

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

10/18/2021

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, David Silvestri, Mark Cavin, Jon Ansel, Jennifer Warden. Scott Myers and Bill Bostancic. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea and Director of Administration Joel Montgomery.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Myers moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman thanked the Finance Committee and Council Members for their input on the ARPA and Bed Tax topics during the committee meeting. The bed tax 2022 projections are back to pre-covid figures.

The Mayor recognized many of the recent events that he attended, such as Rotary's 100th Anniversary Dinner, Chamber Recognition Open House, and the WCCF Annual Dinner. An upcoming event is the groundbreaking for Wooster Brush along Daisy Way.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Ansel gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the suggestions for the use of ARPA funding which will focus on Public Health, Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Improvements, Bio-Solids Improvements, Transportation, Downtown Façade program, Fire Station #1 improvements, and renovation of the Community Center. The City will receive 2.8M over a 2-year period to use towards these projects. Funds have to be encumbered by 2024 and spent by 2026.

One joint application for bed tax allocation was received with three entities (Chamber, Main Street, Visitor Bureau) submitting their information. The bed tax receipts have returned to normalcy.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Second Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY INTERESTS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO OR ABUTTING MELROSE DRIVE FOR PURPOSES OF PROCEEDING WITH THE IMPROVEMENT THEREOF AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT(Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic said this legislation is necessary to keep the project on track. There are seven properties that have not responded to requests for temporary easements. Engineering will continue to try to work out settlements with the owners. This legislation will enable the City to file the last offer made to the owners with the courts so the project can continue on schedule.

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

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

2. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-58

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 RESURFACING OF COLUMBUS AVENUE, BEALL AVENUE AND CLEVELAND ROAD, WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOSTER AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Bostancic)

Councilman Bostancic went over the limits and costs for the project.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DEBRA J. MERILLAT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden said this real estate purchase furthers the comprehensive plan for downtown. The City will purchase this two-unit home and provide a two-year lease to the current owner. The future plan for the property is to create additional public parking on North Street.

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

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS –

Ray McConnell, 810 Eby Road, spoke on behalf of his elderly in-laws, the Thomasetti's, who reside at 2361 Canterbury.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cavin. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council