

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person at City Council Chambers.

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 Safety Matt Hiscock, Asst. Public Service Director Michael Testa, Director of Law Director Tom Morris, and Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

OTHERS PRESENT OR SPEAKING: *None*

Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. He 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. Stugmyer**, to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting **June 1, 2021**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Copley abstained from the vote as he did not attend the meeting of May 18. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of June 1, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

VISITORS SPEAKING: Mr. Thurber invited anyone in the audience who wished to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address. There was no one who wanted to speak. Mr. Thurber noted that after a year and a couple months of not meeting in person, they had not been able to do that.

The Clerk stated that two, new items had been added to the Council agenda by Safety Committee that evening.

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-039 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DONATE AN “AS IS” 2012 DODGE CHARGER POLICE CRUISER TO THE FOUR CITIES COMPACT FOR ITS CRIMINAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee June 15, 2021, with recommendation for three readings

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 21-039 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-039 advanced to second reading for the meeting of July 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-040 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$17,000.00 IN THE 425 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee June 15, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Copley stated that seeing the importance of this machine to the Police Department for everyday operations, he would like to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-040. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Williams, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Williams, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-040 declared to have been adopted June 15, 2021.**

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. 21-035 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXISTENCE OF 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 CONTRACT WITH ITRON FOR AN UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING METER DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BEING USED BY THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT 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 by Public Service Committee June 1, 2021

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-040. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Haskins, Stugmyer, Williams. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-035 declared to have been adopted June 15, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-036 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE WTP (WATER TREATMENT PLANT) IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1 PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Public Service Committee June 1, 2021

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to place Ordinance No. 21-036 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favors of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-036 advanced to third reading for the meeting of July 6, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-037 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000.00 IN THE 672 – WATER SUPPLY-WATER TREATMENT FUND FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Public Service Committee June 1, 2021

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to place Ordinance No. 21-037 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-037 advanced to third reading for the meeting of July 6, 2021.**

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. 21-029 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE ROAD SALT FROM COMPASS MINERALS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee May 10, 2021

Mr. Williams called the question on Ordinance No. 21-029. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-029 declared to have been adopted June 15, 2021.**

That concluded the legislation for the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Thurber asked for any other business to consider. He also observed that everyone was back in person so that was interesting!

Community Events

Mayor Laubaugh said she was contemplating what wonderful events they City had had recently. There was of course the Memorial Day Parade observance. After that, there was a First Friday event with the Safety Forces. They were well-attended and very well received by the community. Then next week, of course, Blue Tip was coming up and shortly thereafter, they would have the Independence Day Celebration downtown on July 2. It felt good to be getting back to how they had always remembered and it was great to see the support from the community. As she had mentioned, the events had been very well received.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to mark their calendars. She chuckled in observing that some spots might already be taken for the Blue Tip Parade! It was going to be a great event and they were looking forward to it.

Mr. Thurber thanked her and asked for other comments.

Assistant Service Director Testa, Public Safety Director Hiscock and Law Director Morris said they had no reports that evening.

Mr. Thurber asked for any comments from City Council members.

Mr. Stugmyer acknowledged the Safety Forces, which the Mayor had already thanked. He noted that Mr. Hiscock had made the arrangements for the Medina County Sheriff and the Ohio State Patrol to come to Wadsworth on First Friday, as well as many other participants. He wanted to thank them publicly, along with Mr. Hiscock for arranging all of that.

Blue Tip Parade & Festival

Ms. Haskins asked if Mr. Morris would perhaps like to mention what time the Blue Tip kicked off on Tuesday (June 22).

Mr. Morris said he could wear that hat. The parade stepped off at 6:00 p.m., starting at the Wadsworth High School and continued about two and a half miles as it continued to Isham Elementary, where it stopped. If anyone did not want to hear the fire trucks, which would break the Safety Director's heart, there was a quiet zone at the center of town, from Sacred Heart Church to Holmesbrook Lumber. People might have children who did not want to hear loud fire sirens.

The carnival started on Tuesday at 5:00 – 11:00 p.m., if anyone wanted to get there early, though people would be there until after the parade. On Wednesday, it was a matinee day from Noon to 4:00 p.m. and then 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. That was the Kids' Day with free events for children, including bounce houses, Home Depot kits and things like that so it would be a lot of fun. Thursday and Friday were normal days and Saturday was again another matinee day. There would be bands every day that they did not have other events. There was a lot to see this year!

State of Emergency Question

Mr. Copley had a question about whether the state of emergency had been lifted with the changing of guidance. Mayor Laubaugh responded that she'd just had a conversation with their Law Director since they'd been watching the state for when it was lifted. They had not yet. Obviously, the state had pretty much lifted every mandate. The thought was that it would follow soon. There was a chance that there was a connection with their ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, but she would say they were hopeful that it would be very soon. They were watching the state.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Copley made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Hines. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:42 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council