

# WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

6/6/2022

## 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, Barb Knapic, Scott Myers, Bob Reynolds and Jennifer Warden. Mark Cavin was absent. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery and Law Director John Scavelli.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Silvestri moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

## III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman was happy to announce that the Airstream Rally went well, although if they decide to visit again, the City should insist on them setting up somewhere besides downtown. The Memorial Day parade and ceremony were held after being suspended for the past two years.

Mayor Breneman swore in four new officers along with one promotion today. Chief Fisher announced that they surprised Patrolman Jordan Telquist during the swearing-in ceremony by presenting her the Award of Merit for her actions on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officer Telquist was the lead officer during a day when two separate shootings occurred. She took charge and was calm and collected throughout the investigation which concluded with a confession and retrieval of the firearm.

The Mayor spoke on a positive article written by a College of Wooster parent that has been published by cleveland.com, the Plain Dealer and CNN.

## IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC –NONE

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Silvestri gave an overview of the Public Utilities meeting that was held before the council meeting. There are four major goals/concerns that will total over \$10M in improvements.

Councilman Sanders opened the public hearing for the 2023 Tax Budget. Mr. Dordea spoke in favor of the legislation. The tax budget is submitted to the Wayne County Budget Committee which sets the tax millage. The millage will remain the same at 4.2 mills. Several loans will be paid off in 2022, one of them being a 2005 equipment loan at the wastewater plant.

Councilman Sanders asked if anyone wanted to speak that was opposed to the tax budget. No one came forward. The public hearing was closed.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, TO REZONE LAND TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON AKRON ROAD AND ENTERPRISE PARKWAY (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated this is a request to change the zoning to C-3 on 6.275 acres. The public hearing was held on 5-16-22. Planning Commission approved the request with a vote of 5-2. The City's position is not in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Baker spoke in favor of the legislation. He stated that there are all types of businesses along SR585; he feels that a C-3 zoning will be better for the residents.

Councilwoman Knapic has issues with all the various types of uses that can be designated for C-3. She is concerned that opening it up to C-3 will create traffic and noise issues for the residents across the street. She questioned why I-1 didn't include medical or dental office. Mr. Marion said that with I-1 zoning, traffic would be restricted to shift changes whereas medical/dental is a constant flow.

Councilman Silvestri doesn't want to base a decision on what could happen. He is not concerned and supports the rezoning. Councilman Myers supports the rezoning and pointed out that the Planning Commission also supported the C-3 rezoning.

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

Councilwoman Warden moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 5-1 (Knapic-no; Silvestri – yes; Reynolds – yes; Sanders – yes, Myers – yes, Warden -yes) Cavin absent

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, TO REZONE LAND TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NOBLE DRIVE (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated this is a request to change the zoning to C-3 on 2.295 acres. Planning commission approved this request 7-0 and the public hearing has been held. There are no concerns from the City on this rezoning.

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

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated the public hearing had been held. This is an annual piece of legislation.

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

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

4. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, ENTITLED "WARDS AND BOUNDARIES" (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic said that after the 2020 census, the ward boundaries needed to be changed due to population increases. New boundaries have been suggested and will equalize the wards.

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

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

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT; TO ACCEPT SUCH MONIES, IF AWARDED; TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)**

Councilman Sanders said this is an application for requesting CDBG money. The request is for \$500,000 of CDBG Critical Infrastructure funding to be used towards Fire Station 1 improvements. The request is also for \$150,000 to be used for assistance to the Viola Startzman Clinic, the Fair Housing Program and additional Fire Station 1 improvements. These are two separate grants through CDBG. Mr. Millea said there is a June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the application.

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

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

### **2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF WOOSTER’S CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF WOOSTER, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)**

Councilman Sanders said this plan needs to be renewed every five years. There is no change in the plan from 2017 to 2022.

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

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

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

The following resident spoke:

Linda Smith, 3108 Bayberry Cove, Wooster OH

Councilman Myers spoke on the Daily Record article recently published regarding the Wooster Police Department’s policy changes.

Councilman Silvestri thanked the Mayor for his information regarding the Airstream Rally. He had received feedback from business owners that had told him they would prefer the rally not be in the downtown area again. He also congratulated the newest officers on being sworn in and Officer Telquist on her award.

Councilwoman Warden attended safety training at the Wayne County Regional Training Center. She wanted to let the Wooster Fire Department know they are well respected and the outlying townships appreciate their support.

Councilman Sanders reminded everyone of the Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Silvestri motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice-vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
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Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
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Lynne DePaulo  
Clerk of Council