

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
12/20/2021

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. He reminded everyone that there is a mask mandate in place for council chambers. Clerk Lynne DePaulo called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Scott Myers and Bill Bostancic. Jennifer Warden was absent. 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 Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman announced Jeff Battig is officially retired and Ashley Hershberger is now the Recreation Manager.

Mayor Breneman thanked retiring councilmen Bill Bostancic and Jon Ansel for their years of service to the community as At-Large Representatives.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC –

Councilman Ansel motioned to waive the Liquor Control Hearing for Mariola Italian LLC, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 6-0. (Ansel=yes, Bostancic – yes, Cavin – yes, Sanders – yes, Silvestri – yes, Myers -yes)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Ansel thanked Councilmen Sanders and Myers for starting the Finance Committee meeting. Good questions have been asked over the last six weeks regarding the budget. He hopes for a unanimous vote.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third 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 he wanted to highlight the most reassuring item: the detail and accuracy of the budgeting process. The Finance Department manages to understate the revenues and the expenses come in lower than budgeted, so the year-end results manage to exceed expectations and show fiscal conservatism.

Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic=yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden – absent

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 122.22(G)(1) Personnel

Councilman Ansel motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic=yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden – absent

Councilman Sanders motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden – absent

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-41

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, MANAGEMENT BENEFITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said there was a lot of information to review on this legislation. It is designed to retain and attract employees.

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

Councilman Sanders moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden - absent

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading - ORDINANCE 2021-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06 BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FROM WALNUT NORTH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC TO ATO LLC AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a request to transfer the agreement to the new owners ATO. ATO is already exceeding the employee obligations. Mr. Taylor, owner of ATO, stated his company does commercials along with brand strategy and marketing. The company is excited for the opportunity and loves being downtown.

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

Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden - absent

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2021-43

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WOOSTER EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REGARDING WAGES, BENEFITS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this legislation is similar to the one authorized for Wooster Police. The agreement is designed to retain and attract employees.

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

Councilman Sanders moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden - absent

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2021-77

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a routine process and is to approve the management of funds to the state for CDBG and HOME funds.

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

Councilman Ansel moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 6-0 (Bostancic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Ansel – yes; Sanders – yes, Cavin – yes, Myers - yes) Warden - absent

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Citizen Comment:

Desiree Weber, 124 E. Liberty Street, Wooster
Adam Kusicki, 1280 E. Milltown Road, Wooster

Council members thanked and praised Councilmen Bostancic and Ansel for their years of service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Bostancic said it has been a privilege being a council member and serving the citizens. He thanked the Administration for all their help during his term.

Councilman Ansel said that even though members have different perspectives, the council has consistently reached a consensus after discussion. It has been rewarding and easy to work with Administration.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cavin. Upon voice-vote the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

