



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

12/19//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, Scott Myers, Jon Ansel, Bob Reynolds, Jennifer Warden and Barb Knapic. 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 Ansel moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman reminded City Council that no changes were made to the bed tax allocation for 2023. Council passed the legislation in November for the 2023 funding of the bed tax.

Mayor Breneman acknowledged the Wooster Police Department for being named the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police December Agency of the Month.

Mayor Breneman announced that the City had been awarded a \$775,000 Brownfield grant to be used to clean up the TCI property on Liberty Street. He thanked Joel Montgomery and Jonathan Millea for their diligence in pursuing this grant.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Maintenance Division finished their leaf pick-up on Monday. He reminded everyone that the City does not start plowing until 2" of snow accumulates on the roadways. They will salt and brine before the event.

Mayor Breneman thanked City Council for their hard work during the 2022 season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders said the Finance Committee held its second meeting this evening. Economic development funding was the hot topic for the 2023 budget. He looks forward to moving forward with the legislation.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-33

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, 2023, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said the 2023 budget had been discussed; the City will be spending some money this year, much of it for necessary improvements and upgrades for the Fire and Utilities Departments. Mr. Ansel complimented the Finance Committee and the Administration.

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

2. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-39
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, MANAGEMENT BENEFITS, OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO AND ALLOWING FOR
IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said this will remove the limitation for both public and private new hires by allowing credit for years of service to be considered towards employee benefits.

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-40
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND
ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT(Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this legislation will enable a portion of the opioid grant settlement to be used to purchase a software app to be used by Fire and Police. The app provides confidential support, wellness tools and self-assessments for first responders.

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

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2022-62
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE A
LADDER TRUCK AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Cavin)

Councilman Sanders stated this is for purchasing a \$1.6M ladder truck with a two-year lead time. It is a budgeted item.

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

3. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2022-41
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED PROPERTY
CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CORPORATION LIMITS, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE
CHAPTER 709 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECT OF LAW TO PROSECUTE THE PROCEEDINGS
NECESSARY TO EFFECT IT AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said this is to annex property that is within the Melrose Drive roadway. This legislation gives Mr. Scavelli permission to act on behalf of the City and begin the annexation process.

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

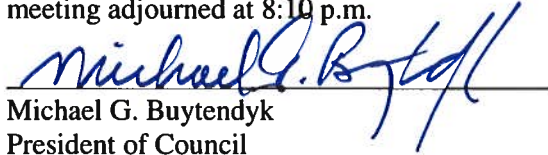
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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Council members recognized the Wooster Police Department for their award, thanked the Administration for the 2023 Budget information, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. 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

