

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

2/6/2023

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, Scott Myers, Jon Ansel, Bob Reynolds, Jennifer Warden, Mark Cavin and Barb Knapic. 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 Warden moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Ansel. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman thanked the Wooster Community Hospital Board for their annual update and presentation to city council. It is an extraordinary asset to the community.

Mayor Breneman said that the Administration encourages and recommends that city council vote yes for Ordinance 2023-02 and vote no on Ordinance 2023-03.

The Steering Committee has been formed for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Review and the first meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th.

Mayor Breneman announced that the City of Wooster placed #7 in Policom's rankings of 543 micropolitans nationally.

The State of the City address will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

President Buytendyk asked Mr. Scavelli if anything further needed to be noted for the quarterly Scrivener's Report. Mr. Scavelli said no.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC - NONE

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS –

Councilman Reynolds opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-02. There were no speakers either for or against the legislation. Councilman Reynolds closed the public hearing.

Councilman Myers opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-03. Attorney Doug Drushal, 225 N. Market Street, spoke in favor of the legislation. Law Director John Scavelli spoke against the legislation. A lengthy discussion was held. Council members Buytendyk, Knapic, Reynolds, Myers and Ansel all weighed in on the issue as did Director of Administration Mr. Montgomery, Planning and Zoning Manager Vince Marion and Building Standards Manager Mr. Monea. Councilman Myers closed the hearing at 8:40 p.m.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

1. Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds stated the public hearing had been held; this legislation is simply tweaking the R-5 zoning.

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

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

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1107, ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE WOOSTER CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW EXPANDED MANUFACTURED HOME DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE R-5 ZONING DISTRICT (Myers)

Councilman Myers stated there had been extensive discussion regarding this issue.

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

Councilman Myers moved to adopt, seconded by Councilman Ansel. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed 5-2 (Myers – yes, Sanders – no, Warden – yes, Ansel- yes, Reynolds-yes, Knapic – yes, Cavin – no)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated the City had received additional money from the OneOhio Opioid settlement and the funds need to be appropriated.

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

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE FOUR VEHICLES FOR USE WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin said there are availability issues with obtaining new vehicles for the police department. Assistant Chief Rotolo said they are asking for permission now to purchase vehicles at a later date since once something becomes available they will want to act quickly to purchase. It is a budgeted item.

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

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK LOAN PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF OAK HILL AND OLDMAN ROADS, FOR THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders this is an agreement for funding the roundabout. It is a 20-year loan with the 1st year being interest-free and then 3% thereafter.

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

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT WATER FILTER IMPROVEMENTS AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated this is good planning by the City. These improvements will expand the capacity by 33% for any future development within the City. It is a budgeted item.

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

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDERS(S) FOR FURNISHING BITUMINOUS MATERIAL (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic said this bid for asphalt will enable Public Property Maintenance to pave more roads this summer. PPM Manager Mr. Denning said his department will be paving around 5 miles of roadway. It is a budgeted item.

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

6. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE ACCORDING TO LAW AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR MOWING SERVICES FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic said this is a bid for mowing city-owned property. It is a budgeted item.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

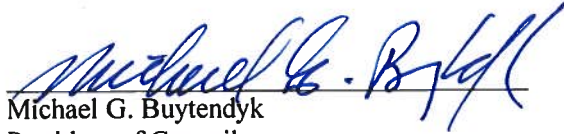
Councilwoman Warden thanked the Wooster Community Hospital Board for the very informative presentation and encouraged residents to see what the hospital offers.

Councilman Reynolds explained that Mr. Drushal had brought forth the fairness basis and the public policy arguments during his public hearing speech. Mr. Reynolds was swayed by the fairness basis, however he would not be in favor of expansion for mobile home parks.

Councilwoman Knapic welcomed Utilities Manager Mike Fritz and wanted to acknowledge the four officers that were sworn into service last week. She also congratulated Walnut Street Gallery on their receipt of the Governor's Award for Business Support of the Arts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon voice vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council