

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, April 6, 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: Ralph Copley, *Vice-President Pro Tem of Council*

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Patty Haskins, Jeanne Hines, Tom Stugmyer, David Williams, Jon Yurchiak, and Bob Thurber via Zoom

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 via Zoom

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

OTHERS PRESENT OR SPEAKING: *None*

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

MINUTES: **Ms. Haskins** made a motion, which was seconded by **Mr. Stugmyer**, to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting **March 16, 2021**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of March 16, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: **Ms. Guenther** said she had two items.

One was a certificate from the fiscal officer, the City Auditor, verifying funds for a warrant for payment in Ordinance No. 21-017.

The next was an application for a new liquor license for Spunkmeyers Inc., doing business as Crafted Cocktail Company at 995 High Street. If no Council member objected she would return the application to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control by the end of the week, without request for a hearing.

Mr. Copley asked for any questions on the liquor permit and there were none from Council members. He asked the Safety Director if there had been any problems at the location and Mr. Hiscock said he would check and forward that information if there was any.

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-017 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAWING OF A WARRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,436.67 FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE UPON A CONTRACT WITH ROTO-ROOTER AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber

Mr. Copley asked for an explanation of the ordinance. **Mr. Patrick** said the payment had to do with some emergency clean-up work at the city hall building. Last fall a plumbing failure occurred with some damage, for which they needed clean-up on a quick basis. It included sanitizing the area. They did not have purchase order in place and that was the reason for the warrant. It was coming to them now because there was a notification of non-payment. There was an internal issue in getting that invoice and in making sure it got through the system. They would look to correct it so it would not happen in the future.

Mr. Copley asked for any questions. Ms. Haskins verified with Mr. Patrick that the work had been done and that the company was simply awaiting payment.

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-017. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: None. Ms. Haskins called the question. Mr. Copley called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley. Nays: None. **Ordinance No. 21-017 declared to have been adopted April 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-018 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR TREASE ROAD AND PUBLIC EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE REPLAT OF CITY OF WADSWORTH LOTS 4430, 4431 AND 5568 AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON MARCH 8, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed at Economic Development & Planning Committee April 5, 2021

Mr. Stugmyer said the ordinance had been discussed at the committee and asked if there were any questions. He explained it was to clean up some areas on Trease Road with regard to right-of-way that needed re-platting. He asked Mr. Patrick for additional comments. Mr. Patrick said the owner was actually subdividing some of the property from the church property for residential development. There were some easements that needed to (be platted) and as Mr. Stugmyer said, cleaning up the right-of-way that wasn't brought into the City, way back, whenever (the annexing) occurred. Mr. Copley interpreted that it was a housekeeping matter and Mr. Patrick concurred.

With no further questions, Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-018. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Haskins. Nays: None. Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Copley called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Haskins, Williams. Nays: None. **Ordinance No. 21-018 declared to have been adopted April 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-019 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE MED-CR16-06 SEVILLE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee April 5, 2021

Mr. Williams said the ordinance was a two-parter that was basically part of the same project, as discussed last evening in Public Ways Committee. It included 1-019 and 21-020. He asked Mr. Patrick for further clarifications.

Mr. Patrick said the legislation was for the paving of Seville Road from South Main Street to State Street. The reason it was not part of the Street Improvement Program, which was previously passed by Council and now out for bid, was because of a difference in funding. This project was through the Transportation Improvement Program funding (TIP). It came to them a couple years ago, if they recalled, federally to the state and through NOACA (Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency). Wadsworth received about two million dollars over a certain number of years for different street pavings. This year, Seville Road was up. Leatherman Road, Reimer Road and Hartman Road would also be done by the County. Since the majority of the right-of-way was in the City, they would monitor this project. It meant the City would go through the bidding process with this legislation. They would also do the inspections and close out the project. Mr. Patrick said they would like to get moving with it, and hopefully line up the bidding a bit with the other vendors who were bidding on the Street Improvement Program to see if it was preferred.

For the Council's information, Mr. Williams said it would be for Seville from SR-94 down to Wadsworth Road. The City's Street Improvement Program would take it from Wadsworth Road to just shy of SR-57, the east side. Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Patrick.

Mr. Patrick discussed the funding element, which was the next piece of legislation on the agenda. It was about \$300K estimated, with an 80/20 match. The City would guarantee paying their share, the 20% and would bill the County for the portions of the right-of-way that were in the Township. It was similar to what they did when administering a project, such as Leatherman, Reimer and Hartman Roads. Mr. Williams said that was very good and asked about a timeline as to when it needed to go to bid. Mr. Patrick said they'd like to get it out as soon as they could, to line it up with the other projects. Mr. Williams said that was great and indicated that he would ask for vote.

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-019. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak. Nays: None. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Copley called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Copley, Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer. Nays: None. **Ordinance No. 21-019 declared to have been adopted April 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-020 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MEDINA

FOR THE RESURFACING OF MED-CR16-06.08 (SEVILLE ROAD) FROM STATE STREET TO S.R. 94 IN WADSWORTH CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee April 5, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-020. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: None. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Copley called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley. Nays: None. **Ordinance No. 21-020 declared to have been adopted April 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-021 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SELL ONE 2006 JACOBSEN HR 511 MOWER WITH ESTIMATED VALUE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE BY THE METHOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 721.15 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee April 5, 2021

Mr. Williams asked for any questions from Council and there were none.

