

**MINUTES**  
**WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

*The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, February 21, 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, Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

**VISITORS SPEAKING:**

- *Superintendent Stacey Maleckar, of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities*
- *George Naijer, 760 Doty Drive*
- *Rex Slee, 638 Hilcrest*
- *Denise Kiel, 404 Treeview Drive*
- *Aaron Reed, 173 Simcox*
- *Erica Case, Doylestown*
- *Dan Ciammaichella, 4783 Dalton Fox Lake Road, Wayne Co.*
- *Juan Collado, 3962 West 157<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, 44111*
- *Timothy Neal, 178 Grandview*
- *Tina Burdette, 248 E. Walnut Street*
- *Brian Davis, 613 Highland Avenue*
- *Kathleen Slee, 638 Hilcrest*

**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.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to adopt the Regular Council meeting of February 7 and the Special Council meeting of February 15, 2023. An all-in-favor vote was taken and majority Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7 AND FEBRUARY 15, 2023 WERE APPROVED.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR & COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRIOR TO VISITORS' PORTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Thurber called on Law Director Morris for some comments.

**Mr. Morris** reported that a question that Council had asked of him at the Committee of the Whole and also prior, was what ordinances were available as they struggled with whether ordinances were necessary or appropriate to pass with regard to any type of governance of obscenity laws in the City of Wadsworth. He stated that he had pulled three of them out so they knew what was available, so what they could pass or what they did not need to pass.

One of them was pandering obscenity, which was a felony of the fifth degree. It would be to create or produce obscene performances that would be publicly presented and the offender was reckless in that regard. This felony of the fifth degree was already on the books, if it was needed to be.

There was also dissemination of matter harmful to juveniles, where no person with knowledge or character or content should recklessly present to a juvenile any material or performance that was obscene or harmful to juveniles. It was a misdemeanor of the first degree or a felony of the fifth degree depending on the nature of that.

There were also public indecency statutes, in which no person should do any of the following, which was likely to be viewed by another or affront other, have sexual conduct viewed by or affront another person.

Those were already on the books, stated Mr. Morris. For their information that was what had been determined within the scope of the First Amendment for purposes of what a police officer could do in a First Amendment type of situation.

Mr. Thurber thanked Mr. Morris.

Mr. Thurber said that before they moved to the Visitors' portion of the agenda that night, he would read some of the Council rules. He thought it was important to understand that this was a deliberative body. What they did was to take and hopefully thought about what people said, and they processed that. What they did not do: they did not debate; they deliberated. So there would not be any back and forth. That did not mean Council was not listening. They were. But it was important to know that Council would take that evening, the information and whatever thoughts (were offered). They wanted to hear those and think about them.

Mr. Thurber said they had a two minute rule, which meant individuals came forward and first gave their names and addresses, and then had two minutes. He had a little stopwatch. They had two minutes to tell Council what was on their hearts and minds.

He also emphasized that they did not like redundancies. If a person was going to say just what the last four people said, then just come up and say that they agreed with the last person or the person before that. Mr. Thurber said they would try to keep it moving. Council had a full agenda that night. They did care what the speakers thought and wanted to hear what was on their minds, but would like to move it forward.

Mr. Thurber said they were expected to be civil and respectful in their comments. It was a privilege to get to talk there. They could say whatever they wanted outside, but here they did not have to have any public discourse. They loved to have it as long as everyone remained respectful. He said they could comment however they wanted but needed to be respectful with others. There would be no interruptions. It was public comment, period. They did not want people interrupting each other.

### **VISITORS:**

Mr. Thurber referenced the sign in sheet and called forward the Superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Stacey Maleckar. He invited her to spend her two minutes however she wanted.

**Ms. Maleckar** thanked them and appreciated their time. She introduced herself and had information for them. That was the MCBDD Annual Report and their Action Plan Summary. First, she thanked everybody who supported the levies in the past, which supported the people in their community with developmental disabilities to live a full life.

