

**MINUTES**  
**WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 1, 2022**

*The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person at City Council Chambers.*

**PRESIDING:** Bruce Darlington, *President Pro Tem of Council*

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Acting Mayor Bob Thurber, Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock, Assistant Public Service Director Mike Testa, Human Resources Director Tara McCulloch, Law Director Tom Morris, Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

**PRESS REPRESENTATIVES:** Caleb Hurley, *The Medina Gazette*

**VISTORS SPEAKING:** *None*

**Mr. Darlington** 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 minutes of the Council meeting **February 15, 2022**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. He stated that he was not at the meeting. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF February 15, 2022 WERE APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Application for Placement of Land in an Agricultural District**

Mr. Darlington stated that Council has been asked to consider a renewal application from MNTR, LTD for placement of city lands in an agricultural district. The parcels for consideration were 040-20C-11-001 and 040-20C-11-003. Together the parcels totaled just over 120 acres at Seville Road. Renewals could occur every five years. Council last considered MNTR, LTD in 2016.

Mr. Darlington asked for any comments from Council before opening the public hearing. Mr. Williams thanked the Ramsier family for farming the land.

The public hearing was opened for anyone interested in speaking about the application. Mr. Darlington acknowledged that Mr. and Mrs. Ramsier said that they did not have any comments and asked whether there were any questions for them. There were no questions.

No speakers came forward. The public hearing was closed. At that point, Mr. Darlington asked for a motion to either accept (or deny) the application for renewal, or a motion to move the item for consideration at the next meeting of City Council.

**Motion on the renewal agricultural district application:** **Mr. Copley** made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the MNTR Ltd. Application. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Hines, Rospert, Stugmyer, Williams, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **The MNTR, Ltd application was approved.**

Mr. Darlington told the Ramsiers that he hoped they had a good crop that year.

**VISITORS SPEAKING:** *None*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *None*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Darlington asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Mr. Yurchiak made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to hold an executive session for the purpose of the consideration of preparing for and reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with city employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. The Clerk called the roll. Ayes: Copley, Hines, Stugmyer, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Rospert. Nays: none.

**City Council entered executive session at approximately 5:36 p.m.**

**The executive session was adjourned and the regular Council meeting resumed at approximately 5:46 p.m.**

**LEGISLATION:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-014 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE REPAIRING, REPLACEMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS**

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee February 14, 2022

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to place Ordinance No. 22-014 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 22-014 advanced to second reading for the Council meeting of March 15, 2022.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-015 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH ECS TUNING, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Forwarded by the Economic Development & Planning Committee February 14, 2022

Mr. Stugmyer stated that the schools discussed the CRA in executive session at their last board meeting. They would be talking about it again at their next meeting and making a decision. He would move it to the next reading until their decision was received.

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 22-015 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 22-015 advanced to second reading for the Council meeting of March 15, 2022.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-016 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PEBBLE LIME FOR THE CITY OF WADSWORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington

Mr. Darlington asked the Assistant Public Service Director, Mr. Testa, whether he had anything to tell them about the ordinance, or should Mr. Darlington offer what he knew. Mr. Testa believed the material was something the City would normally obtain quotes for each year. But the prices had gone up to the point that they thought it would pass the \$50,000 threshold so they asked for the legislation.

Mr. Copley observed that the ordinance was not to exceed \$85,000. He asked what they paid last year. Mr. Darlington said that Mr. Patrick told him it was under \$50,000 last year and it had gone up 30%.

Mr. Darlington asked Public Service Committee member Hines to handle the legislation by suspending the rules first.

Mrs. Hines made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yurchiak, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 22-016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Hines, Stugmyer, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Rospert. Nays: none. Mrs. Hines called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Stugmyer, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Rospert, Copley. Nays: none. **Ordinance 22-016 declared to have been adopted March 1, 2022.**

**22-017 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A JOB CREATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH ECS TUNING LLC CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDELINES ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE 20-095 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed by the Economic Development & Planning Committee February 14, 2022

Mr. Stugmyer explained that the ordinance went along with the previous one for ECS Tuning. In their application, the company agreed to certain goals each year for job creation, which was looked at each year. If the goals were met for 10 years, it was a 40% tax abatement. The Economic Development Committee looked at it each year and if the goals were not met, a lesser percentage was received. The amounts were monitored every year by them for 10 years. Based on the review by the schools, Mr. Stugmyer would put it on the next reading.

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 22-017 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 22-017 advanced to second reading for the Council meeting of March 15, 2022.**

**22-018 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION IN REGARD TO PATROL OFFICERS AND DISPATCHERS IN THE WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed in Executive Session March 1, 2022

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 22-018. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Rospert, Copley, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Rospert, Copley, Hines, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance 22-018 declared to have been adopted March 1, 2022.**

That concluded the legislation for the evening.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Darlington asked for any other business from the Administration or the Council. He asked for additional comments or questions from City Council members.

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 5:57 p.m.**

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council