

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 2020

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, Bill Bostancic, Jennifer Warden, David Silvestri, Jon Ansel and Mark Cavin. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Deputy Law Director Kevin Gibbons, Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea, and Chief Matt Fisher.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Warden moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman had given his State of the City address prior to the council meeting.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Mark Gooch, 1636 Gasche Street; Shannon Waller, Main Street Wooster; and Tomy Pukys, WEDC, all provided comments on Resolution 2020-09.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIVE L FARM LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated this resolution has now had three readings and reviewed the highpoints of the legislation. Councilman Myers reminded council that options for housing needs to be addressed along with industrial development. Councilman Ansel expressed his support of the legislation and said this is a unique opportunity and a bold and creative initiative. Councilman Silvestri said this is a very serious issue to consider and is a move that the city can't afford to pass up.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders introduced the legislation and said he would like it to be considered to have it's first reading so council can review it further.

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR THE HIGHLAND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this is the first of two similar requests to provide an equalization board for the projects. There have been several objections filed from residents on the Highland Road project and the board will meet to discuss the objections.

Councilman Myers said he has been contacted by several residents and is questioning whether a sidewalk on the south side of Highland is really necessary. Mr. Kobilarcsik stated he believes it is important and will provide a walkway reaching to Oak Hill for the residents.

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

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR THE SUNSET LANE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this resolution is just like the previous one. Councilwoman Warden wanted to know if there is SRTS/ODOT funding involved. Mr. Kobilarcsik said that SRTS money was being used toward the installation of the sidewalks, but not the roadway reconstruction.

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

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MATERIALS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri said this is a budgeted item for the purchase of soda ash used in the water production process.

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CITY CHARTER 8.06(e)(3) – Possible litigation

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

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Silvestri mentioned the release of two short videos by the city showcasing the Police Department and the Water Recovery Resource Facility.

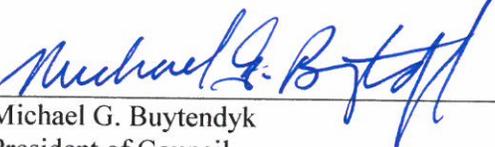
Councilwoman Warden thanked residents and business leaders for contacting her regarding the purchase of the 5L Farm, she appreciated their comments. She also wished her grandma, Margaret Collins, a happy 101st birthday.

Councilman Cavin thanked the Mayor for the State of the City address. He found it quite informative.

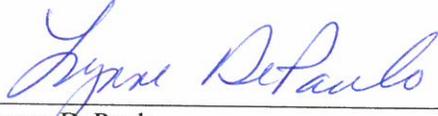
Councilman Myers announced a few of the events being offered by the Suffrage Centennial Committee for the 100th anniversary of the woman's right to vote. There are speakers scheduled for various dates and a parade held on April 18th. He wanted everyone to know the entry deadline for the parade is March 16th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. 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