

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 19, 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, Recreation Manager Jeff Battig and Chief Matt Fisher.

President Buytendyk stated that item VIII. Executive Session would include a brief discussion on pending litigation to go along with the property purchase discussion.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman welcomed two new businesses to town, Marc's and Hobby Lobby.

The city crews and contractors have been busy paving 58 streets this summer costing approximately \$2,400,000 which accounts for 10% of the general fund budget.

The old Horn Nursing Home property is slated for demolition in the next few months. Wooster Growth and the Wayne County CIC are accepting proposals for development until August 30th.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Ansel made a motion to waive the liquor control hearing, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. 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 - NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ANNUAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said that ODOT and the City currently are in a three-year contract for ODOT to provide the bridge inspection services; this is a request to continue for the next three-year period. ODOT inspects five bridges within the city limits. There is no fee charged for the service.

Councilman Bostancic 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 Bostancic 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. 2019-40

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 REPLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING AND NEW STORM SEWERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri explained the project and the area affected Ohio Street and Chestnut Court. The storm sewer project is estimated to cost \$175,000 and will be bid out this year. It is a budgeted item.

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. 2019-41

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 BIKE PATH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this project is an authorization to bid and is another phase in the bike loop. ODOT will fund \$717,500 of the cost and the city will fund \$137,500. The plans are at ODOT for approval and the project will be bid once ODOT has approved. Mr. Kobilarcsik said he will bid the project out this year with construction not starting until 2020. This is a budgeted item.

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (Myers)

Councilman Myers introduced Jeff Battig and said he would leave the professionals to speak about the transportation program. Mr. Battig spoke briefly about his experience riding the bus and then introduced Leslie Baus, Wayne County Mobility Coordinator. Ms. Baus said CAW/M had conducted a quick survey of their riders and read many positive comments to council.

David Drumm, 4138 Swanson, spoke on the importance of the program and how it directly affects his ability to be mobile and get to his doctor's appointments and continue to live in Wooster.

Marcia Billups, 621 Quinby Avenue, spoke on how the program makes a difference in her life. She uses it for work, doctor's appointments and shopping. It is very important for people that don't have transportation.

Many council members and the mayor expressed their support for the transportation program and to Eric Swartzentruber, owner of Wooster Transit.

Councilman Cavin asked if they had thought of possibly having corporations provide passes for their employees or sponsorship. Mr. Montgomery said it has been discussed and it is on the list for 2020 to try

to develop partnerships. Ms. Baus said CAW/M has applied for two grants this year specifically aimed to do that very thing. They are hoping to expand the ridership county-wide.

Councilman Bostancic wanted clarification on the cost to ride. It is \$2.00 for the general public to ride the bus and the bus drivers accept cash. There is no need to get passes in order to take the bus. Mr. Swartzentruber stated that if the program wasn't subsidized the cost would be more in the \$4.00 range.

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORC. 121.22(G)(2)

Property purchase and pending litigation.

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

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

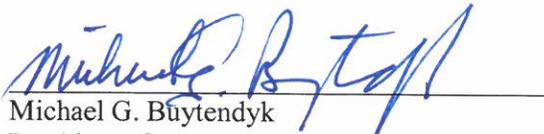
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Silvestri thanked his constituents in Ward 3 for the letters regarding a drainage issue and the development of certain property. He stated that at this time, the developer has been following the regulations and the issue is not slated to come before council.

Councilman Myers requested a Public Health and Leisure Committee meeting for September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the success of the Buckeye Street neighborhood.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

