

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**11/15/2021**

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

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Lynne DePaulo 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, Director of Law John Scavelli and Director of Administration Joel Montgomery.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Ansel moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Breneman congratulated the city council election winners Jennifer Warden, Scott Myers, Bob Reynolds and Barb Knapic.

He discussed the process for creating the budget. The 2022 budget includes expanding the city workforce by four positions in 2022.

Union negotiations are in progress with Fire, Police and WEA.

Mayor Breneman asked for approval of Chuck Armbruster to be appointed to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Commission.

President Buytendyk asked for a motion to appoint Armbruster to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Commission. Councilman Silvestri motioned, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 7-0. (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Cavin – yes; Sanders – yes, Warden – yes, Myers - yes)

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC –**

The following spoke in favor of Resolution 2021-63:

Shannon Waller, Main Street Wooster, 3574 Melrose Drive

Jackie Chamberlain, WCVB, 428 W. Liberty

Samira Zimmerly, Wooster Chamber, 377 W. Liberty

The following spoke in favor of Resolution No. 2021-62

Desiree Weber, 124 E. Liberty Street

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilman Ansel stated the first work session for the 2022 Appropriation Budget went well. He thanked Administration and Finance for such a detailed document. Councilman Ansel said that 2021 numbers are trending towards higher revenues, lower expenses. He appreciates the exceptional forecasting that the Finance Department has shown over the years.

Councilman Ansel requested another Finance Committee work session to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Wooster Community Hospital budget and the City's capital appropriations.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION OF WAYNE/MEDINA COUNTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Myers)**

Councilman Myers said this has been a successful program over the years. Ashley Hershberger, Recreation Manager, went over many of the highlights of the program and how it has grown over the years. She praised Leslie Baus, CAWM, Melissa Pierce, CAWM and Beth Beatty, volunteer, for their hard work and dedication to the transportation program.

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

Leslie Baus, CAWM, 905 Pittsburgh Avenue

Beth Beatty, 4400 Melrose Lane

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

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

### **2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-37**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)**

Councilman Ansel said this legislation is to approve the budget for 2022. Finance Committee will have a second work session on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This legislation has had its first reading.

### **3 First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-63**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS APPLICANTS FOR THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONIES (Ansel)**

Councilman Ansel thanked the three entities that work together and submitted one application for the funding. The bed tax has recovered well from the pandemic. The forecast for 2022 anticipates the funding to be distributed as follows:

Main Street Wooster	\$73,000
Wooster Chamber -	\$45,000
Wayne County Visitors Bureau	\$20,000

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

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

### **4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-64**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER TO**

**RENOVATE THE PUBLIC PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)**

Councilwoman Warden said this is a request to update the Maintenance Facility by renovating office space, lunchroom, locker rooms and the addition of more security features along with making it ADA compliant. The project is slated for completion by the end of July. It is a budgeted item.

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

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS –**

Citizen Comment:

Penny Mendenhall-Stone, 950 McKinley

Linda Smith, 3108 Bayberry Cove

Julia Gerdes, 1189 Beall Avenue

Robert Dunn, 668 McKinley

Council members thanked everyone for their attendance at the council meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
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Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
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Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council

