

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Wauseon City Council

Minutes of

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

February 20, 2017

Held

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, February 20, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

This meeting of the Wauseon City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Huner. Following the Pledge of Allegiance roll was called by the Clerk of Council. Present was Council President Stiriz, Councilors Kost, Schamp, Chamberlin, Scott Stiriz and Frey.

***APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS' MINUTES***

Councilor Kost moved and seconded by Councilor Chamberlin to approve the previous meetings' minutes.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

**INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AND TOPIC**

Dr. Conrado Jensen, parking on Howard Ave.

Dr. Jensen provided a written copy of his thoughts regarding the process of which the Street Committee met, contents of minutes, his notification by the police department of the meeting, the survey and lack of commitment on the part of city officials to ensure all residents' participation. Mr. Jensen said he did not see his response to the police survey in the documents for the Street Committee in that he brought up that his car was once parked on the east side of the street and it was struck by another car with such force that his parked car ended up on the sidewalk. He said he does not agree with the committee's recommendation. He would like to see no changes made and that no parking continue on the east side of the street. He urged council to take the topic seriously because there are a number of children that live and play on Howard Ave. Parking vehicles on a narrow street is an issue because it limits visibility, limits the city to conduct its business and most of all it just moves no parking from one side to another because someone backed into a parked vehicle. He encouraged you to look at this in a very thorough manner.

Councilor Kost asked Assistant Chief McConnell if many of our streets allow parking on one side or another. Assistant Chief McConnell responded that is correct. Councilor Kost asked if there is any standard reasoning as to which side it is on. Assistant Chief McConnell said he didn't have that information available for this meeting. Mayor Huner said it is dependent on how many driveways are on each side. Councilor Kost asked if he finds more information if he could provide that later to them.

Mayor Huner said that there is always an issue with street sweepers and snow plows and sometimes they aren't able to go down the streets.

Mr. Jensen said he has a long driveway and it accumulates a lot of snow and limited space to put it on the drive of the driveway. He has a lot of leaves to put next to the curb.

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Councilor Chamberlin asked Mr. Jensen if he is connecting the snow and leaf issue on Howard Ave. to the parking issue. Mr. Jensen said of course, he is.

Councilor Chamberlin asked Dr. Jensen if he knows how the parking got switched to the west side. Dr. Jensen replied a water main broke in front of his street and there was a big hole. Parking was on the east side of the street. He parked on his curb side and he gets a bill from the city. He came and talked to the previous administration and asked why he had to pay for the bill. He told them that people park their cars across from his driveway and there is no room for him to turn. After that discussion a few weeks later, the parking was changed to the west side.

Mayor Huner said either side of the street will be the same issues. When we look into these situations with the narrow streets, we look at the safety. Should we have no parking on the narrow streets? Council President Stiriz added there are houses that don't have the parking. Mayor Huner stated there are places downtown that don't have the parking.

Mr. Fred Rockey explained that the signs got moved from a previous administration. On the east side of the street there are eight driveways that have to back out. On the west side there are three driveways and two are combined. The only thing is if you park on the east side of the street you aren't going to park as many cars on the street.

Mr. James Gype stated he has lived on Howard Ave for 67 years. There are eight residents on the east side of the street that have to back out on Howard Ave. Why did it get changed in the first place? Mayor Huner said this decision was made in a previous administration. There is no record that there was a committee meeting to get it changed. Mr. Gype said you already have had two accidents on that street.

Judy Grime said she is one of the residents who had an accident. The car was parked right behind her driveway. They just kept doing it and didn't move their car. It is hard getting in and out. There are all these driveways on the east side and on the west side they can back in a driveway and there is no car there. It has been that way for years and we had no problems until the parking was changed. She hopes we can change it back to the way it was.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Street Committee – February 6, 2017**

Councilor Chamberlin reported that the committee met regarding the parking on Howard Ave. Chief Torbet distributed a survey of the affected area. They also heard of accidents that occurred in that street. It makes common sense when you have cars parked opposite where the driveways are. We have an opportunity to prevent the safety.

Recommendation: Change the no parking to the opposite side of Howard Ave. (*which is no parking on the west side and parking on the east side*) (*The committee's intent was to change the no parking to the west side of the street. The written motion before council was erroneously written and*

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*therefore council inadvertently did not have the correct wording before them. Councilor Chamberlin reiterated later in this meeting the exact motion for clarification and council unanimously conveyed understanding of the intent to make the West Side of Howard Ave. no parking and allow parking on the East Side of Howard Ave.*

Council President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Chamberlin to accept the Street Committee's recommendation:

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Mayor Huner asked the Police Department to present information to the Safety and Code committee on bullet points on the safety of narrow streets. Assistant Chief McConnell said he will get with Chief Torbet about that.

