

AGENDA
January 3, 2023
Wadsworth City Council

Regular Meeting of the Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in-person in City Council Chambers:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of City Council Minutes for the *Regular Meeting of December 20, 2022 and Special Meetings of December 21 and 22, 2022*
6. Visitors
7. Correspondence
8. READING OF LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-001 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 35.41 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO CHANGE THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE AND EMS SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC/INSPECTORS TO FIFTEEN (15) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Corrected Compensation Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 23-002 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAWING OF A WARRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,554.00 FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE UPON A CONTRACT WITH OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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9. Other Business
10. Recess or Adjournment

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 35.41 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wadsworth is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 35.41 FIRE DEPARTMENT

(A) In the Fire Department, there shall be one (1) Fire Chief compensated under the compensation range PM-7 as set forth in section 35.47 of this chapter and one (1) Assistant Fire Chief compensated under compensation range PM-5 as set forth in section 35.47 of this chapter. There shall be fifteen (15) full-time Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspectors, one (1) Fire Administrative Assistant compensated under compensation range C-7 as set forth in section 35.47 of this chapter, and one (1) part-time Equipment Maintenance Person, who shall be compensated under compensation range L-2 as set forth in section 35.47 of this chapter. Not to exceed two (2) additional Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspectors may be employed, provided they are in training to replace Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspectors who have separated employment, committed to retire, or to replace Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspectors who will be promoted to Chief or Assistant Chief due to the Chief and/or Assistant Chief's commitment to retire or separate.

(B) Each full-time Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector in the Fire Department shall be compensated and provided other benefits in accordance with the existing collective bargaining agreements as authorized by ordinance.

(C) Compensation for volunteer fire supervision shall be as follows:

Volunteer Fire Supervision	Monthly Compensation
Fire Captain	\$400 per month.
Fire Lieutenants	\$350 per month.

(D) Compensation for hourly volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS shall be as follows:

Pay Level	Fire Service (Level of Certification)	EMS Service (Level of Certification)	2023 Rate of Pay
Pay Level 1	Entry-Level Firefighter	EMS Entry-Level EMT	\$14.19
Pay Level 2	Volunteer Firefighter	EMT - Basic	\$17.36
Pay Level 3	Firefighter I	EMT - Intermediate	\$19.11
Pay Level 4	Firefighter II	EMT- Paramedic	\$20.85
Pay Level 5	Officer Compensation	Officer Compensation	\$25.98

Volunteer Fire and EMS employees may also be eligible for a performance-based merit wage increase at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

(E) For FIRE and EMS runs, volunteer FIRE and EMS personnel shall receive hourly compensation pro-rated every quarter hour after the initial hour of service.

(F) Employees who serve in a dual capacity in both the volunteer fire service and EMS service shall receive the hourly rate of pay that corresponds with the job duty being performed. However, should a volunteer employee serve in both capacities (i.e., Fire and EMS) on a specific call or station fill shift, the employee shall be compensated at the higher of the two (2) pay levels, as approved by a supervisor.

(G) Employees in the fire service who are designated as officers (i.e., Captain and Lieutenant) shall only receive officer compensation, Pay Level 5, when performing fire training and fire duties.

(H) Volunteer employees shall be promoted to the next higher level of certification effective with the date of receipt of the documentation evidencing the completion of all certification requirements.

Section 2. That existing section 35.41 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Wadsworth is hereby repealed and the amended provision to change the rates of compensation for volunteer fire service and EMS service employees be made effective for all hours worked beginning January 1, 2023.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in the City of Wadsworth in order to provide an adequate compensation rate for the volunteer fire service and EMS service employees; WHEREFORE, this ordinance shall go into immediate effect provided that it receives a two thirds vote of all members of city council. If it receives approval by a majority of the members but less than a two-thirds vote, then it shall be effective at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: _____

President of Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

1st Rdg. _____

2nd Rdg. _____

3rd Rdg. _____

Passed: yes _____ no _____

Vote: aye _____ nay _____

Immediate Effect: yes _____ no _____

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Tammy L. Guenther, Clerk of Council of the City of Wadsworth, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the forgoing ordinance was duly published in the *Medina Gazette* and at <http://www.publicnoticesohio.com/> on _____ and _____, which is for two consecutive weeks as required by section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Tammy L. Guenther
Clerk of Council
City of Wadsworth

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Sponsored by President of Council, Bob Thurber

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAWING OF A WARRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,554.00 FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE UPON A CONTRACT WITH OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a contract was entered into by an officer or employee of the City of Wadsworth with Ohio Water Development Authority without an attached certificate of the fiscal officer of the City of Wadsworth as required by section 5705.41(D)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of the City of Wadsworth (the fiscal officer) has presented to the Council of the City of Wadsworth a certificate that there was at the time of the making of the aforesaid contract and at the time of the execution of such certificate, a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasury or in the process of collection to the appropriated funds free from any previous encumbrances, and that the expenditures will be valid if authorized by the city council as the taxing authority within thirty days from the receipt of the certificate, and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that payment should be authorized as to this contract, **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That pursuant to section 5704.41(D)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Council, based on the certificate received from the Auditor of the City of Wadsworth (the fiscal officer) does hereby authorize the drawing of warrant in payment of an amount not to exceed \$22,554.00 due upon the contract with Ohio Water Development Authority entered into without an attached certificate of the fiscal officer of the City of Wadsworth.

Section 2. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in the City of Wadsworth in order to pay without undue delay for services and products received by the City of Wadsworth; **WHEREFORE**, this ordinance shall go into immediate effect.

Passed: _____
President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved: _____
Mayor

1st Rdg. _____
3rd Rdg. _____
Vote: aye _____ nay _____

2nd Rdg. _____
Passed: yes _____ no _____
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