for the city and there is already interest in the property.

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

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

4. Second Reading - ORDINANCE 2019-15

AN ORDINANCE TO ZONE ANNEXED LAND AS I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL), FOR TERRITORY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD MANSFIELD ROAD (TR 46), EAST OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCAFEE ROAD, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1107.04 OF THE WOOSTER CODIFIED ORDINANCES (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this zoning request is a perfect fit for the property.

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1301, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders introduced the legislation as a modification necessary due to the State of Ohio implementing it already. The local HBA has already been informed of the changes and the state code actually is effective today (July 1st).

Councilwoman Warden asked about the reference to the 1993 flood insurance survey. Mr. Monea stated that FEMA routinely updates the maps but sites back to the original 1993 reference on the paperwork.

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

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37
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 CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE TANK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri said this legislation is an opportunity to rid the city of the offensive odors that sometimes fill the downtown. When the current lagoons are disturbed, the odors can be quite noticeable. This project will construct a fully enclosed tank mitigating the odor problem. We are currently on track to collect over a million dollars in tipping fees, and with the current management, the expenses for the plant have been decreased.

Councilman Ansel wanted to know the size. Mr. Kobilarcsik said that the diameter is 148' and it will be 38' high and will be located directly west of the current fields. It will be able to carry a load of 40 million pounds. Councilman Cavin wanted to know how much the odor would be mitigated. Mr. Kobilarcsik believes it could be as high as 90%, but that it is a waste water treatment plant so there will always be smells. Councilwoman Warden asked what would become of the current lagoons. Mr. Kobilarcsik said one would be kept to use for the lime that comes from the water treatment plant. Councilman Sanders wanted to know the time-frame for construction. Mr. Kobilarcsik said there is a lead time on the tank and the foundation, but it should be in operation the first quarter of 2020. With it being an enclosed tank, the gases will be recaptured and used toward generating electric.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED PRIOR TO THE FISCAL OFFICER’S CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a straight forward piece of legislation. Due to the recent surge of interviewing and hiring in the police department, this legislation will allow payment for the services provided by PRADCO. Councilwoman Warden asked how many new police have been added. Chief Fisher said one officer has started, three are in the pipeline and a few more are still in the interview process.

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

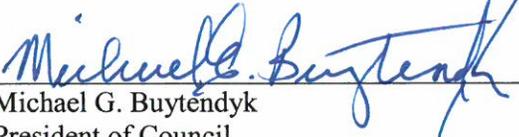
Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call motion to adopt carried 7-0. (Ansel-yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Silvestri-yes; Cavin -yes; Warden - yes)

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Several council members recognized and thanked members of the compensation committee that were in the audience. Councilmen Cavin and Silvestri are super excited about the sludge tank construction. Councilwoman Warden announced a fundraising event for the General Wooster statue project. Meatheads Union will be hosting an event on July 11th from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. to raise money, for every drink purchased one dollar will go towards the General Wooster Fund.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council