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to place Ordinance No. 21-021 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-021 advanced to second reading for the meeting of April 20, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-022 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) ANNUAL ROAD SALT BID IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVISION (B) OF SECTION 5513.01 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee April 5, 2021

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Patrick if he would discuss the ordinance, adding that it had been stated in Public Ways that the agreement was due at the end of the month. He wanted to know if it could go to a second reading. Mr. Patrick said the legislation could go to a second reading. He explained it allowed the City to take part in the ODOT salt bid for a million tons of salt for their usage and any organization that would like to get in on that. The City would commit to a certain amount. It had been a preferred method of bidding over the last number of years.

Ms. Haskins asked whether the City could get closed out. Mr. Patrick said, no, there was just a commitment for a certain amount that would be a minimum and maximum they'd be able to take and they'd have to give to the City. Ms. Haskins asked if he knew the price. They didn't, said Mr. Patrick. They would say they want a certain amount, say 2,500 tons. ODOT would gather all of those communities and put it in a big pot, but it was not just one bid for a million tons. It would be broken up into different regions, about 18 or 20 of them across the state, to be bid out separately. One

millions was a lot and there were different prices and different vendors so Wadsworth might have a different price and vendor than the Toledo area, for example. Ms. Haskins observed that prices fluctuate a lot. Mr. Patrick agreed, saying there was a delta of \$15.00 between different districts, depending how far one was from the mines and so on. Ms. Haskins thanked him. Mr. Patrick said hers were good questions.

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to place Ordinance No. 21-022 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-022 advanced to second reading for the meeting of April 20, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-023 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-037 WITH FLIGHT SERVICES OF WADSWORTH LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Discussed by the Airport Commission March 30, 2021
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee April 5, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Williams explained that the fixed based operator, Flight Services, had been working on a month-to-month basis until they and the City could get together on a contract. This authorized a one year agreement and he recommended a suspend and call. He invited any questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-023. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Haskins. Nays: None. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Copley called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Haskins, Williams. Nays: None. **Ordinance No. 21-023 declared to have been adopted April 6, 2021.**

That concluded the legislation for the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Copley asked for any other business.

Mayor Laubaugh came forward to deliver a proclamation. The Mayor thanked the Vice-President Pro Tem. She asked that Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock join her at the podium because it was a special week coming up next week, which was National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week. The City was of course very grateful to their telecommunicators, their Dispatchers for their expertise and skills in serving the public. Obviously, they received the first call, which was a stressful time filled with concern and they were able to deliver their services in a very skillful and calm manner to make sure help was on the way quickly.

The Mayor delivered the proclamation as follows:

Whereas every year in the second week of April, the work of Telecommunications' Personnel is honored with the declaring of National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week and it is a time to thank these personnel for

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Ms. Guenther and Mr. Thurber attended via Zoom. Council and Administration attended the meeting in person at the Council Chambers.

their hard work and dedication to serving the community; and whereas, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and whereas, public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and whereas, the public safety telecommunicators of the City of Wadsworth have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and whereas, our City Dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism to the citizens they serve during the performance of their duties and responsibilities, all while creating a better and safer world for the public; now therefore, I Mayor Robin L. Laubaugh deem it a pleasure to proclaim April 11 – 17, 2021 to be set aside and observed as National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week, signed and sealed April 6, 2021.

The Mayor gave the proclamation to **Safety Director Hiscock**, who said they recognized these dedicated group of employees every year. These services were vitally important and essential. But for their diligence and professionalism and the way they went about their tasks, day in and day out, none of us would receive would receive the emergency services in the community as a result. Mr. Hiscock said it was his honor to receive the proclamation on their behalf.

Mr. Copley added, as a member of the Wadsworth Safety Forces and working under them for 30 years, they were the first link and the most vital link. They gave the information and it had to be spot-on. Mr. Hiscock said if a person was very good at multi-tasking, this was the job for them.

Mr. Williams and Ms. Haskins voiced their appreciations as did the whole of Council.

Ms. Haskins mentioned Spring Clean up Week and verified with Mr. Patrick that it started April 18. She reminded citizens that they could put some extra items out for trash pick-up the week of April 18. There were some restrictions and she believed they were outlined in the utility bill. There was a letter stating what was and was not allowed. Mr. Williams said the information was also on the City website. Mr. Patrick confirmed that the information was on the back of the utility bill with a snapshot of what could be included. It was on social media and the website and individuals could also call the Transfer Station. Ms. Haskins recalled the City missed it last year and Mr. Patrick said they were glad to resume the service after being canceled by Covid. Ms. Haskins said she had an old bike waiting to be picked up. Mr. Patrick said those were allowable.

The yard waste program would also be resumed as well, by attaching the green stickers or bundling brush in 2 x 4 foot sections, every week for pick-up, now through November.

Mr. Williams announced good news for the City: The Blue Tip Festival was back on. Law Director Morris elaborated, saying first, it was a different hat for him and with no affiliation though they could not do it without the City. He happened to be the Law Director but was also on the Blue Tip Committee. This year the Blue Tip Parade would take place on the Tuesday after Fathers’ Day. They had some reassurances from the governor to be able to have it so they were full-steam ahead. They also had the festival itself, which was a little tricky because the ride vendor was unable to get the workers to bring the rides to the City. They had another one who

was able to do that. This year they would have a version of the Blue Tip, which might not be as crowded as before. They would not have some of the merchant tents. They would have more space for eating and for social distancing. They planned on having the festival and parade that year.

Mr. Williams and other Council members thanked Mr. Morris.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:28 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council