One of the big things going on right in their field was that they had a crisis in worker shortage. Like in many different businesses and organizations, they had what were called “direct support professionals.” Those were staff that actually did the hands on assistance with people, anywhere from feeding to bathing; to medication; taking people out into the community; or dropping in to help them balance a checkbook. There was a whole array of things that these folks did, which, she emphasized, were critical for people with developmental disabilities to be successful. They had a tremendous shortage and one of the big problems was that the wages, which were governed by the state. The state determined reimbursement rates of what private providers in these small businesses that provided those services and what they had to pay staff. Right now across the state, they were advocating to get those wages up to a competitive wage.

March was Developmental Disability Awareness Month so they would probably hear a lot of that. She thanked Wadsworth and Medina County in general for being very supportive of individuals with developmental disabilities. It was a pleasure to be there.

Council members thanked Ms. Maleckar and members of the audience applauded.

In no particular order, Mr. Thurber said he would read some names. If they were present and wanted to speak could come forward or not. He understood no one wanted to be the first one.

**George Naijer** came forward and stated that he had a question that he would like answered. There was blue light that had been installed in one of the street lamps, across from Speedway at the SR-261 Exit. He would like to know why that blue light was there. He asked if someone could get him an answer to that at some point.

He also expressed concern about the event coming and he was concerned about the cost to the City. He was afraid there had been threats of different groups that were going to be coming to the City that he thought would cause taxpayer money to be spent on something that was not necessary. He thought whoever was voting for the event, should postpone it at best and have some time to let the people deliberate some more on this issue.

Mr. Naijer wanted to make one other point. There was a bill that was dead in the Ohio State Legislature. Even though it was dead, there was some good investigation in it. It stated that .003% of the United States youth wanted to “trans” and that out of them, there were many who committed suicide.

**Rex Slee** came forward and noted that he was with his wife, Kathy Slee. They had heard through many sources of the upcoming event and they were concerned. There were fliers posted on Facebook and other places that conjure emotion and violence. Antifa was mentioned. BLM was mentioned. Nowhere had they seen that any good had been caused from those events.

Mr. Slee said he pulled up the Ohio Revised Code Section 2917.01, inciting violence and read: “no person shall knowingly engage in conduct designed to urge or incite another to commit any offense of violence.”

He referred to ORC Section 2917.03 riot and read: “no person shall participate in or use unlawful force of violence.”

He referred to ORC Section 2917.11 disorderly conduct and read: “no person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to another doing any part of the following: engaging in fighting, threatening harm to person or property or violent or turbulent behavior.”

Mr. Slee said he just wanted to bring those as examples of what this might cause.

Mr. Thurber alluded to the audience clapping following the remarks of the speakers and said it was not really necessary, and asked that it please be toned down. He said it led no place particularly good.

**Denise Kiel** came forward and said, regarding the event coming up that her major concern – and as far as anyone who was an adult wanted to do, that was their business, but the key thing was adult – was she did not think this event had any business with children. That was her main concern. Studies showed that children who were exposed to this kind of activity had long term sexual effects to children as they grew. She thought they were really heading into some dangerous behavior when it came to children. As far as what somebody wanted to do when they were 18 and over, that was their business. She was not judge and jury as to what someone wanted to do when they were 18 and over. If that was how they wanted to live their life, go for it, she said. She had no qualms. But when it came to children, she was a big advocate of protection of children. Therefore, she thought this was a really bad and scary road for Wadsworth to go down.

**Aaron Reed** came forward and said he was the one organizing this memorial, charity event for massacre victims. Mr. Reed said he wrote a speech and would say it until his time ran out.

His only question was “when.” When was enough, enough? When were the adults in the room going to stand up and explain to these people that while they were entitled to their own opinions, not all opinions were equally valid or should be treated with respect? Bigots – these people were uneducated, angry, violent bigots and were attempting to use children as a human shield for their bigotry. They were using the same tactics used by angry bigots of the past, like modern George Wallace’s standing on the school house steps trying to protect good, white Christian kids from scourge of having to share public spaces with people not exactly like them. It was buffoonery plain and simple, Mr. Reed said.

