

DRAFT MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2023

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Wednesday, August 1, 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, Tom Stugmyer, David Williams, Jon Yurchiak

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Robin Laubaugh, Public Service Director Robert Patrick, Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock, Assistant Public Service Director Mike Testa, Law Director Tom Morris, Auditor Catherine Fix, Clerk of Council Julie Darlington

VISITORS SPEAKING: *None*

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *Patrick Rhonemus, 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 July 18, 2023**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and majority Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF July 18, 2023 WERE APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

Mr. Thurber asked the Clerk to read the legislation.

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-062 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL NUMBERS 038-17A-31-003, 038-17A-35-005, 038-17A-35-004, 038-17A-35-006 LOCATED AT 1973 GREENWICH RD IN WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by City Council Executive Session June 6, 2022

Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington. **Ordinance No. 23-62 declared to have failed August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-063 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL NUMBERS 038-17A-28-003, 038-17A-31-002, 038-17A-32-002, 55.18 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by City Council Executive Session June 6, 2022

Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: Hines, Copley, Darlington, Williams. **Ordinance No. 23-063 declared to have failed August 1, 2023**

AN ORDINANCE NO. 23-082 (1stRDG): AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH OHIO GOVERNMENT BENEFITS COOPERATIVE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer

Mr. Copley made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-082. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none **Ordinance No. 23-082 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 (1st RDG) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WADSWORTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, SUBMITTING SAID TAX BUDGET TO THE AUDITOR OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber

Mr. Copley made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 23-061. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer, Yurchiak. Nays: none **Resolution No. 23-06 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-081 (1st RDG) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR REIMER ROAD AND PUBLIC EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE REPLAT OF CITY OF WADSWORTH LOT 6746 AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON JULY 17, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to move Ordinance No. 23-081 to second reading. All in favor vote was taken and all Council members voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 23-081 was advanced to second reading for the meeting of August 15, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-079 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ROUND 38), AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS FOR THE TOLBERT ST. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee July 17, 2023 for recommendation for 3 readings

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Copley, to move Ordinance No. 23-079 to third reading. All in favor vote was taken and all Council members voted in favor of the motion **Ordinance No. 23-079 was advanced to third reading for the meeting of August 15, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-060 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 93.45 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH WITH REGARDS TO THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN VIOLATION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Forwarded by Economic Development & Planning Committee June 12, 2023

Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Stugmyer, Williams. Nays: Copley. Mr. Morris interjected and said it passes with a majority of four but does not have the five for the emergency clause. It passes without the emergency clause. Mr. Thurber acknowledged the understanding. Ordinance No. **23-060 declared to have been adopted without Emergency Clause August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-065 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION OF \$188,000.00 IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 425 FUND – GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee June 28, 2023, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer, Williams, Hines. Ordinance No. **23-065 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-066 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$213,500.00 IN THE 260 – SAFETY TOWN VILLAGE FUND FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee June 28, 2023, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer. Ordinance No. **23-066 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-067 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 34.36 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF INCOME TAX RECEIPTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Safety Town Allocation Discussed by Public Safety Committee June 28, 2023

Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Williams, Hines, Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer. Ordinance No. **23-067 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NO. 23-075 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR MAIN STREET ART MURALS PROGRAMS AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE HISTORIC MAIN STREET DESIGN GUIDELINES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VIA ORDINANCE #17-049

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed in Committee of the Whole July 5, 2023

Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. Ayes: Copley, Darlington, Stugmyer Williams, Hines. Ordinance No. **23-075 declared to have been adopted August 1, 2023.**

Mr. Thurber said that concluded the legislation for the evening.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Stugmyer said out at the airport on Friday evening would be balloons and right out here in the parking lot would be an inflated balloon along with three remote control balloons that would be for viewing. There would be a fly over of all twelve balloons over downtown, weather permitting. At the airport on Saturday, starting at 3:00 until 9:30 would be the Balloon Festival. Tickets were required; they can go to the website to purchase them. The tickets were \$10 per car. Like they did in high school, they can put everybody in the trunk. That was per car, not per person. It will take place Saturday. Mr. Thurber said, very good. He said he was remised last city council meeting the he didn't mention it and he should have. There was a wonderful radio station fundraiser out in the middle of College Street that really went off well. There were hundreds, he didn't know how many, but said good job. The City did a wonderful job with everything they did for that, from trash collection to the electric boxes to the security cell, so good for that. He did hear Mr. Stugmyer say on the radio, it felt like a community picnic and he thought that described it well. So thanks, Mr. Stugmyer for all you did.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stugmyer made that motion, which was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:47 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council