

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Wauseon City Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

March 21, 2016

WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, March 21, 2016 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 and moment of silence, roll was called by the Clerk of Council. Present was Council President Stiriz, Councilors Kost, Schamp, Chamberlin, S. Stiriz and Frey to constitute a quorum for the transaction of City business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS' MINUTES

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

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – March 7 and 17, 2016

Councilor Schamp reported that the committee discussed the method for the City to bill townships for their share of fire protection expenses. Rather than recoup the expenses for 2016 we decided to move forward with contracts beginning 2017. We agreed on the formula as developed by the Fulton County Auditor and Fire Chief.

Councilor Schamp also reported that at the March 17, 2016 committee meeting, Chief Torbet came to the committee to inform them that he has an opportunity to receive the outfitting for a new police car free of charge, a \$13,000 savings, if he orders this particular police car this year. It would have been in next year's budget for purchase. There is money in the Seizure fund to make this purchase. The Finance Committee gave him permission to continue to pursue it. At the March 7, 2016 committee meeting Chief Torbet informed the committee that the vehicle for the K-9 unit is being paid for out of the 210 Drug fund.

Councilor Chamberlin asked when the fire contracts were last amended. Chief Sluder stated for five townships it was 1991 and the contract with Clinton was last amended in 2004.

Recommendation: Councilor Chamberlin moved and seconded by Councilor Stiriz to authorize Mayor Huner and Chief Sluder to negotiate new contracts with the townships beginning in 2017 and use the formula as developed by the Fulton County Auditor Brett Kolb and Chief Sluder.

Vote: 6 Yeas 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Recommendation: Councilor President Stiriz moved and seconded by Councilor Schamp to give permission to Chief Torbet to proceed with the proposal to purchase a police Charger.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays

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Safety and Code Committee – March 10, 2016

Councilor Scott Stiriz reported that the committee met and discussed adding E-cigarettes/vapors to the smoking ordinance. The county has added that in their buildings. There wasn't an issue heard of when they had their meeting but someone had tried to smoke an e-cigarette in the City building. The committee recommended that it be added to the Smoking Ordinance.

Recommendation: Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to amend Section 523.03 (m) (Smoking in Workplace and Public Places) to include smoking e-cigarettes/vapors.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays Motion Carries

Park Board – March 8, 2016

Councilor Scott Stiriz reported the board discussed the blacktop project at Biddle Park and the City is in the process of getting quotes. They discussed the location of the gazebo at Biddle Park and made a recommendation to place it on the southwest towards the concession stand. The board discussed the swimming pool project. They learned that night swimming had more code regulations and lighting can be costly. During construction they will be putting a fence around the pool for safety purposes. The board discussed recycling bins at Biddle Park. They may be able to use the trash cans up town that are going to be replaced.

Recommendation: Councilor Chamberlin moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to recommend that the Open Air Gazebo be placed on the southwest towards the concession stand by the lighted soccer fields.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays Motion Carries

Holiday Committee – March 16, 2016

Councilor Frey reported donations are starting to come in from the businesses. Inflatables and portable restrooms have been rented. The committee is working on getting the sound system and having the art class decorate the fire boots for donations. Fundraisers are being scheduled at local restaurants where they have agreed to donate a portion of their sales on a certain day and time. A flier has been printed with that information that we would like to go out in the water bills and posted around town.

Tree Commission – March 9, 2016

Councilor Frey reported that the Tree Commission would like to attend the Tree City Awards to be held April 20, 2016, since we also received the Growth Award. The Tree Commission will have to do a presentation at the awards presentation in regards to receiving the Growth Award. Pete Karr has agreed to do that presentation. Kim Bowles presented a Community Forester Master Plan template which was given to her at the Tree Commission Academy. After the Tree Commission studies it and wants to adopt it, then it can be presented to the Mayor and Council. The Tree Commission is still studying the current tree ordinance regarding tree vandalism and researching what other communities do.

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EMS Executive Board – March 16, 2016

Council Schamp reported that this was the first annual meeting of this newly formed board. This is the meeting with the county auditor and fire chiefs. They discussed procedures for communication back and forth if there are any concerns. The board is continuing to work on their bylaws.

