

**MINUTES**  
**WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

*The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person at City Council Chambers.*

**PRESIDING:** Bob Thurber, *President of Council*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ralph Copley, Bruce Darlington, Jeanne Hines, Dan Rospert, Tom Stugmyer, Jon Yurchiak, David Williams

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Robin Laubaugh, Public Service Director Robert Patrick, Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock, Law Director Tom Morris, Assistant Public Service Director Mike Testa (audience), Economic Development Director Matt Springer (audience), Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

**TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Bob Engler and Jim Gardner

**VISITORS SPEAKING:** *None*

**PRESS REPRESENTATIVES:** *Mason Savoia, The Medina Gazette*

Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. He asked everyone to remain standing as he led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation. The Clerk of Council called the roll.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL AND THE WADSWORTH BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:**

Mr. Thurber said they would proceed to the Joint Meeting of Wadsworth City Council and the Wadsworth Board of Township Trustees to elect a member of the Woodlawn Union Cemetery Board **for the term ending December 31, 2025**. He asked for a motion to interrupt the regular Council agenda and expand to a joint meeting.

Mr. Stugmyer made the motion and Mr. Copley seconded. All City Council members present were in favor.

**ATTENDANCE ROLL:** The Clerk of Council called the roll for the joint meeting as follows: Engler, Gardner, Williams, Copley, Yurchiak, Darlington, Hines, Stugmyer, Rospert.

The Council President declared the joint meeting of Wadsworth City Council and the Wadsworth Board of Township Trustees to be open.

**APPOINTMENT:**

The Council President asked for a motion to nominate a member for Township representation on the Woodlawn Union Cemetery Board for the three year term expiring December 31, 2025.

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to appoint Jon Yurchiak.

Mr. Thurber asked if there were any other for that term. There were none. The Clerk took a roll call vote of the Township Trustees and City Council on the approval of Mr. Yurchiak. Ayes: Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Engler, Gardner. Nays: none. **Jon Yurchiak declared to have been**

approved for a three year term on the Woodlawn Union Cemetery Board for the term expiring December 31, 2025.

**ADJOURN THE JOINT MEETING:**

The Council President asked for a motion to close the joint meeting and resume the regular City Council meeting. Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley to close the joint meeting and resume the regular City Council meeting. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members and Township Trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Thurber declared the joint meeting to be closed.

Mr. Thurber thanked the Trustees for attending and resumed the regular Council agenda.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Stugmyer made a motion to adopt the **Regular Council meeting of January 17, 2023.** An all-in-favor vote was taken and majority Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023 WERE APPROVED.**

**VISITORS:** *None*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk reported one item, which was an application from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a liquor license from DIPSWATI INC. d/b/a GRIZZLY QUICK MART @ 744 Broad St. to: GANGAJAMANA LLC, also d/b/a GRIZZLY QUICK MART. If no Council member objected, Ms. Guenther would return the application to the division of liquor control by the end of the week.

Mr. Copley inquired of Mr. Hiscock as to any violations at the location. Mr. Hiscock reported that he had not yet had an opportunity to review the records of the establishment. He did not have information to offer them at that time. Mr. Copley asked when the application was due. Ms. Guenther responded that the application was due no later than February 13, 2023. She also noted that they had three weeks between meetings.

Mr. Hiscock offered that he could certainly look into it and let them know. That way, Council had the right to make any objections. Mr. Copley said he appreciated that.

**LEGISLATION:**

*The following legislation was read for the first time and acted upon as follows:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-010 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 35.35 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO CHANGE THE COMPENSATION RATE OF DOG CATCHER AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber

Ms. Guenther noted that she was working from a corrected, revised agenda.

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-010. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-010 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-011 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 35.43 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO COMPENSATE THE PLAYBACK TECHNICIAN AT \$16.30 PER HOUR AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rospert, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-011. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-011 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-012 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL CARRIER VEHICLE AND ATTACHMENTS FOR THE WADSWORTH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee January 23, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 23-012 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-012 advanced to second reading for the meeting of February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-013 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL CARRIER VEHICLE AND ATTACHMENTS, FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PRECISION APPROACH PATH INDICATORS (PAPI), AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL AIRPORT APRON AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee January 23, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 23-013 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-013 advanced to second reading for the meeting of February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-014 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REMOVAL AND CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE ON ROADS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE STATE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee January 23, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-014. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington,. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-014 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-015 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) FREIGHTLINER 108SD VEHICLES WITH EXTENDED WARRANTIES FROM VALLEY FREIGHTLINER, INC. THROUGH**

## **PARTICIPATION IN A SOURCEWELL CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee January 23, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rospert, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-015. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-015 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

*The following legislation was read for the second time, having been previously read at different meetings on different days, and acted upon as follows:*

### **ORDINANCE NO. 23-008 (2<sup>nd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CITY STREET SWEEPING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Discussed by Public Ways December 12, 2022

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 23-008 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-008 advanced to third reading for the meeting of February 21, 2023.**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 23-009 (2<sup>nd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 90.43 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF ANIMALS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Jon Yurchiak
- Forwarded by Committee of the Whole January 17, 2023

Mr. Yurchiak made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hines, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-009. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert. Nays: none. Mr. Yurchiak called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-009 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

*The following legislation was read for the third time, having been previously read at different meetings on different days, and acted upon as follows:*

### **AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 23-003 (3<sup>rd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 94.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO INCLUDE THE SERVING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR BEER AT EVENTS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole January 3, 2023, with amendment requested and approved

Mr. Stugmyer called the question on Ordinance No. 23-003. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Williams, Rospert, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. **Amended Ordinance No. 23-003 declared to have been adopted February 7, 2023.**

That concluded the legislation for the evening.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Thurber asked for any other business from City Council or the Administration.

Hearing none, he entertained a motion to enter an executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to hold an executive session for the purpose of the consideration of a land acquisition where premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage for a person or a personal private interest adverse to the general public interest. The roll call was taken. Ayes: Williams, Copley, Yurchiak, Darlington, Hines, Stugmyer, Rospert. Nays: none. **City Council entered executive session at approximately 5:45 p.m.**

**The executive session adjourned and the regular City Council meeting resumed at approximately 6:22 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mr. Yurchiak. All were in favor.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council