

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2/7/2022

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:35 p.m. Clerk Lynne DePaulo called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, Bob Reynolds, Jennifer Warden, Scott Myers, Mark Cavin and Barb Knapic. David Silvestri arrived after roll call at 7:40 p.m. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, and Law Director John Scavelli.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman announced great news that Policom has once again ranked Wooster #14 in the nation for micropolitans out of 543 areas and is ranked #1 in the State.

The Mayor thanked the snow removal crews along with the fire and police departments for their services during the recent snow event.

Mayor Breneman requested to present his State of the City address to council on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. President Buytendyk said it was fine.

The Administration and President Buytendyk are working together to organize a council retreat sometime in March.

He thanked the Equalization Board for their service on the Melrose Drive Reconstruction assessment objections.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Cavin motioned to waive the Liquor Control Hearing for Cigar Vault LLC, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 7-0. (Cavin-yes, Reynolds – yes, Knapic – yes, Sanders – yes, Silvestri – yes, Myers –yes, Warden - yes)

Councilman Myers motioned to waive the Liquor Control Hearing for Meijer Stores LP, 4845 Burbank Road, seconded by Councilwoman Warden. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 7-0. (Cavin-yes, Reynolds – yes, Knapic – yes, Sanders – yes, Silvestri – yes, Myers –yes, Warden - yes)

Councilman Silvestri motioned to waive the Liquor Control Hearing for Meijer Stores LP, 4905 Burbank Road, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 7-0. (Cavin-yes, Reynolds – yes, Knapic – yes, Sanders – yes, Silvestri – yes, Myers –yes, Warden - yes)

The following spoke in favor of Ordinance 2022-02:

Doug Drushal, 225 N. Market Street

Justin Starlin, 1825 Enterprise Parkway

Samira Zimmerly, 377 W. Liberty Street

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD ON OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE MELROSE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated that the board reviewed the assessment objections for the Melrose Drive Reconstruction project and determined the objections were not warranted and therefore denied. This legislation is a formal acceptance of the board's decision.

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

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

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR AN ENCROACHMENT UPON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic said this is a request from E&H Hardware, 115 S. Market Street, to install a propane cage in the south alleyway. Councilwoman Knapic asked if this legislation needed to move forward quickly or could council keep it on first reading. Christopher Buehler, E&H Hardware, said the grand opening is March 4th and they would like to have it in place before then. Mr. Kobilarcsik said the City had done other similar easements at downtown facilities. Councilmen Silvestri and Myers both voiced they would like to proceed with a vote and move this along.

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

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

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

ADOPTING THE OAK HILL TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING INCENTIVE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS A GUIDE FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said hats off to the Administration for putting this together; he is excited for this opportunity for the city, schools and community. This plan addresses some issues that should have been handled previously. It opens up access to the whole area for improvement. Mr. Millea spoke on the fact this is a planning document. It will outline upcoming projects and give the city the ability to finance needed public infrastructure. It will be a collaborative effort between the Wayne County Commissioners, Wooster City Schools, private developers and the city. Councilman Silvestri asked about boundaries. Mr. Millea explained that the highlighted parcels are necessary, but the map also shows the maximum boundaries for the area. Councilman Myers said the sanitary sewer installation benefits both the schools and residential development.

Councilman Reynolds requested this remain on first reading and be ready to vote on February 22nd.

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE FOR PAYMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES BY THE WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this service is budgeted for 2022.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06

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 RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF MELROSE DRIVE AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden reviewed the scope of the project and stated the cost would be over \$3.8M for the project. Councilmembers Cavin and Knapic both endorsed the construction and feel it is necessary. It is a budgeted item.

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

6. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

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 REPLACEMENT OF THE WATERLINE ON GIFFEN DRIVE AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri said this is a 2” galvanized waterline that will replace an 8” ductile iron pipe. It is a budgeted item.

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

7. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08

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

Councilman Cavin said that the City regularly replaces the cruisers and is on schedule for these three. The used cruisers will be sold. It is a budgeted item.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

The following citizens spoke during the miscellaneous portion:

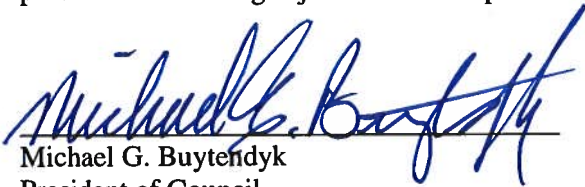
Linda Houston, 1823 Burbank Road

Linda Smith, 3108 Bayberry Cove

The Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to the road crews for their work in snow removal. Councilwoman Knapic encouraged members to attend the Housing and Homelessness event scheduled for Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. held at the First Presbyterian Church. Councilman Silvestri thanked Bill Sheron for the annual hospital presentation prior to the council meeting. Councilwoman Warden reminded everyone to shovel out the fire hydrants. Councilman Cavin welcomed the newest members to city council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Silvestri motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice-vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council


Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council