

# WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

3/1/2021

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, Mark Cavin, Bill Bostancic, Jon Ansel 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 February 16, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman he is proud of the association with a community hospital like Wooster Community Hospital and is thankful to have it as a part of the city.

Gil Ning representing the Wooster Exchange Club recently met with the Administration to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. They are planning on doing fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> as long as it is able to be held per health guidelines. If not, it may be pushed back to September.

David Noble informed the Mayor the Alice Noble Ice Arena is doing much better financially. The groups that are utilizing the facilities are working hard to keep the arena open. The club hockey team won the state title.

## **IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - None**

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilman Sanders opened the public hearing for the annexation of 903 W. Highland, Wooster OH. Matt Long, attorney for Stephanie Campbell, spoke in favor of the annexation. No one spoke against.

Councilman Sanders then asked if anyone wanted to speak for the rezoning of 903 W. Highland, Wooster, Ohio. Matt Long, attorney for Stephanie Campbell, spoke in favor of the rezoning to R2. None spoke against. Councilman Sanders closed the hearing for the annexation and rezoning.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY LOCATED ON WEST HIGHLAND AVE., AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORPORATION LIMITS (Matthew A. Long, Esq., Agent for Petitioner Stephanie Campbell) (Sanders)

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

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

**2. Second Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AT A CERTAIN PARCEL AT 903 WEST HIGHLAND AVENUE (Sanders)**

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

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. First Reading – ORDINANCE 2021-11**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SUNSET LANE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY GRADING, DRAINING, WIDENING, PAVING, RESURFACING, CONSTRUCTING CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES, CONSTRUCTING A TURNING LANE, INSTALLING STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES, WATER MAINS, FIRE HYDRANTS, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS AND DEVICES, AND ACQUIRING ANY REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)**

Councilman Bostancic said the resolution of necessity and the resolution to proceed had previously been passed on this this project. It is now time to finalize the assessments. The original project estimate was \$790,000, the actual project cost was 5% less. This then reduced the cost of the assessment to the residents.

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

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

**2. First Reading – AMENDED 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 said this amendment is necessary because the bid came in significantly lower than estimated and we have the opportunity to add two streets since the full cost of the project is appropriated. The contractor has agreed to do an additional two streets. The total cost is already budgeted for 2021.

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

**3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12**

**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 REMOVAL OF CROSSWALKS ON BEALL AVENUE, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)**

Councilman Bostancic said the brick crosswalks between Bowman and Bloomington will be removed this year in anticipation of the roadway being repaved in 2022. Mr. Kobilarcsik said the bricks and asphalt will be removed and replaced with asphalt. Doing the work in 2021 before the roadway repaving in 2022 should eliminate any

settling that may occur. The College has already given their approval for the removal of the brick crosswalks. 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; Myers – yes; Cavin – yes; Sanders – yes; Ansel-yes)

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

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

Councilman Cavin said the police department is asking to purchase 3 new vehicles for a cost of \$147,500. Chief Fisher said the vehicles will have to be fitted for new light bars along with some other interior customization.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES BY THE WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND FOR PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated this is a renewal of a long-time partnership with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. This will be a two-year contract with no increase in year 1 and a 2% increase in year 2. Daniel Lutz, Wayne County Prosecutor, gave an update on the court proceedings during COVID and said jury trials would be starting up this month. This is a budgeted item.

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

6. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR FURNISHING BITUMINOUS MATERIAL (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated the Maintenance Division needs asphalt for the upcoming paving and repair season. 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; Myers – yes; Cavin – yes; Sanders – yes; Ansel-yes)

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION 121.22 (G)2 Discuss property for public purpose**

Councilman Sanders moved to enter Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call the motion passed 7-0. (Bostancic-yes; Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Myers – yes; Cavin – yes; Sanders – yes; Ansel-yes)

Councilman Ansel moved to exit Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call the motion passed 6-0. (Warden – yes; Silvestri – yes; Myers – yes; Cavin – yes; Sanders – yes; Ansel-yes) Mr. Bostancic did not return to the zoom regular meeting after the Executive Session.

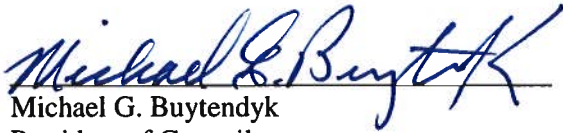
**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS –**

Councilwoman Warden thanked Mr. Sheron for his positive and informative presentation on the Wooster Community Hospital. She was pleased to hear the hospital was THE Best Medium size hospital in the United States per IBM Watson. She also noted that Newsweek has mentioned Wooster Community Hospital in an article as a top 10 hospital in the US.

Councilman Myers thanked the Nobel Foundation for their support of the ice arena and congratulated the hockey team.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council