### Tree Commission – February 8, 2017

Councilor Frey reported the Tree Commission made a nomination for the Booster of the Year award. The Tree City Awards is coming up this spring in Lakeside, Ohio. They talked about fertilizing young trees in the parks and planting five trees at Homecoming Park. We will present this to the Park Board first and get their approval.

### Park Board – February 14, 2017

Councilor Scott Stiriz reported that Dave Murry stated that there is \$50,000 available in the budget to continue paving at Biddle Park. There will be another pavilion placed at the midget football area. Thomas McWatters came to the meeting to explain the plans for the new walking path at the woods adjacent to Homecoming Park. They are planning to put in a 3.1 mile cross-county course. The project will be done in phases.

## **Department Reports**

### Rick Sluder, Fire Chief

Chief Sluder reminded everyone of the Fulton County Firemen's dinner on February 21, 2017 at Sauder's Founders Hall.

### William McConnell, Assistant Police Chief

Assistant Chief McConnell reported the most recent Coffee with the Cop was on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Upper Crust. It was very good conversation with your local law enforcement. Mayor Huner stated she also attended. Assistant Chief McConnell stated that their goal is to vary the times and have one in the evening or a Saturday morning and even at a Senior Citizen's complex.

### Dennis Richardson, Director of Public Service

Mr. Richardson reported that he is working on the year-end report. He has been working with the architect on the revisions for the pool bathhouse specs and should be ready for our review. We have been approached by Wauseon Senior Village. They are proposing an addition on the north and they are putting together a federal application for funding assistance for this housing. He is providing information for that to them. He is asking for a

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Utility Committee for their application. This is only for the application and if it gets funded then they will move forward. If it doesn't get funded then they will reapply next year.

Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance

Ms. Giguere reported that she had nothing new to report for this meeting.

Thomas A. McWatters III, Director of Law

Mr. McWatters explained Resolution 2017-7 regarding the Mayor entering into an agreement with Maumee Valley Planning Organization. He is working with Wood County in respect to the building inspection issues and that will be ready for the next meeting.

***FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY***

Mayor Huner read out loud by title the following legislation presented for first reading or emergency.

Planning Services Agreement with Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Resolution 2017-07 – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Maumee Valley Planning Organization for Certain Land Use Planning Services; and Declaring an Emergency

Councilor Kost moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to suspend the rules for three readings on Resolution 2017-07 and declare an emergency.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Council President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Frey to place Resolution 2017-07 on final passage whereas an emergency was declared.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Resolution 2017-07 Passes and is in Effect*

Agreement with Fulton County Commissioners – Sanitary Sewer Services – Airport Sewer – Dover Township

Resolution 2017-08– Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Fulton County Commissioners for Sanitary Sewer Services

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Chamberlin to place Resolution 2017-08 on first reading and that the first reading be passed.

Vote: 5 Yeas – 1 Nay (Frey) *Motion Carries*

Revolving Loan Fund Application – Meridew

Resolution 2017-09– Accepting the Recommendations of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Certain Agreements and Declaring an Emergency

Council President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to suspend the rules for three readings on Resolution 2017-09 and declare an emergency.

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Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to place Resolution 2017-09 on final passage whereas an emergency was declared.  
Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Resolution 2017-09 Passes and is in Effect*

**SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

Mayor Huner read out loud by title the following legislation presented for second reading or emergency:

Designation of Proposed State Bicycle Routes

Resolution 2017-04 – Supporting the Designation of Proposed State Bicycle Routes by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Declaring an Emergency

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to suspend the rules for three readings on Resolution 2017-04 and an emergency be declared.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Council President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to place Resolution 2017-04 on final passage whereas an emergency was declared.  
Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Resolution 2017-04 Passes and is in Effect*

**THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation presented for third reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jerry Borton, Maumee Valley Planning Executive Council

Councilor Frey moved and seconded by Councilor Schamp to accept the appointment of Jerry Borton to the Maumee Valley Planning Executive Council for a one year term – (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017).  
Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Dennis Richardson, Designate as an Essential Employee

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Scott Stiriz to approve the designation of Dennis Richardson, Director of Public Works, as an essential employee pursuant to Wauseon Codified Ordinance 147.10.  
Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*



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No Parking on the West Side of Howard Ave.

Councilor Chamberlin wanted to reiterate for clarification that the intent of the Streets Committee was to make it no parking on the opposite of where it currently is on Howard Ave which is no parking on the west side of Howard Ave. and parking allowed on the east side of Howard Ave. Council unanimously conveyed they understood the intent of the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to approve and pay the bills as presented.

Vote: 6 Yeas-0 Nays *Motion Carries*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this session of the Wauseon City Council, Mayor Huner asked for a motion to adjourn. Council President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to adjourn this meeting at 5:55 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council