

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 8, 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 videoconference meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:50 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, Bill Bostancic, Jennifer Warden, David Silvestri, Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin and Scott Myers. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, and Law Director John Scavelli.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman gave a COVID-19 update. The community seems to be working towards normalcy. Many manufacturing companies are hiring and there are few shortages at the stores.

The DORA is moving forward and will be up and ready to enjoy in the next few weeks.

The Administration met with the new Salvation Army Majors Timothy and Constance Higgins.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders opened a public hearing for the annexation of properties on Oak Hill. Attorney Robert Reynolds spoke for the annexation as the agent for the petitioners. No one spoke against the annexation. Councilman Sanders closed the public hearing.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Second Reading - AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden presented the legislation stating there were four parcels totaling 5.64 acres available for purchase and gave an overview of the funding options. Margo Broehl representing Wooster Growth spoke in favor of the purchase. Jonathan Millea gave a summary from the economic development aspect and answered questions/concerns from YouTube viewers.

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

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

2. Second Reading –AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351, PARKING GENERALLY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY ADOPTING A PROHIBITION AGAINST

PARKING, OR ABANDONING UPON ANY STREET A RECREATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE. (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders reviewed the legislation regarding RV parking on the street and there being 8-12 situations per year. His concern is the time-frame of 24 hours for parking in front of the home that is contained in the legislation. Councilwoman Warden stated she would like to amend the legislation to read 72 hours. Councilmen Myers and Ansel would second the amendment. Councilman Sanders questioned whether commercial vehicles would fall in to the 24 hour or 72 hour category. Mr. Scavelli said it would apply to all. The legislation was written to handle a safety issue – the question is do you think it's OK for a larger vehicle to be parked on the street for 24 or 72 hours. President Buytendyk said the zoning code calls for 72 hours, there seems to be a conflict between zoning code or the parking ordinance and this legislation. Councilman Myers suggested tabling and separating commercial vehicles from RVs. Councilman Cavin said commercial vehicles/trailers block alleys, trash cans, etc. He is OK with the 24 hours. Councilman Ansel thinks 8 – 12 incidents are manageable and the 24 hours parking should be sufficient. Something that large is an obstruction and should not be parked in the roadway.

Councilman Sanders motioned to suspend the rules and move to third and final reading as submitted; seconded by Councilman Ansel.

Further discussion followed. Mr. Scavelli suggested going to three readings so he can answer the questions. President Buytendyk suggested looking at 351.16 to see if could be tweaked to cover some of the issues. Since the motion to suspend had already been made a vote to suspend the rules was done.

Councilman Sanders motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Ansel. Upon roll call motion to suspend failed 3-4. (Bostancic-no; Warden – yes; Silvestri – no; Ansel – no; Myers – no; Sanders – yes; Cavin-yes)

The legislation has had its second reading.

2. Second Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2020-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 539, PARK REGULATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated this legislation will allow alcohol to be served at the Freedlander Chalet with the appropriate permit. Councilman Myers asked if anyone from the city had reached out the other entities to see how they feel about the competition from a city owned facility. Jeff Battig said he had spoken with Patrice Smith, Spoon Market. She looks at it as an opportunity for additional catering. The facilities are similar, but different, the locations are different, the venues are different; she did not feel it was competition.

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-35

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY ON OAK HILL ROAD COMPRISING OF PARCELS 53-01626.00 AND 53-00145.00 BOTH OF WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS. (Robert Reynolds, Esq., Agent for Petitioners Wooster City Schools and the City of Wooster) (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated the public hearing had been held for this annexation request. He asked the legislation remain on first reading. Mr. Scavelli will be amending the legislation to include two additional parcels.

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is an annual process we go through with the County.

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

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

3 First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE AN ARTICULATING LOADER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri said this is a request to purchase a used 2015 Caterpillar that the Utility Division has been renting for the past few months. It is a budgeted item.

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE PRESS POLYMER FOR WASTE TREATMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri said this was a request to purchase additional polymer at the waste-water plant from a known vendor selling a good quality product. Councilman Sanders asked why we needed to purchase more. Mr. Coey said they are having a good year and are processing more waste than anticipated. For 2021 they will put together a bid request. Septage received and third party feedstock customers are trending more than last year. Mr. Dordea said for 2020 the city has received over \$631,000 in revenue from the septage receiving and feedstock operations. It is a budgeted item.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND RESURFACING OF ASPHALT SURFACES AT FREEDLANDER PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this request is for resurfacing the Freedlander Chalet area parking lot. The parking lot is continually being repaired and roots have caused buckling. PPM will be doing the work. It is a budgeted item.

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

6. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND, AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that the city had received a second round of funding from the CARES Act and it needs to be appropriated. The city has received over \$1.1 million in funding to be used for covid relief activities and supplies.

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


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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS


Councilman Sanders has heard that there is something related to homeless, is there something in the works council should be made aware of? Mayor Breneman said there is nothing in the works at the moment. Administration has been having conversation about Trinity Church and the homeless there. The rumors have to do with a home near the Community Center, but so far nothing is happening on that front. Mr. Montgomery said that legislation to fund the Day Center with the Salvation Army passed this summer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cavin. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council