

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**October 21, 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, Jon Ansel, Bill Bostancic, Jennifer Warden, David Silvestri, and Mark Cavin. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Law Director John Scavelli, Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea, PPM Manager Curt Denning, and Chief Fisher.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Warden moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman thanked the sponsors of Candidates Night and thought it was a good forum. He announced that Rhodes Walter has been hired as the Executive Director of the WARCOG and will begin his full-time employment there in December.

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - NONE**

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m. before the council meeting to discuss two topics; General Wooster statue donation and the bed tax applications. For the first time in many years, more than one application was received for the bed tax funding. The joint application for Main Street, Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Wooster Chamber was received along with an application from the Wayne County Agricultural Society. The Finance Committee will continue to review the applications and will provide council their recommendation.

Councilman Ansel stated the second topic involved the General Wooster statue. Council has seen presentations and literature on the project. Councilman Myers asked for something to be put on the table so Council can review and discuss how council will proceed. It is unusual to have taxpayer funding go towards these types of projects. The resolution before council tonight will have three readings.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MLLM LTD. FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST SOUTH STREET PUBLIC PARKING LOT, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated that this is a request to purchase two parcels behind Muddy's, the structures will be demolished and an estimated 42 spot parking lot will be created. The cost will be \$50,000 with \$135,000 of the current appraised value of \$185,000 being considered a charitable donation. The purchase of the property along with the construction of the parking lot is aligned with the 2015 Downtown Strategic Plan.

Mr. Cavin wanted to know about the current structures on the site. Mr. Millea stated that one is condemned and the other is vacant. Councilman Silvestri said that there is a perception that downtown parking is still limited and this will help with the downtown parking issue. Councilwoman Warden is excited to see the downtown progress moving east.

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

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR FUEL SERVICES FOR CITY VEHICLES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a multi-year contract and the previous one from 2016 had only one local provider submit a bid. The three-year contract is a more efficient way to handle this type of contract. It is a budgeted item.

Councilman Bostancic wondered how the pricing worked and what happens when there is a fuel price increase. Mr. Denning explained how the pricing is based on the Oil Price Information Service, it's indexed pricing and based on the "rack" price.

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; Cavin -yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri - yes)

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DONATE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL DAVID WOOSTER MEMORIAL STATUE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS (Ansel)

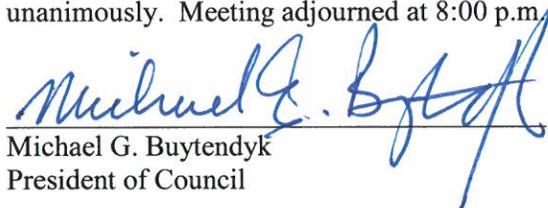
Councilman Ansel stated this is an unusual request for a unique project. The total cost of the statue project is estimated to be \$85,000. There is some controversy regarding using taxpayer dollars on these types of projects. There will be further discussion on this resolution. The resolution is considered to have its first reading.

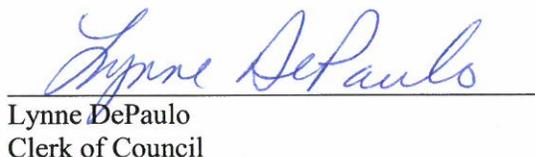
**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Several council members gave congratulations to Rhodes Walter for accepting the Executive Director position. Councilman Cavin also thanked Cody Post for his past efforts and work in getting the dispatch center up and running.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council