

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Wauseon City Council

Minutes of

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

March 7, 2016

Held

**WAUSEON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 7, 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 Kost moved and seconded by Council President Stiriz to approve the previous meetings' minutes.

Vote: 6 Yeas – 0 Nays *Motion Carries*

INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AND TOPIC

Vicki Donovan Lyle, candidate for Ohio House District 47

Ms. Donovan stated that she is a board member on the Sylvania Board of Education. There are 115,000 registered voters in our district. Ms. Donovan gave her educational background and work history. She is a small business owner and understands the issues that they face. Her business works to secure benefits for employees as well as individuals and seniors. She has understanding of the health insurance industry. Education is also very important to her. She is running because she wants to make a difference in Columbus in education and advocate the needs of our children on their behalf. It is her job to represent the needs of the district, whether it is from the township, village or the cities.

Tracy Zuver, candidate for Clerk of Courts

Mr. Zuver stated he grew up in Archbold, Ohio. He shared his educational background and work history. He started with the Sheriff's office in 1989. He continued his career there and was promoted to Chief Deputy in 2013. He has been a resident of Fulton County his entire life and a public servant for the last almost 27 years. He believes his supervision and oversight skills will enhance the clerk of courts office and to help service the citizens of Fulton County. He wants to take those skills to the clerk of courts office and build that relationship. He will be a hands on, team based player and learn all the aspects of the job. To do that professionalism comes along because he takes pride in his work. He explained the endorsements that he has received and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Bill Drummer, Director, Wauseon Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Drummer stated he is the new Director of the Wauseon Chamber of Commerce. He stated he previously owned and operated CDD Inc. for 25 years and Bill's Sports Center for 13 years. He has been a chamber member for 25 years. He talked about some of the organizations and boards he is a member of. Mr. Drummer stated that the chamber receives a lot of calls for the city and foot traffic. One of the reasons he

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took this job in to increase membership. When he started this job, we had 170 members and since he took the position he has gotten 18 new memberships. His immediate goal is to get 200 members. He has found out that a lot of new members were never asked. Once we get to 200, he is not going to stop there, we are going to keep on going. The chamber is involved with the Strawberry Festival, Movies in the Park, Chili Cook-off, annual golf outing, create scholarships and so much for Wauseon. He is going to try and initiate a merchant's tent, to help the local merchants which was done several years ago. We are looking at giving something back for our chamber members. Next year we are looking at having a Valentines Dinner. The next event is the Business after Hours on March 31, 2017. He invited everyone to attend. His goal is to make the Wauseon Chamber an active and vital part of the community.

Committee Reports

Holiday Committee – February 9 and 16, 2016

Councilor Frey reported one of the goals of the committee is to raise money for the 4th of July fireworks. The goal is to raise \$7,000-10,000. He explained some of the events they are planning to raise money at. The Chamber of Commerce will be helping us by sending letters to chamber members on behalf of the Fire Department for donations. Other ideas are a 50/50 raffle and a 5K run. He said there are food vendors who have already committed to the 4th of July.

Tree Commission – February 10, 2016

Councilor Frey reported that Tom Savage gave a list of trees that have to be removed and trees that need extensive trimming. The commission talked about hosting a Tree City USA in three or four years. Once we get the blessing from the City we will send a letter of intent. Jim Spiess suggested that a foundation be created for city trees. He referred to the City of Bexley that has done this. This would be used for any tree related projects. More research is needed on what we need to do. The commission talked about the Arbor Day program and updating our tree ordinance.

Mayor Huner asked about the creation of a foundation for trees. There are so many trees that we can plant at a time and replant and put back in our boulevards to replace. Councilor Frey replied the thought was to have funds for a major tree planting at Homecoming or Biddle Park and not take it out of city budget.

Department Reports

David Wright, Regional Planning Director

Mr. Wright stated at the next Downtown Revitalization committee meeting, the members will pick out trash receptacles and benches for the downtown. We are starting to draw funds from the Downtown Revitalization grant. He is working with a couple others applicants for the grant. In 2014 he applied for a Targets for Opportunity grant for the Wauseon Library. The grant is

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moving forward and hopefully we will have an approval within the next month.

Rick Sluder, Fire Chief

Chief Sluder reported that the written portion of the civil service test was given on February 27, 2016 and we are now undergoing interviews to finalize that list. He has been working with the Holiday Committee on the 4th of July fireworks.

Keith Torbet, Police Chief

Chief Torbet reported that registrations for Safety City will be going out in the kindergarten registration packets. The first class will start June 6 and the second class will be June 20, 2016. The Youth Police Academy will be starting up June 6-10, 2016. Applications will be going out for that as well.

Dennis Richardson, Director of Public Service

Mr. Richardson reported that he is working with ODOT and Fulton County on the ODOT campus and Fulton County Heritage Center. He is working on water and sewer needs for that project. Also we are furnishing another water tap to Sara's garden for their expansion. There was a preconstruction meeting for the painting of the clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant. The annual consumer confidence report will be going out in the next billing cycle of the water bills. Mr. Richardson gave a progress update on the Linfoot St. project. We received a draft of the bio-solids study at the Water Reclamation Plant for review. The Fulton County Economic Development Corporation's annual meeting will be held on April 21, 2016 at Founder's Hall. Clem Kutzli has officially accepted the superintendent's job at the Water Reclamation Plant and Josh Reckner has been promoted to Working Foreman at the Public Works Department.

Jamie Giguere, Director of Finance

Mrs. Giguere reported that she emailed to council the year to date financial reports and check run for March 7, 2016 and Income Tax Revenue report. She reported that the income tax receipts are up 6.54% from this time last year.

Thomas A. McWatters, Director of Law

Mr. McWatters reported that the deed and easement for the transfer of the ball diamonds to the school has now been recorded and the deed was given to Mr. Brown, Wauseon Supt. of Schools. He is working on various other projects.

FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION OR EMERGENCY

There is no legislation presented for first reading.

SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

There is no legislation presented for second reading.

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THIRD READING OF LEGISLATION

There is no legislation presented for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Annual Report

Councilor Chamberlin stated he read the year-report and asked if there is a possibility the income tax split could get back to 60/40 from the current 75/25. Mrs. Giguere replied given with the pool being built and not knowing what the operational costs are going to be for that she would like to keep it as is.

Mayor Huner distributed the written year-end report to council and department heads. She thanked the department heads for their reports and the information needed for the report.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Councilor Kost moved and seconded by Councilor Chamberlin 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 5:40 p.m.

All in favor: *Motion Passed Unanimously*


Clerk of Council


President of Council