

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1/4/2021

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, Jennifer Warden, David Silvestri, Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Bill Bostancic 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 December 21, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman stated that the COVID numbers for Wayne County and the Wooster Community Hospital have been holding steady without a steep increase in cases. The hospital has been providing the vaccine to its staff for about a week.

The Planning Commission is reviewing a request for rezoning property in the Smithville-Western/Mel Lane area.

He reminded council that many of the infrastructure projects on the agenda today were included in the 2021 budget that was passed in early December.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC -

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

There were no comments from viewers.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, TO ZONE LAND (00.49 ACRES) TO C-4 (CENTRAL BUSINESS) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 437 EAST SOUTH STREET AND KNOWN AS PARCELS 64-00014.000, 64-01130.000, AND 64-00013.000 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said that the request for the zoning change from I-3 to C-4 was consistent with the surrounding properties.

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 Ansel. 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 – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, TO ZONE LAND (00.46 ACRES) TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1751 E. SMITHVILLE WESTERN ROAD AND KNOWN AS PARCEL 71-00323.000 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said the property is currently zoned R1 and is requesting to be C-3. The adjacent properties to the east and south are zoned C-3 and this lot will act as a buffer between the residential and commercial properties. Councilman Silvestri thanked residents who have contacted council to express their views. He supports the zoning change. Councilwoman Warden asked for clarification of the zoning change. Mr. Dutton gave a brief explanation of the difference between residential and commercial. Councilman Myers suggested Mr. Dutton reach out to the residents who expressed their concerns and explain the difference between R1 zoning and C-3 zoning.

Councilman Sanders 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)

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH D. FREEMAN CORPORATION AND WOLF CREEK LAND & CATTLE CO. FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

President Buytendyk announced that Councilman Sanders recused himself from this legislation.

Councilman Ansel stated this CRA request comes from a well-respected firm with a proven track record and has been in business for 28 years. They are looking to build their headquarters and operation center in the Old Mansfield/Venture Blvd. area and are requesting a 10-year 75% real estate tax abatement. The request has already been approved and supported by Wooster Growth and the Wooster City School District.

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

Councilman Ansel motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0. (Bostancic-yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Myers – yes; Cavin – no; Sanders – recused)

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAJOR REHAB DESIGN BUILD RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DIX EXPRESSWAY AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said ODOT has authorized a Dix Expressway rebuild with a \$45M project cost. The City of Wooster's portion of the project is \$279,000. The rebuild will start in 2022 and the project will take at least two years, possibly three. Mr. Kobilarcsik said the city has been working with ODOT for quite a while to get this

project in the works. Traffic will be maintained one-lane in each direction. The concrete will be taken up and replaced with asphalt; asphalt is quieter and less expensive than concrete.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT
(Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this is a request to advertise and award a contract for pavement repairs on Oldman Road, Winkler Drive, Grant Street, Henrietta and Venture Blvd. It is a budgeted item.

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CONCRETE REPAIRS, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT
(Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this is a request to bid for concrete repairs to Buchholz Drive and Greensview Drive. It is a budgeted item.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

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 IP WATER STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri introduced the legislation. It has been 30 years since the Old Airport Road water tank has been painted both inside and out. The new coatings should last another 20 years. It is a budgeted item.

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

6. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF COLUMBUS AVENUE, BEALL AVENUE, AND CLEVELAND ROAD, WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT
(Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this is another ODOT agreement for resurfacing Columbus Avenue, Beall Avenue and Cleveland Road. The project will be done in 2022; this is just the agreement. Councilwoman Warden asked if the brick crosswalks on Beall Avenue through the College of Wooster area would remain. Mr. Kobilarcsik said the bricks will be removed, asphalt put down and the city and college are working on ideas for the crosswalks.

Councilman Bostancic 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)

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

7. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATERLINE ON W. HENRY STREET, MCKINLEY STREET, AND WASHINGTON STREET, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri introduced the legislation stating there is 6000 LF of waterline that will be replaced using 8” ductile iron pipe. 141 water service connections and 17 fire hydrants will also be replaced. Councilwoman Warden asked if the streets would be patched after the work or resurfaced. Mr. Kobilarcsik said he is hopeful that Washington Street will be able to have concrete street repair work done. McKinley Street will be patched. It is a budgeted item.

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

8. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PHASE III, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said it is time for Phase III of the Downtown Streetscape to begin. This work will be in the southwest quadrant and be a mirror image of the southeast quadrant finished in 2020. Work will begin this spring. It is a budgeted item.

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

9. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE ADDITION OF TURN LANES ON W. MILLTOWN ROAD, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this project is the result of a Traffic Impact Study done when Meijer was considering constructing a store on W. Milltown. Turn lanes were noted as a deficiency on W. Milltown Road. The project is partially funded by the County’s Transportation Impact District. It is a budgeted item.

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

10. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN FUND (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this legislation is a requirement of the State of Ohio involving the revolving loan fund. It is strictly an administrative function.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

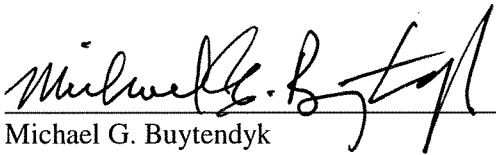
President Buytendyk said he has spoken with Dr. Nick Cascarelli, Wayne County Health Department, regarding the vaccine program. Mr. Montgomery and Fire Chief Saley have been very proactive in offering guidance and help to the Wayne County Health Department and Dr. Cascarelli looks forward to working with the city. The city has offered facilities and first responders to be used to facilitate mass vaccinations.

Council complimented Mr. Kobilarcsik and his staff for their hard work in planning and implementing the maintenance of all the city’s infrastructure. It was noted that at this meeting alone, over \$50M in infrastructure improvements, repair and maintenance was approved by city council.

Councilman Cavin stressed the importance of COVID protocols and encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks and social distancing.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

