

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2023

The Special Meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person the Administrative Conference Room

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

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

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

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

VISTORS SPEAKING: *None*

Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The Clerk of Council called the roll.

Mr. Thurber said they would start with the legislation and noted that Mr. Patrick had informed him about it. Council talked about it last Tuesday. He thought there was an addition to it, something like \$10K or \$20K.

Mr. Patrick said that he had received notice back from the contractor with the contract book and getting firm estimates that he had not included prevailing wages. Any governmental project with repairs over \$25K would include prevailing wages. That meant an increase in the amount of \$10K. Their legislation needed to add that cost.

Mr. Patrick said they also had some additional costs for gas and other costs that the City was paying for part of the project to cut down on expenses. Instead of having the contractor rent pumps, with mark-ups, the City was contracting directly with the vendor to do that. It was not originally there (in the ordinance), about \$11K, so they decided to put that it too.

There would also be some restoration landscaping that someone would do, which was added.

The total price was now \$105K. These were the reasons the amount (in the ordinance) went up to 105.

Mr. Thurber said it was a real specific number and wanted to know if that was okay. Mr. Patrick said it should be. Mr. Thurber said it seemed like they missed a lot.

Mr. Copley said prevailing wage was easy to miss. Mr. Thurber did not think the government had ever given them a contract. Mr. Patrick agreed. But, continued Mr. Thurber, there was no reason to not do it.

Mr. Darlington surmised that it was needed today and Mr. Patrick affirmed that. They wanted to start on Monday. Supplies were being ordered. Mr. Darlington would suspend and call. Mr. Thurber said they had six members, which would be enough to do that.

The Clerk read the ordinance.

A.) LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-030 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE 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 TO UPDATE SERVICES AND COST REQUIRED FOR THE CONTINUED REPAIR OF THE MAHOGANY ROW SEWER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-030. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak, Copley, Rospert, Williams, Darlington. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Copley, Rospert, Williams, Darlington, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 23-030 was declared to have been adopted March 1, 2023.**

B.) LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION:

Mr. Morris said to the President of Council that he had prepared an executive session that would include the item as well, part of economic development. Mr. Springer was there to talk about that. It was something covered under executive. That was how Mr. Morris prepared the motion. It was their choice.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation, Compensation, Economic Development

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion to hold an executive session for a conference with the Director of Law concerning disputes involving this public body that were the subject of pending or imminent court action; consideration of compensation of a city employee or other terms and conditions of their employment; and consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans and a specific business strategy of an applicant for an economic development assistance. Mr. Copley seconded. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Copley, Rospert, Williams, Darlington, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **City Council entered executive session at approximately 5:35 p.m.**

The executive session adjourned and the special City Council meeting resumed at approximately 6:50 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Copley made a motion to adjourn the special meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council