People were entitled to their religions and their opinions, no matter how absurd or bigoted they were. But when were they going to stop being afraid, he asked, to stand up to them and to tell them they did not give a (*swear word used*) what their bigoted holy books say. The LGBQ were here and they were part of this community. A lot of them walked around there every single day because they did not have adults in charge with the guts to stand up to these monsters and tell them to keep their bigotry to their own kids. They would not indoctrinate their children on behalf of their bigotry and remove LGBQ from public spaces and LGBQ books from libraries and equality from their schools. These people were so privileged in their little white, Christian Nationalist bubbles they had never heard the word No in their adult lives. Everyone was too afraid of them to tell it like it was. They did not get to dictate how the rest of them lived. They did not get dictate how the rest of them dressed. They did not get to dictate how the rest of them loved because their imaginary sky wizard friend told them the LGBQ were icky and should be publicly executed.

No, said Mr. Reed. He would say no and would not back down to bigotry, ever.

At that point, Mr. Thurber noted a couple people came in late. He said if they wanted to speak, there would be an open call at the end.

**Erica Case** came forward and said she was not actually a Wadsworth resident. She lived in Doylestown but since there was nothing in Doylestown, she came to Wadsworth for everything. It was where she spent all of her money. It was 10 minutes from her house and she felt it important to at least share her thoughts.

In her opinion there was no such thing as a family friendly drag show. She encouraged them to define – by ordinance if possible – that an establishment that hosted drag performances was considered adult

entertainment. Minors were not legally allowed at adult oriented events or establishments. Further, this should not occur on public property where a minor could see this activity.

FYI, she said, referring to the latest Ramussen Reports, they did a telephone and internet survey. From it, 60% of American adults considered drag queen story hour to not be appropriate for children. The survey was of 1,000 adults and conducted last October 23.

Ms. Case said they were not asking to segregate people who were queer, but they were asking to remove the children from that equation. They just needed to protect the children and that was all she had to say.

Mr. Thurber observed that they had had a lot of the same (comments) now.

**Dan Ciammaichella** came forward and said he worked in Wadsworth. His family had been involved in Wadsworth for decades. The only thing he had to say – and he was not going to get into the “he said, she said” – the fact of the matter was, as they could see today, the people who did not respect the flag and did not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance or the prayer, and the people interrupting everyone, want respect from them. That was all he had to say.

**Juan Collado** came forward and said he was a Cleveland resident. He wanted to share a little bit. In their city they actually had drag story time with support of the LGBTQ community. Last year he did a study with Google.org, and looked around because this seemed like a big concern for everybody in the room. They had heterosexual TV shows going on day and night and exposed their kids to heterosexual sex. If this was what they were so worried about – bringing the sexuality and the gender constantly to their children. They watched PBS shows with mom and dad and it brought just mom and dad. That was just the idea of sexual identity too because they were a straight mom and dad. Why was it so offensive to bring an LGBTQ character into a show or an LGBTQ character into the world, asked Mr. Collado? They had to learn that they were not in 1950s or 1920s where mom stayed at home and took care of everything while dad went to work. This was not the life they were living anymore. If someone wanted to live their life that way, (they should not) make it his or anybody else’s life.

He knew this was their town and he was coming from outside to tell them this, but it had come so far that other towns had to get involved to tell them that they needed to change. The small town way was not appropriate anymore. Equality was a thing. Yes, they believed in God. They respected that. But the Bible never said LGBTQ or gay or lesbian, queer people. It mentioned to not lay with (a) child. It was talking about pedophilia, not homosexuality, said Mr. Collado. He thanked them.

