

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., was held through means of both electronic video conferencing and in-person attendance at City Council Chambers. It was broadcast live on City Link Channels 17 & 329 and on Spectrum Channel 1024 at the scheduled time, and was streamed live at WatchWCTV.com.

- PRESIDING:** Bob Thurber, *President of Council*
- MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT:** Ralph Copley, Bruce Darlington, Patty Haskins, Jeanne Hines, Tom Stugmyer, David Williams, Jon Yurchiak *
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Robin Laubaugh, Director of Public Service Robert Patrick, Director of Public Safety Matt Hiscock, Director of Law Director Tom Morris, Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther *
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Township Trustees Robert Engler and James Gardner

Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. Mr. Thurber led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation. The Clerk of Council called the roll.

MINUTES: Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to adopt the minutes of the Council meetings of February 2, 2021. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of February 2, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WADSWORTH AND THE WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE WOODLAWN UNION CEMETERY BOARD: 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. He asked for a motion to interrupt the regular Council agenda and expand to a joint meeting.

Mr. Williams made the motion to expand the council meeting to a joint meeting. The Council President took an all in favor vote and all members present voted in favor of the motion. None were opposed.

Mr. Thurber asked the Clerk to call the roll for attendance of both City Council and the Township Trustees, which she did, with members responding as follows: Engler, Gardner, Copley, Darlington, Haskins, Hines, Stugmyer, Williams, Yurchiak were present. **Council President declared the Joint Meeting to be open at approximately 5:03 p.m.**

Mr. Thurber asked for a motion to nominate a member for Township representation on the Woodlawn Cemetery Board. Mr. Copley made a motion to appoint Kevin Keiper for the term expiring 12/31/23. The Council President asked for any other nominations for that term. Hearing none, he asked the Clerk please take a roll call vote on the approval of Mr. Keiper. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Engler, Gardner. Nays: none. **Kevin Keiper was approved as a member of the Woodlawn Union Cemetery Board for the term expiring 12/31/23.**

*Ms. Haskins, Ms. Guenther, Mayor Laubaugh and Public Service Director Robert Patrick attended the meeting via Zoom. Other Council members and Officials who attended the meeting were in person at the Council Chambers.

Council President entertained a motion to close the joint meeting and resume the regular Council meeting. Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to close the joint meeting and resume the regular Council agenda. **The joint meeting was adjourned and the regular agenda of City Council resumed at approximately 5:04 p.m.**

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-011 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND/OR OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AND/OR DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE FUND PROGRAM, AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington

Mr. Darlington said before they voted on the ordinance, he would ask Mr. Patrick to give an explanation to Council. Mr. Patrick said it had been talked about briefly in Public Service Committee. He explained that the City had the Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Phase one, scheduled for that year. They'd just received the EPA approval of that plan about two weeks ago. The ordinance represented an opportunity for funding through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The City last took advantage of funding through this program in 2008, with the improvements to the Water Treatment Plant. At that time, it was the most favorable route to proceed. It was very favorable now as well. Phase one improvements and construction for this year were estimated at \$980K. They were beginning the engineering phase of it, which was budgeted. The program was through the OWDA, called the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account. It provided assistance for planning, design, and construction improvements to community water systems and a very favorable program. Some of the other projects that the City got funding for public works through OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) loans were very, very favorable at zero percent interest. This program was not that great, but very good. He had talked with the Auditor and also the City's financial advisor. Both recommended it as the best solution because of the favorable rates, which right now were 0.43% and almost as good as the OPWC. It was better than what could be done going onto the market, he thought.

The City would apply for the funds. If the application was awarded, they would look at what the rates were at that time and later in the year to see if they were still favorable and look to moving forward. They would talk with their financial advisor again to make sure it was the right route at that point. Loan terms were five to 30 years and typical for 20 years. They would determine that timeframe based on what the project came in at and with regard to the most favorable terms.

Mr. Darlington asked if there was a deadline for the application. Mr. Patrick replied that the deadline would come up at the end of the month. Since they finally received the EPA approval, they would be able to get the application in to get the funding awarded.

Mr. Darlington asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-011. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Hines, Copley. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer,

Yurchiak, Hines, Copley, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-011 declared to have been adopted February 16, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-012 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2021 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES THROUGH AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT OR UPON EQUIVALENT TERMS CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS BUT AT A LOWER PRICE THAN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee February 16, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-012. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-012 declared to have been adopted February 16, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-013 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT A FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,185.45 AND TO MATCH THE AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,518.55 AS PART OF THE COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL ROUND 2 PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee February 16, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule.

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-013. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-013 declared to have been adopted February 16, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-014 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 76.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO ADD DURING HOURS OF OPERATION IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee February 16, 2021

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to place Ordinance No. 21-014 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-014 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 2, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-010 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 35.44 AND 35.46 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND FOR THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, AND FOR THE PROBATION ASSISTANT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed in Executive Session February 2, 2021

Mr. Copley said since the ordinance dealt with payroll, he wanted to move the ordinance to third reading. Ms. Haskins seconded. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 20-010 advanced to third reading for the meeting of March 2, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-03 (2nd RDG.): A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WADSWORTH, OHIO PURSUANT TO R.C. §709.192, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND MODIFYING THE PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF R.C. 709.19 RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO PARCEL NO. 038-17B-20-033

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Forwarded by Economic Development & Planning Committee February 1, 2021
- Discussed at the Council meeting of February 2, 2021

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to amend Resolution No. 21-03, to add to last line, following the parcel no. 038-17B-20-033, “and declaring an emergency.” An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Resolution No. 21-03 was amended.** Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Amended Resolution No. 21-03. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Haskins, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Hines, Copley. Nays: none. **Amended Resolution No. 21-03 declared to have been adopted February 16, 2021.**

That concluded the legislation for the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Thurber for any additional business for Council to consider. There was nothing. He asked for the additional comments of Administration. There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:17 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council