

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2020

Due to the Stay at Home order, this city council meeting was held via a Zoom conference call. The recorded video of the meeting is available on the City of Wooster YouTube channel.

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the teleconference meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, Bill Bostancic, Jennifer Warden, David Silvestri, Jon Ansel, Scott Myers, and Mark Cavin. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director John Scavelli, City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik, and PPM Manager Curt Denning.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Myers moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman gave an update on city operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Things are going well and very busy. The hospital had not admitted any new COVID-19 patients in the last week. Governor DeWine is considering releasing hospitals to normal operations soon since the curve has flattened.

The Mayor gave his endorsement to Ordinance 2020-10, the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Certified Angus Beef.

The Mayor also announced that GOJO and Lubrizol would be donating 16,000 liters of hand sanitizer to hospitals in Cuyahoga, Summit, and Wayne Counties.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21

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 REHABILITATION OF THE CORRUGATED METAL CULVERT UNDER THE DIX EXPRESSWAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri stated the \$90,000 to reline the culvert is significantly less than if the City were to replace the culvert. Mr. Kobilarcsik said because of the project being a relining rather than a replacement; there would be no interruption of traffic and no lane closures. This is a budgeted item.

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22

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 OF THE WATERLINE ON HOLMES BOULEVARD AND CALDWELL DRIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri reviewed the scope of the project and thanked the Engineering Division for designing and handling the project management of the project. Councilwoman Warden asked if there would be any assessments to residents with this project. Mr. Kobilarcsik stated it would be paid out of the water fund. It is a budgeted item.

Councilman Silvestri motioned to adopt, 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)

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO EXTEND DAISY WAY FROM OLD AIRPORT ROAD TO THE EXISTING DAISY WAY AND TO DETERMINE ASSESSMENTS FOR AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this resolution is necessary to proceed with the assessment process. All owners have already been contacted and are on board with the project. Councilman Silvestri pointed out the project was costing the City \$389,000 plus there are two grants to be used toward the \$1,000,000 project. He was interested in knowing how the grants came about. Mayor Breneman said that Mr. Montgomery was instrumental in getting the Transportation Improvement District (TID) established. Mr. Montgomery stated that it was a cooperative effort with many players including WEDC, the Wayne County Commissioners, the cities of Rittman and Orrville, and the City's Development Coordinator, Jonathan Millea.

Councilman Bostancic motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. 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 Myers. 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 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF, LLC FOR CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel introduced the ordinance explaining that Certified Angus Beef was asking for a 50% tax abatement through the Wayne County's Rural Enterprise Zone Program. Certified Angus Beef will construct an 18,000 SF print-shop and warehouse building along with creating six full-time jobs. This is a lengthy process with approval needing to come from the county and state levels too.

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

Councilman Myers recused himself from the vote to adopt due to Certified Angus Beef being a client of his.

Councilman Ansel motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried 6-0. (Sanders – yes; Bostancic-yes; Cavin -yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes) (Myers-recused)

Mr. Brent Eichar, Certified Angus Beef, thanked council for their support and said the City is a big reason for the success of Certified Angus Beef.

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden said this is an opportunity for PPM to replenish their road salt reserves at state pricing. PPM is requesting 2000 tons. This is an emergency measure since the request with the state needs filed by April 24. Councilman Silvestri asked if this was a change in state policy. Mr. Denning said no, the City usually purchases from the state. The state's fiscal year ends on June 30 which is why the state requests us to notify them in April for their upcoming budget planning. Councilman Bostancic asked what PPM had spent last year. Mr. Denning said \$89.51 a ton. Salt is a very unstable commodity, but Mr. Denning does not feel demand should be too great this year due to the mild winter.

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

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

6. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11

AN ORDINANCE STATING TO THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023, THE SERVICES WHICH THE CITY OF WOOSTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR A MULTIPLE PARCEL SITE KNOWN AS PARCELS 53-00145.000, 53-00145.002, 53-01626.001 AND 53-01626.000 WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Robert Reynolds, Esq., Agent for Petitioners, The Wooster City School District and The City of Wooster) (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated the annexation request is for four parcels in the area of Oldman Road and Oak Hill. Mr. Reynolds, agent for the petitioners, said that the four parcels total just over 25 acres. The City of Wooster owns two of the parcels and Wooster City Schools own two parcels. The property is all on the east side of Oak Hill Road. Councilman Sanders asked if there was a need for a public hearing. Mr. Scavelli said not at this time; this ordinance is just to provide services, when the next ordinance is done to accept the annexation, there will be a public hearing.

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

Councilman Sanders 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)

7. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12

AN ORDINANCE STATING TO THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023, THE SERVICES WHICH THE CITY OF WOOSTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE PARCEL SITE KNOWN AS 2150 OAK HILL ROAD, WOOSTER, OHIO (PARCEL 53-00300.000) WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Robert Reynolds, Esq., Agent for Petitioners Terry and Beverly Raber) (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated this was another annexation request and asked Mr. Reynolds to speak on it. Mr. Reynolds said this is an expedited annexation request; the pre-annexation agreement is already in place. This is a buildable lot along Oak Hill and the owners want city services to be available to them. Councilman Silvestri reminded everyone that council had approved the pre-annexation agreement at the March 16 meeting.

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

Councilman Sanders 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)

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

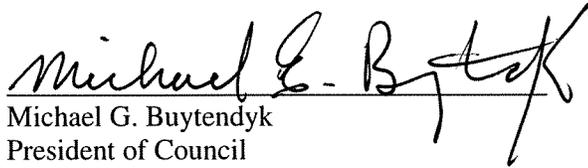
All council members expressed their gratitude and thanks to everyone working on the front lines, including city administration and city employees.

Councilman Bostancic asked if the City could somehow point residents to areas where food was available. Mayor Breneman said that the Salvation Army and the Wooster Hope Center both are working with people in need. Councilman Myers suggested calling the United Way, 330-264-5576 or 211. The United Way has been coordinating agencies in getting help to the public. The City will place information on their website.

Councilwoman Warden asked when Waste Management would resume their bulk pick-ups. Mr. Montgomery does not have a time-frame from Waste Management; he requested residents call city hall if there is a problem.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council