

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**6/21/2021**

**I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA**

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular 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, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Finance Director Andrei Dordea and Law Director John Scavelli.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Myers moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman announced new appointments to both the Wayne Economic Development Council and the Wooster City School Board. Mary Beth Burrs is the new President for WEDC and Gabe Tudor is the new school superintendent.

Mayor Breneman said that about 76 people participated in the Wayne Trails/Wooster Recreation event held on Saturday. There were twelve stops along our multi-use paths for families to visit as part of a scavenger hunt.

The Mayor welcomed Grigio Wine and Cocktail Bar to the downtown area.

This is the last scheduled council meeting until September 7<sup>th</sup>, there may be a need to call a special meeting.

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC**

Councilman Ansel motioned to waive the Liquor Control Hearing for Bob Evans Restaurants LLC, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll-call the motion passed 7-0. (Ansel-yes, Bostancic – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers – yes, Sanders – yes, Silvestri – yes, Warden – yes)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Third Reading – RESOLUTION 2021-26  
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this Resolution is required by Ohio Revised Code.

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)

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAJOR REHABILITATION OF THE DIX EXPRESSWAY AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this Resolution is to enter the final agreement with ODOT for the Dix Expressway repairs. It is a \$35M project with the city's portion estimated to be \$307,110. Mr. Kobilarcsik said the construction will begin in 2022 and will be a 2-year project. It is budgeted.

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)

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT THE COUNTY DOG WARDEN AND DEPUTY COUNTY DOG WARDENS AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING, PURSUING, ENFORCING, OR OTHERWISE MANAGING OFFENSES UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 959 (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin stated this agreement is between the City and the County to provide animal control services. Mr. Scavelli said this agreement allows the County Dog Warden to work within the city limits. The Dog Wardens are expected to go through Ohio Police Officer Training Academy training if they will be carrying firearms. Notice of any action or investigation within the city limits shall be given to the Wooster Police. Dog license fees cover the cost of the Dog Warden; there will be no additional fees charged to the City. Chief Fisher said that the Police Department now picks up strays, but they do not have the ability to pursue animal cruelty/neglect charges. The Dog Wardens are better equipped to work with the animals.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MULL AND WEITHMAN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE STATION #1 AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden said Fire Station #1 is in need of significant renovations including plumbing, electrical, mechanical and updating living areas. This legislation will enable Mull and Weithman to provide design and engineering services not to exceed \$250,000.

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

Councilwoman Warden motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilman Cavin. 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. 2021-37

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONCRETE STREET REPAIRS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic stated this is a request to increase an existing construction contract by \$100,000 to broaden the work on East Wayne. Mr. Kobilarcsik said work is currently being done on East Wayne and with the Dix

Expressway work scheduled for 2022, he expects East Wayne to have increased traffic. This is an opportunity to get a larger stretch of roadway repaired.

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 Bostanci 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)

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS –

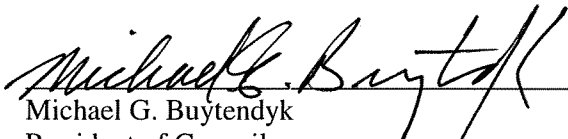
The following citizens addressed City Council on various topics:

Linda Houston, 1823 Burbank Road, Wooster  
Tyrone Harwell, 2452 Barrington Way, Wooster  
Desiree Weber, 124 E. Liberty Street, Wooster  
Michele Leiby, 1586 Bellevue Drive, Wooster  
Hannah Reikowsky, 2230 Eddy Way, Wooster

Council members thanked the speakers and requested they follow up with emails to council, enabling council members to provide a thoughtful response.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
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Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council

