

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 18, 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, City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik, Recreation Supervisor Ashley Hershberger, Human Resource Manager Jeanette Wagner, Utilities Manager Darrell Moser and Chief Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman congratulated council member candidates on their re-election. He also acknowledged Sandra Hull, Main Street Wooster, for her commitment to the community and congratulated her on her recent retirement from Main Street.

Mayor Breneman spoke on some of the high points presented in the 2020 budgets.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Ansel made a motion to waive the liquor control hearing for Minglewood Distillery, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll call, the motion passed 7-0. (Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Cavin-yes; Silvestri – yes, Warden –yes; Ansel - yes)

Jason Anderson, 573 Northwestern Avenue, and Becky Foster, 3355 Oak Hill Road, spoke on their support for Resolution No. 2019-54.

Tom Stocksdale, 1989 Blachleyville Road, Wooster, and Rich Mairs, 2001 Springville Road, Wooster, spoke on their support of Resolution No. 2019-62.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third 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 thanked Jason Anderson for his enthusiasm and acknowledged the significance of General Wooster. He stated that council had researched previous tribute contributions and found the most recent one was a \$3500 donation for a bench at the veteran's cemetery in Rittman. Council had considered amending the resolution to reflect a different amount than the \$12,000 but has decided they will vote based on the resolution as written.

Councilman Myers, Councilman Bostancic, Councilwoman Warden and President Buytendyk all spoke in support of the resolution. Councilman Ansel was concerned that Mr. Anderson had not secured more private donations.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION OF WAYNE/MEDINA COUNTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS (Myers)

Councilman Myers said that council had received a summary of the transportation pass program and council had also reviewed the success of the program earlier this year. He would like to pass this legislation this evening.

Mrs. Hershberger went over the highlights of the program and the eligibility requirements. They now have 48 locations including GOJO and Artiflex.

Leslie Baus reviewed the numbers stating that as of the end of September they had provided 59,991 transports and estimate by the end of the year to be at 79,989 transports. She stated that CAW/M has a good partnership with many agencies and employers.

CAW/M applied for grants and was awarded a \$100,000 Paradox price grant. This money will be used to promote ridership in the county. Melissa Pearce stated they hope to begin a micro-transit program designed to get county residents to Wooster employers on December 9th.

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

Discussion was had regarding the \$600,000 request and whether it was for 2019 or 2020 and whether it needed to be that much. Upon further review, it was decided to rescind the suspension of the rules and have a second reading on the legislation.

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

2. First Reading ORDINANCE NO. 2019-22

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, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that all of council had just received their 2020 Appropriation Budget notebooks and this legislation will be considered to have its first reading. The hospital information is in Section 5 of the notebook and will be on the agenda for the December 16th council meeting.

Finance Committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and Monday, December 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

All questions should go through the committee or be addressed to Mr. Dordea.

The Finance Committee will have a year-end session if they can not get done by December 16th.

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-61

A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, OHIO OF ITS REVENUE BONDS, A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY LIFECARE HOSPICE

LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said council is familiar with the procedure. A public hearing will be held on December 2nd. City approval will have no impact on the city debt capacity. This request is similar to what council did for Westview Manor earlier this year. Councilman Myers said he will recuse himself the vote.

Attorney Michael Mellier, Ice Miller, stated per federal/state regulations, it is necessary to get the City of Wooster's approval for Montgomery County to issue the bonds.

The resolution is considered to have its first reading.

4. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 62

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH APPLICANTS FOR THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONIES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel thanked the Wayne County Fair Board members for the addition of the new center. The Finance Committee reviewed their application and did not feel it met the guidelines for use of the bed tax funds. The event center has no history or track record to show any economic impact.

Councilwoman Warden encouraged the Fair Board to apply again in the future and be sure to show the economic benefit to the city. Councilman Silvestri likes the joint application approach and suggested the Fair Board work with the Chamber, Main Street and Wayne County Visitors Bureau to join in their application.

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

Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll call motion to adopt failed 1-6. (Myers – yes; Sanders –no; Bostancic-no; Cavin -no; Warden – no; Silvestri – no; Ansel - no)

5. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2019-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS APPLICANTS FOR THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONIES (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said the joint application was thorough and positive and showed the economic impact that drives tourism. The collaborative approach is highly appreciated and the history justifies the request.

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

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

6. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2019-64

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD ON OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape, PHASE II, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated that the Equalization Board had met and agreed to reduce the cost as stated in paragraph three in their report. No one property owner shall be assessed more than 10% of the total assessed amount of \$117,661.19 or \$11,766.00.

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

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

7. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2019-65

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 DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT, PHASE 2, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said that the city is ready to advertise and bid Phase 2. The project is budgeted.

Councilman Bostancic moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call motion to adopt carried 6-1. (Myers – no; Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Cavin -yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel - yes)

8. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2019-23

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RED FLAG POLICY AND ESTABLISHING AN IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF UTILITIES AND FINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this legislation is to establish a program that will help prevent identity theft to our residents that use city services, in essence, the city creates open accounts which are potentially subject to identity theft. Councilman Bostancic asked if its law and required. Mr. Dordea stated it was part of federal regulations to comply with the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag Policy. The Red Flag originally began with private enterprises, but has been expanded to include municipalities.

Darrell Moser stated residents will need to provide photo id and come in person to set up residential services. Discussion was had regarding the procedures and the necessity of this ordinance. Mr. Scavelli assured council that the city falls under the FTC guidelines and this is to ensure more security for everyone.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the procedures and the necessity of the legislation.

The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

9. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONTRACT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY(Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri spoke on the waterline project on Freedlander Road. It was originally quoted at \$49,500 which is under the \$50,000 threshold and did not need council approval at that time. During the project the waterline broke and created a large cavity that needed to be filled adding cost to the project. The project is now anticipated to be \$53,000 and needs council approval. The project is a budgeted item.

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

10. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-67

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

Councilman Ansel thanked the Tax Incentive Review Council for their thorough annual review of the CRA program. Councilman Ansel asked council to look over the recommendations and be prepared to vote on December 2nd. Councilman Ansel would like clarification on the ABS status. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

11. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-68

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is the same as the previous legislation request but is for the EZ. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

12. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-69

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO JOIN BUCKEYE OHIO RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BENEFITS POOL (BORMA) FOR THE FURNISHING AND ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that with the rising costs of healthcare, the city explored other providers and came up empty. The best solution is to join a risk management pool. Mr. Dordea supplied council with a cost structure for the employee plans. By joining BORMA the costs will remain steady rather than increasing by an estimated \$500,000. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

13. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-70

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUCKEYE OHIO RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BENEFITS POOL (BORMA) (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said that once the city joins BORMA they will be eligible to have a representative at the meetings. This legislation appoints the Director of Administration or his designee, the Human Resource Manager. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

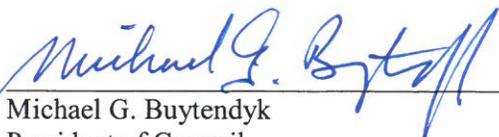
Councilman Ansel stated the Finance Committee upcoming meetings as:

Monday, December 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m. City Hall

Monday, December 16, 2019 6:30 p.m. City Hall

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