Department Reports

David Wright, Regional Planning Director

The 2016 CDBG allocation amount for this year is \$110,000. Last year it was \$106,000. That money will be available after two public hearings and the application to the state is due June 17, 2016. Mr. Wright gave an update on the Downtown Revitalization grant. The grant has been changed to a 100% grant. He gave an update on the ADA portion of that grant. The Targets for Opportunity grant for the Wauseon Library has been approved for much needed foundation work and interior ADA compliance work on the library. A Downtown Revitalization Meeting will be meeting on March 28, 2016 to make decisions on the style for benches and trash receptacles.

Councilor Stiriz asked if there is any new information about available grants for sidewalks to Leggett St. School. Mr. Wright said he had no new information on that. He stated a good allocation project would be a master sidewalk plan. Mayor Huner stated the school doesn't have bussing for school trips and maybe this is something we could try again. Tom Hall added if the hospital develops that ground, sidewalks would be part of the development plan and we may want to have conversation with the hospital about it.

Rick Sluder, Fire Chief

Chief Sluder reported that he is working on the new township contracts and with the EMS Executive Committee

William McConnell, Assistant Police Chief

Assistant Chief McConnell reported that he is working on applying for the Community Policing Relations grant which goes up to \$30,000.

Tom Hall, Code Administrator

Mr. Hall reported that he gave to council the five year program for sidewalks. He received a letter from Heidi Kern, Habitat for Humanity, informing him of a program for people who want to fix up the outside of their homes. In order to be eligible, they have to put in sweat equity and some money towards it, but there is money to assist.

Dennis Richardson, Director of Public Service

Mr. Richardson gave an update on the clarifier painting project at the Water Treatment plant. He received information from the Ohio EPA on changes on the harmful algae bloom testing. The Public Works Department has been assisting on the Linfoot St. project. He was notified by NORTA that they

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applied for a grant to pave a portion of the bike trail from where the paving stops coming out of the Toledo Metroparks up to County Rd. 11. The contractor for the Linfoot St. project is continuing to connect water service lines to existing customers and do storm sewer work at the Shoop Ave. intersection.

Kevin Whitlock, Assistant Director of Law

Mr. Whitlock reported for Mr. McWatters. He is working on the job descriptions and will get with council some point in the near future. He is working with the Civil Service Commission regarding some revisions to the civil service rules.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

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

Police Services at Republican National Convention – July 16, 2016

Resolution 2016-4 – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Cleveland and Declaring an Emergency

Councilor Frey stated he understood that four officers will be sent and will that leave the department short. Assistant Chief McConnell stated that we will be doing some rescheduling to accommodate the request.

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Councilor Kost to suspend the rules for three readings on Resolution 2016-4 and declare an emergency. Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

Councilor Kost moved and seconded by Councilor Chamberlin to place Resolution 2016-14 on final passage whereas an emergency was declared. Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Resolution 2016-4 Passes and is in Effect*

SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

There is no legislation presented for second reading.

THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION

There is no legislation presented for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS

INTV Board – Appoint Rick Frey

Councilor Schamp moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to appoint Rick Frey to the INTV Board. 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

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Mayor Attends WKU 1971 NCAA Division I Final Four Team 45 Year Reunion for Jeff Eckel, (1968 Wauseon H.S. graduate)

Mayor Huner thanked council for the opportunity to attend the reunion held on March 4-5, 2016, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She provided a copy of the events to council. *City mayors of the hometowns of the team members from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois were invited to be part of this historical NCAA distinction. Mayor Huner made a presentation at that event to Jeff Eckel. After the event, Mr. Eckel, gave a letter to City Council expressing his appreciation and thanking the Mayor for coming and her representation for the City of Wauseon.*

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Councilor Kost moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to approve and pay the bills as presented.

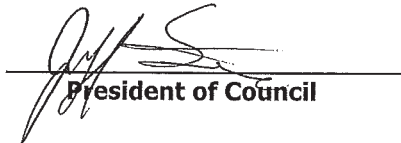
Vote: 6 Yeas-0 Nays *Motion Carries*

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 Frey to adjourn this meeting at 5:40 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*


Clerk of Council


President of Council