


WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

11/7//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, Barb Knapic, Mark Cavin, Scott Myers, Jon Ansel, Bob Reynolds 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

Councilwoman Knapic moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Cavin. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman announced the City had been awarded a \$500,000 Critical Infrastructure Grant to be used for remodeling Fire Station #1. He thanked Jonathan Millea for his grant writing expertise. The application had been denied twice before, but with Mr. Millea's persistence in promoting the project, the state realized the project fit their criteria and approved the grant.

Mayor Breneman thanked Ashley Hershberger and the Recreation Division for their hard work during the soccer season hosting 123 teams. The program was back to pre-Covid levels for participation. He also acknowledged the Daddy/Daughter Dance that was held at the Community Center on Saturday with 83 daddy/daughter participants.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilman Ansel made a motion to waive the liquor control hearing for Wooster Hotel2 LLC, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll-call, the motion passed 7-0. (Knapic-yes; Myers – yes; Sanders – yes, Warden – yes, Cavin-yes; Ansel- yes; Reynolds-yes)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Myers gave an update on the Public Health & Leisure Committee meeting held at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Myers gave a recycling presentation and provided information on the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INCLUDE TENANT AS A PARTY TO THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this legislation is to modify an existing CRA with North Pole Holdings adding Westfield Bank as a tenant enabling the tenants' payroll to be counted towards North Pole's CRA employment requirements.

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

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

2) First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JONES AND HENRY FOR DESIGN SERVICES AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said that Council had already approved emergency repairs on VLR 5; this request is for preventative maintenance on VLR tanks 1 and 2. It is a budgeted item. Councilwoman Knapic asked what the life expectancy would be for the upgrades. Mr. Kobilarcsik said around 20 years.

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

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-32

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CORPORATION LIMITS, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.14, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PROSECUTE THE PROCEEDINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECT IT AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said there are three slivers of land/roadway on Oak Hill park that needs to be annexed into the City. This will get rid of any gaps.

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

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Linda Smith, 3108 Bayberry, Wooster OH spoke on the severe weather shelter.

Councilman Reynolds wanted to be sure to thank the citizens that serve on the various boards and commissions, specifically the Planning Commission and the Board of Building & Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Reynolds said that legislation will be presented at the November 21st council meeting to request changes to the R5 zoning. He would like to schedule a Laws and Ordinance Committee meeting on November 21st before the council meeting. A public hearing will be held on the issue on December 5th.

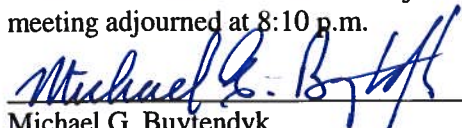
Councilman Reynolds also thanked the Friends of Wooster Memorial Park and all the volunteers that worked so hard to clear up the storm destruction from June. This park just keeps getting better because of the volunteers.

Councilwoman Knapic thanked Jonathan Millea for being the squeaky wheel and also to Mr. Myers for his recycling presentation.

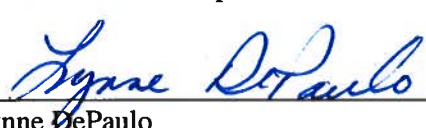
Councilman Sanders would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting for December 5th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming budget.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council