

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 21, 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 7:30 p.m. 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 Myers moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman reminded council and the public that neighborhoods are in charge of their own Halloween Trick-or-Treat and to pay attention to Governor DeWine's guidelines and suggestions.

The DORA began on September 11th and seems to be going well.

The Mayor read a letter of appreciation from a citizen concerning the interaction between her children and Sargent Kolek and Officer Mottayaw.

Mr. Scavelli explained a request made by Andrea Uhler, county prosecutor, regarding a transfer of property to the city. The property is a roadway right-of-way in the Old Mansfield Road area that was recently annexed into the city. The county wants to be sure the city will accept the land donation before they proceed with the paperwork on their end.

Mr. Montgomery explained the location and said he has no problem with this transfer. There was no opposition from council on the proposed transfer.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC -

A comment from a YouTube viewer regarding the annexation was read by Mr. Scavelli.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders opened a public hearing for the annexation of properties on Oak Hill. There were no comments made during the hearing. Councilman Sanders closed the public hearing.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third 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 said the revised portion is in red on the legislation and asked if there were any questions about the modification. Mr. Scavelli said that he had left the hours blank so that city council can make the decision. The extra sentence added was done to be sure the new language does not conflict with what is already in place code-wise.

Councilman Sanders made a motion to adopt with the hours be listed as 24 hours, seconded by Councilman Bostancic. Upon roll call motion to adopt passed 4-3. (Bostancic-yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri –no; Ansel – yes; Myers – no; Sanders –no; Cavin-yes)

2. Second Reading – AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-35

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY ON OAK HILL ROAD COMPRISING OF PARCELS 53-01626.000 AND 53-00145.000, **53-00145.002 AND 53-01626.001** 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 introduced the legislation and stated the public hearing had been held. It was noted there was a grammatical error in the title and the “BOTH” will be corrected to “ALL” prior to signing.

Mr. Reynolds spoke briefly on the request and stated that the schools are looking forward to have one set of safety services involved once the property comes into the city.

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 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)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-36

AN ORDINANCE STATING TO THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.03, THE SERVICES WHICH THE CITY OF WOOSTER WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR PARCEL 53-01283.000, AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Matthew A. Long, Esq., Agent for Petitioner Stephanie Campbell) (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this is another request for annexation and this legislation will be sent to the county to let them know what services the city will provide if the annexation is granted. Mr. Long stated that the property needs to come into the city limits in order to connect to utility services. A pre-annexation agreement has already been signed.

Councilman Sanders motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Ansel. 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 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)

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-37

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OHIO WOOSTER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this contains the same terms of the extension that was granted to the Fire and Police Unions. It is for a 2 ½% pay rate increase with a \$1500 stipend. It affects 72 city employees.

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

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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Silvestri said he is glad to hear about the positive interaction citizens are having with our police force. Councilman Ansel wanted to highlight to the viewers some of the financial high points of the recent months. Councilman Cavin gave a shout out to Rhode Walter and the WARCOG for a nice news piece on Fox8 news.

IX. 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

