


WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

6/21/2022

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:45 p.m. Clerk Lynne DePaulo called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, Barb Knapic, Scott Myers, Bob Reynolds, Mark Cavin and Jennifer Warden. 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 June 6, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman appreciated the tour of Fire Station #1 and the presentation by Chief Saley on the proposed improvements to the facility and thanked council members for their participation.

The Mayor was thankful the city did not suffer as much storm damage as the southern part of the county. The traffic signals are all back in working operation and debris clean-up is continuing. President Buytendyk asked if a reminder could be put on the utility bills on how to treat traffic signal intersections when the signal is not working. Non-working traffic signals become four-way stops.

Mayor Breneman announced that the Fire Division was awarded the EMS Star of Life Award for their life-saving efforts. They earned the award in 2020, but due to COVID restrictions the ceremony was just recently held. He congratulated Chris Hawkins, Scott Kiper, Kristen Brockway, Don Smith and Mike Maag for their efforts.

The Mayor gave an update on the pool situation. Freedlander Pool has been fully operational since opening. Knights Field Sprayground had pump issues that were just recently fixed and was opened to the public on June 21, 2022. Christmas Run pool was affected by the storm and power failure. There seems to be a problem with the motors and possibly the electric line. Troubleshooting is still being done.

Mayor Breneman said the 4th of July festivities are in full swing and thanked the Wooster Exchange Club and Gil Ning for their hard work and donations with this event.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC –NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Cavin gave a brief overview of the Safety Committee meeting. He thanked Chief Saley for the tour and informative presentation. The bones of the building are good, but the building needs major updating. The fire station is 61 years old. Contact Chief Saley with any questions.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Silvestri)

Councilman Silvestri stated that the Engineering Division identifies areas that need rehabbed to extend their useful life. The process reduces maintenance costs and eliminates the infiltration of groundwater into the system. It is a budgeted item.

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24

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 CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY HALL PARKING EXPANSION AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic stated Fire Station #1 will be taking up the southern row of city hall’s parking lot. This project will enlarge the parking lot on the north side of city hall to replace the spots lost. It is a budgeted item.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF A FUNDING APPLICATION AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden said this is an application for funding the roundabout at SR585 and Geyers Chapel Road. ODOT will be submitting the application and ODOT will cover 70% of the expenses if the funding is approved.

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

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CESO INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE OAK HILL/MILLTOWN ROUNDABOUT, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Warden)

Councilwoman Warden stated this request is for the designing of a roundabout at Oak Hill and Milltown Roads along with roadway improvement design. Councilman Sanders asked if the roadway improvements would include curb and gutter. Mr. Kobilarcsik said yes. Councilman Myers wanted to know if we had worked with CESO before. Mr. Kobilarcsik said they are the firm that designed the roundabout for Meijers and Menards.

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

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, Myers – yes, Warden –yes, Cavin-yes)

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351, PARKING GENERALLY, CHAPTER 355, OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES AND REPEALING CHAPTER 357, PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY ESTABLISHING A CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4521 DECRIMINALIZING MOST PARKING VIOLATIONS. (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said this legislation is needed to decriminalize parking ticket violations and create a Civil Parking Violations Bureau. Mr. Gibbons, Deputy Law Director, stated that most Ohio communities have decriminalized parking violations. The police process for actually issuing tickets will not change. Councilwoman Warden asked for an amendment regarding commercial vehicles. Mr. Scavelli said they will add a reference for commercial vehicles. A lengthy discussion was held on commercial vehicles parking on residential streets.

Councilwoman Warden made a motion to amend the legislation Section 351.16 to add Commercial Vehicles, seconded by Councilman Cavin. Upon roll-call the amendment motion passed 7-0. (Knapic-yes; Silvestri – yes; Reynolds – yes; Sanders – yes, Myers – yes, Warden -yes)

Mr. Scavelli said the amendment would be added to the legislation and will be presented to council after summer break on September 6, 2022. Ordinance No. 2022-14 has been considered to have its first reading.

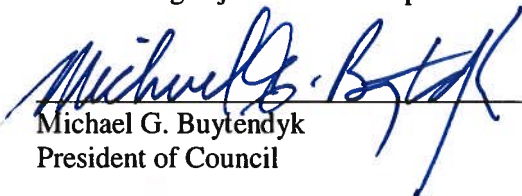
IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Council members thanked Chief Saley for his presentation and tour of Fire Station #1 and congratulated the Fire Division for the Star of Life Award.

Several members spoke on a letter received from Addison Boreman regarding the state of the Wooster Skate Park.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Silvestri motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice-vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