**Timothy Neal** came forward and said it was not so much about the LGBTQ community. He did not think people had a problem with that. The problem was when they heard “drag queen.” In his mind, ever since growing up and as a kid, he would think stripper – adult entertainment. It was targeted and derived toward adults. He would not feel comfortable with gay or heterosexual stripper in her outfit reading to children, nor would he feel comfortable with a drag queen in their adult attire, dressed for adult entertainment. To a lot of people, it looked like they were trying to sexualize children. He did not understand there had to be such a push for such sexualization toward the kids. It did not make any sense to him. He did not why there had to be any kind of sexual activity driven toward kids. It was not what he got his kids for books. Mr. Neal mentioned books on baseball – something simple – or that focused on a career path. Pushing sex towards kids was not going to get them anywhere in life.

Be what you want to be when you get older, he said.

This whole thing just looked sexual to him. It was a man dressed in a woman's corset. It looked like lingerie stuff that would be worn in the bedroom. He did not understand why someone would wear it while reading a children's book. It was adult themed stuff and Mr. Neal did not think it was a good look for this town. That was his opinion. He thanked them for the opportunity to speak.

**Tina Burdette** came forward and said she was part of the LGBTQ community and wanted everyone to know not all in the LGBTQ community agreed with what he thought he should do with children. She was a lesbian and she was gay, but still did not want grooming or sexualizing and agreed with what the last man said, 100%. This was an adult situation and they needed to keep that separate. That was why they had movies that were rated, such as PG-13. It was the same thing here.

Mr. Thurber announced that they would take one more speaker since they had a full agenda that evening, unless someone had something profound and compelling that they had to say.

**Brian Davis** came forward and said he wanted to go on the record to say that he had been called a bigot. He was a white Christian male. He did have concerns about the children. He had been told he was full of hate. But he wanted to put it on the public record that he "hated" the man putting on this event so much that he made him a his cane (Mr. Reed held up his handmade cane for all to see). It did not have to do with hate, said Mr. Davis. He had family members who were LGBTQ and he loved them with all of his heart.

Young kids' minds were malleable. They could be shaped if you grabbed them early enough. You could twist it any way you wanted. Mr. Davis just did not think – even for heterosexuals – what did sexuality have to do with children. Just leave them alone and let them be kids, he said. When they grew up, they would figure out what they wanted to do. Just leave the kids out of it.

**Kathleen Slee** came forward and wanted to briefly say that they had moved from Akron to Wadsworth because it was a family-oriented community. It was one of the things that attracted them. She said she was a Christian and believed God's word. Yes, their times were changing but God's word never changed. She felt that bringing children into this and what they wanted to do privately in their own home that was up to them. But please don't bring their community and force people who did not believe this way, to force it on them and force it on the children. They did not want them exposed to this.

Mr. Thurber brought the visitors' portion of the agenda to a close. They would move on to legislation. He said they could feel free to leave or stay, though they might go to sleep if they stayed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk reported one item, which was an application from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new liquor license from SCOLAROS CULINARY, LLC @ 102 High Street. If no Council member objected, the application would be returned to the Division of Liquor Control by the end of the week.

Mr. Darlington said when they talked about this in Committee of the Whole, none of them knew who this was or what they were going to do. Since it was a new business in town, he was asking if maybe they should have a public hearing about it so they could hear what was going on.

Mr. Thurber said that was fair enough. They would set a public meeting. Did they want to set that now. Mr. Darlington did not know since they had not ever done it before. Mr. Thurber suggested an email to perhaps set a date. Ms. Guenther said she would follow up.

