



WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

5/1/2023

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30p.m. Clerk Lynne DePaulo called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, Scott Myers, Bob Reynolds, Mark Cavin, Barb Knapic, and Jen Warden. Jon Ansel was absent. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Finance Director Andrei Dordea and Law Director John Scavelli.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Warden moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman announced the City was presented with an official recognition from the Governor's office for being a Top 100 Micropolitan Community in the United States at the Wayne Economic Development annual meeting.

The Finance Department received the GFAO Certificate of Achievement for the 22nd consecutive year.

The Boys and Girls Club awarded Assistant Chief Scott Rotolo the Founders Award at their annual meeting.

The Mayor thanked the candidates for running for public office and wished them luck on election day.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Sanders stated that the Finance Committee had met prior to the council meeting. The topic was bed tax allocation and economic development funding. Mr. Scavelli will write legislation relating to the topic.

Public Hearing – Chapter 1107.05 Planning & Zoning Code Amendment

Councilman Reynolds opened the public hearing for the text amendments to Chapter 1107.05, regulation of mobile home parks. He asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment. Vince Marion, Planning & Zoning Manager, stated that in 2018 sections were removed from the code that pertained to manufactured home parks. This legislation simply brings those sections back. The Planning Commission approved these standards at the April 6th Commission meeting. Councilwoman Warden asked if Mr. Marion had checked to see if any of the former requirements had changed. Mr. Marion said he had reviewed other zoning codes and the codes were pretty much consistent. Councilman Sanders asked why the sidewalk widths were 3' vs. 4'. Mr. Marion said the standard for private roadways is 3', public roadways 4'. Councilman Reynolds asked if anyone wanted to speak against the legislation. No one came forward. Councilman Reynolds closed the public hearing.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1107.05 DISTRICT-SPECIFIC PURPOSE STATEMENTS AND REGULATIONS (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said the public hearing had been held for the legislation. The legislation is considered to have had its first reading.

2. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1351.04, AMENDMENTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds asked Mr. Monea to discuss this legislation. Mr. Monea, Building Standards Manager, said this piece is necessary to change the scope of the property maintenance code to reflect the section additions in the changes to Chapter 1107.05. These changes will help avoid problems enforcing code with the manufactured housing.

Councilwoman Knapic said this legislation makes perfect sense; we want to be able to enforce codes. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CLEAR CREEK PARK AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic said this will provide playground equipment at the new park. The equipment will be ADA-compliant and will attract families to the park. It is budgeted and she noted that a \$45,000 private donation is being used to help fund the cost. Joe Avila, Park Supervisor, said the equipment is forestry themed and will include slides and swings. Councilwoman Warden stated she has received calls from constituents regarding problems or safety issues at the parks and restrooms. She asked Mr. Avila to keep his eyes open for safety concerns.

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

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS, COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS, AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROJECTS (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders and Councilwoman Warden recused themselves from the discussion. Councilman Myers asked Mr. Millea to discuss the legislation. Mr. Millea, Economic Development Coordinator, said he was presenting the recommendations from the Tax Incentive Review Council. A fiscal analysis was done on each agreement to ensure it was in compliance with the terms of the agreement. The TIRC recently met and has recommended continuance of the agreements. Most firms involved in the incentives have bounced back. President Buytendyk asked how Wooster was ranked in Ohio. Mr. Millea said Wooster is third in the state for number of projects. Unlike other communities, Wooster opens the program up to smaller business owners which accounts for the higher number. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

Councilman Sanders and Councilwoman Warden returned to their seats.

5. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO, FOR A CHANGE OF TOWNSHIP LINES TO CONFORM WITH THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Reynolds)

Councilman Reynolds said this piece of legislation is necessary to conform boundaries for the recently annexed 32 acres on Melrose Drive. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

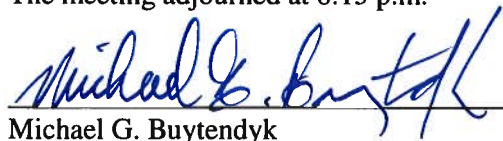
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Several council members acknowledged the awards Mayor Breneman had announced. Councilman Myers said that Asst. Chief Rotolo's acceptance speech was one of the best he has ever heard.

Various members encouraged citizens to get out and vote on May 2nd.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Myers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon voice vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

