

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

6/20/2023

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:40 p.m. Clerk Lynne DePaulo called roll with the following members present; Craig Sanders, Scott Myers, Bob Reynolds, Jon Ansel, Barb Knapic and Jen Warden. Mark Cavin 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

Councilman Ansel moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Sanders. Upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman thanked Business Flare for their Economic Strategic Plan presentation. The Comprehensive Plan is moving forward with the guidance of OHM. Draft recommendations should be completed in the fall.

Mayor Breneman mentioned the many recently held community events, including Kid's Day, Kiwanis Strawberry Festival, Ribfest, and others.

He reminded everyone of the fireworks scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th at dusk and thanked all the organizations contributing time and money to make this event happen. He stated that the Oldman Roundabout Construction has been delayed until after the 4th of July festivities.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Councilwoman Warden motioned to waive the hearing for the Liquor Control permit for the Downtown Arts Theatre, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic.

Upon roll call, the motion to waive the hearing passed 6-0 (Ansel-yes, Reynolds-yes, Sanders-yes, Myers-yes, Warden-yes, Knapic-yes, Cavin-absent)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Myers stated that the Public Health & Leisure Committee had met to discuss electric scooters. The owner of Boot, Scoot & Boogie, Ramielle Lee, requested that council permit him to place the electric scooters out from Friday to Sunday for public use. Council has decided to do a trial period allowing the scooters to be out for weekends. If the scooters become a nuisance or an issue, council will withdraw permission.

Councilman Sanders stated that Business Flare had given their Economic Development Strategic Plan Presentation to the Finance Committee. It contains good, interesting information and provides a plan for moving forward.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO AFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS. ((Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said that council has had public hearings on this issue and is on its third reading. The issue will now be placed on the November ballot for the voters to decide. If passed, the aggregation will not be available to the public until Spring 2024.

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

2. Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO AFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is the same as the previous legislation, just for natural gas.

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

3. Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this legislation is required by the ORC. A public hearing had been held and this is its third reading.

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

4. Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR UTILITY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ITEMS FOR UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this is a transparent piece of legislation with our Utility Division needing to purchase parts and supplies to maintain water and sewer lines. Core and Main is the primary vendor and purchases will exceed the \$50,000 bidding threshold for 2023. It is a budgeted item.

Councilman Ansel motioned to amend the legislation in Section 1 to include authorization for purchases to not exceed \$75,000, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll call, motion to amend passed 6-0 (Ansel – yes; Reynolds – yes; Sanders – yes, Myers – yes, Warden – yes; Knapic – yes, Cavin – absent)

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

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE PUMPS AND VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES TO INCREASE CAPACITY AT THE MELROSE BOOSTER STATION AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel said this project will increase capacity in the area to accommodate more development. It is a budgeted item.

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

2. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED PRIOR TO THE FISCAL OFFICER’S CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said this was a lack of communication and misunderstanding. The purchase order wasn’t enough to cover the cost of the purchase and now needs council approval. It is a budgeted item.

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

3, First Reading – **AMENDED** RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ORRVILLE FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) FUNDS, FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders said two minor clerical errors need to be amended on the legislation. Councilman Reynolds recused himself. Once Councilman Reynolds recused himself, council was unable to suspend the rules due to the ¾ rule and the legislation would have been postponed until September 5, 2023 for a vote. Mr. Millea needs to submit the approved legislation with the application due on June 21st. Mr. Scavelli asked council to withdraw the legislation. President Buytendyk stated he would prefer no action be taken tonight and when the legislation is on the September 5th agenda, they will table it then. The legislation is considered to have its first reading.

Councilman Reynolds returned to the podium.

Informal Resolution:

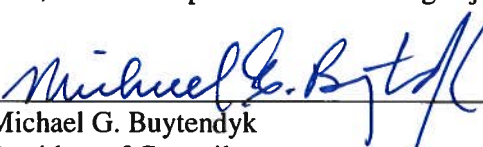
President Buytendyk announced he wanted to acknowledge the retirement of Council Clerk, Lynne DePaulo. He proceeded to read an informal resolution in honor of Lynne. Mayor Breneman presented Lynne with a large bouquet of flowers and everyone sang Lynne’s praises. It was quite a surprise and appreciated.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS


Councilmembers wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

Councilwoman Warden wished Mr. Lee of Boot, Scoot and Boogie success in his scooter business. She stated that the companies phone number would be on each scooter for people to call with any problems or complaints regarding the scooters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT Councilman Ansel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Myers. Upon voice vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Lynne DePaulo
Clerk of Council