**LEGISLATION:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-016 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY ENERGY SAVINGS SMART THERMOSTAT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee February 13, 2023, with recommendation for three readings

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to place Ordinance No. 23-016 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-016 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-017 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE A NEW LABRIE AUTOMIZER SIDE LOADER AND DUAL STEERING CAB AND CHASSIS FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A SOURCEWELL CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee February 13, 2023, with recommendation to suspend and call

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-017. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-017 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-018 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE A CATERPILLAR 420XE AUTO BACKHOE WITH EXTENDED WARRANTY FROM OHIO CAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A SOURCEWELL CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee February 13, 2023, with recommendation to suspend and call

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-018. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-018 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-019 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR, RECEIVE BIDS FOR, AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS AND ALL APPURTENANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hines, to place Ordinance No. 23-019 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-019 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-020 (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 STATE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023, with three readings suggested

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yurchiak, to place Ordinance No. 23-020 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-020 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-021 (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 2023 STREET STRIPING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hines, to place Ordinance No. 23-021 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-021 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-022 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM MEDINA COUNTY'S PY2022 CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT AND DEFINE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH AND MEDINA COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-022. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-022 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-023 (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 2023 CDBG SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023, with two readings

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rospert, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-023. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams,



Hines, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-023 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-024 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH REPAIRING, REPLACING OR CONSTRUCTING OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WADSWORTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023, with at least two readings

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 23-024 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-024 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-025 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF AVIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL CARRIER VEHICLE AND ATTACHMENTS, FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PRECISION APPROACH PATH INDICATORS (PAPI), DESIGN SERVICES FOR AIRPORT PARKING APRON, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL, AND DESIGN OF AN AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVATION SYSTEM (AWOS) AT THE WADSWORTH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hines, to place Ordinance No. 23-025 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-025 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-026 (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 AIRPORT TAXIWAY & FUEL FARM CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 13, 2023

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 23-026 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-026 advanced to second reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-027 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SELL A 1995 KME FIRE FOX PUMPER AND A 1992 PIERCE ARROW 100' AERIAL PLATFORM PURSUANT TO DIVISION (A) OF SECTION 721.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee February 15, 2023 with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rospert, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-027. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote

was taken. Ayes: Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-027 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-028 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRUCTURE PERSONNEL INC. FOR THE LEASING OF EMPLOYEES FROM SAID EMPLOYMENT AGENCY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEASONAL FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS, THE SEASONAL COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE AND LEAVES, AND OTHER NEEDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- To be Discussed at Committee of the Whole February 21, 2023

Mrs. Hines made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Darlington, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-028. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington. Nays: none. Mrs. Hines called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-028 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-02 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF AN 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM FROM THE PORTAGE COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO THE WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee February 15, 2023 with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rospert, to suspend the three reading rule on Resolution No. 23-02. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines. Nays: none. **Resolution No. 23-02 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-029 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE NECESSITATING AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL OF AN EXISTING MANHOLE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW DOGHOUSE MANHOLE INCLUDING PUMPING, INSTALLATION OF NECESSARY PIPE AND SLEEVE CONNECTIONS AND PIPE BEDDING AND BACKFILL UNDER PAVEMENT AS PART OF THE MAHOGANY ROW SEWER WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING AND ADVERTISING, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO SUCH A CONTRACT WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING AND ADVERTISING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Discussed in Committee of the Whole February 21, 2023

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hines, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-029. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call

vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-029 declared to have been adopted February 21, 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. 23-012 (2<sup>nd</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. Stugmyer, to place Ordinance No. 23-012 on third 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 third reading for the meeting of March 7, 2023.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-013 (2<sup>nd</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 third 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 third reading for the meeting of March 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:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-008 (3<sup>rd</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 called the question on Ordinance No. 23-008 on third reading. . Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Rospert, Williams, Hines, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-008 declared to have been adopted February 21, 2023.**

That concluded the legislation for the evening.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Thurber said before they considered any other business, he would like to say how much he appreciated the comportment of the citizens of Wadsworth that night. He said they were exactly who he thought they were. They were polite, decent and in order. He appreciated that a lot and he knew everyone else did too. They did not allow anything to get awkward or out of hand.

Mr. Thurber asked for other thoughts and questions.

Mr. Stugmyer noted that the safety forces were thankful that day. The fire truck, ladder number one was delivered. This was a levy from a couple years ago. They were setting up at Station 2 right now.

There were no other comments

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Williams. All were in favor.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council