

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 19, 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 7:40 p.m. The meeting began a little late while Mr. Bostancic tried to connect. Lynne DePaulo, Council Clerk, called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, 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. Mr. Bostancic was able to connect at approximately 7:50 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

The Mayor gave updates on the Salvation Army Living Room project, on improvements to the Freedlander Chalet, a tree planting scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st, in honor of Arbor Day, and the old Larwill Trailer Park property being in the first stages of development.

Mayor Breneman also extended his condolences to the Broehl family on the loss of David Broehl.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC -

The Clerk read a Petition to Vacate Street submitted by Mel Lane residents. President Buytendyk announced a public hearing would be held on the petition after it has been advertised for six weeks. The legislation will be presented to city council on December 7th.

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

A question from a YouTube viewer regarding Ordinance 2020-41 was read.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS –

Councilman Sanders opened the public hearing for the removal of the Landmark Designation from the property at 2101 E. Smithville-Western Road. Brent Willis, owner of the property, spoke in support of the request. No one spoke in opposition to the request. Councilman Sanders closed the public hearing.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-40
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER AS NO LONGER
LANDMARK PROPERTY (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders introduced the legislation. The property was purchased in 2018, and in 2019, the Design and Review Board approved a request for demolition of the home due to its state of disrepair. The Design and Review Board has approved the request for removal of the Landmark designation.

Councilman Sanders 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)

Councilman Sanders 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)

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE THREE FORD INTERCEPTORS FOR USE AS POLICE CRUISERS (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin stated this request is for the purchase of three Ford Interceptors that will be replacing three older, high mileage SUV's. It is a budgeted item with an estimated cost of \$146,000. Councilman Myers asked whether the police sedans were being replaced. Chief Fisher said these new vehicles will replace SUV's and the sedans will still be used for Administrative and Resource Officers use. Councilwoman Warden asked when the delivery would be. Chief Fisher said there is a bit of a timing issue with when the new state bid comes at the end of the month. It could take three months before WPD would receive the vehicles.

Councilman Cavin motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. 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 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-41

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said the city received additional CARES Act funding and it needs to be accepted and allocated.

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

It was noted that Section 4 of the Ordinance had incorrect language in the emergency clause. Mr. Scavelli suggested amending the language on the floor.

Councilman Ansel made a motion to amend the language to delete the reference to the sludge tank, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to amend passed unanimously 7-0. (Bostancic-yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes; Cavin-yes)

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2020-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED PRIOR TO THE FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a straight forward request needed for administrative purposes. The pothole repair machine had broken down. Public Properties Maintenance Division was responding to a needed repair and the timing was off between the invoice receipt and the purchase order.

Councilman Ansel 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)

5. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-33 BY EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WOOSTER COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1 AND PERMITTING NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR RESIDENTIAL CRA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel thanked the Administration for the comprehensive analysis and detailed information provided. This CRA is a “work in progress” and is used to motivate investment. There is a lot of material for council to review including a Housing Study and the 80-page CRA filing with the State of Ohio. This legislation will be kept on three readings.

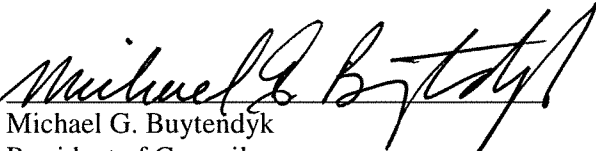
Mr. Millea said that input was taken from Wooster Growth, Wooster Chamber of Commerce, WEDC and Wooster City Schools. Mr. Millea then went over the map and discussed the changes suggested for each area.


Councilman Ansel asked council members to follow-up with Mr. Millea with any questions.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS – Sympathies were extended to the Broehl family.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. 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

