

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person at City Council Chambers.

PRESIDING: Bob Thurber, *President of Council*

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Bruce Darlington, Patty Haskins, Jeanne Hines, Tom Stugmyer, David Williams, Jon Yurchiak

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Robin Laubaugh, Public Service Director Robert Patrick, Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock, Auditor Catherine Fix, Asst. Director of Law Director Brad Proudfoot, Asst. Public Service Director Michael Testa, and Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

VISTORS SPEAKING: *Dan Rospert, 174 N. Lyman St. / Rospert Funeral Home*

Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m. 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 Mrs. Hines, to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting **July 6, 2021**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of July 6, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

Mr. Thurber invited speakers to come to the podium for comments up to two minutes.

VISITORS SPEAKING: Mr. Rospert came forward to address a matter with the Council regarding indigent burial. In December 2020 and January 2021, his company provided indigent burial services to two residents of the community, of which were required to be paid by the City. He sent paperwork through and followed all of the proper channels. In early July, he contacted Mr. Patrick to ask about payment. Two weeks later, Mr. Rospert received an email from Ms. Lucas that said it had somehow gotten overlooked. It had been six months since he'd provided a service. He went out last year and found a place from which the City could be reimbursed by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to pay for those services. So his question was if the City got their money, where was his money? He was providing services that he did not have to provide at that cost, which was a more than 50% less than what he would for any other resident. Mr. Rospert knew government did not move as fast, but he thought he'd get a check in two weeks.

A second matter was that Mr. Rospert had been in touch with Mr. Hiscock about his and a couple of other businesses wanting to purchase a drone from the Police Department. They'd had some discussions on that. He would like to further push that and ask the Council to maybe consider some emergency

legislation to help with the expense. There were two businesses willing to pay the \$7,500.00 to purchase the drone. He knew officers would have to be trained to be FAA approved. Mr. Rospert was willing to go down to the drone school that was at their airport and ask them to donate that to the City to train four or five officers. They already had one who was FAA approved. He would like permission to go to other businesses to see if they could help cover the expense of that – the insurance that would go with the drone.

Mr. Rospert said if nothing else, it was his understanding that the City was going to receive approximately \$26 million from the opioid law suit that had just been filed – or at least a portion of that. He was sure the attorneys would get a good portion of it. He knew a lot of that money was expended. Several years ago he was told to keep his mouth shut about the opioid crisis in Wadsworth. He brought it to the forefront, and if anything he had ever done for this City to bring it to the forefront, he would like to see some of those funds that would come from that crisis, be put to “this drone project” to save a young child or a wandering adult from a nursing home.

Mr. Rospert thanked them. Mr. Thurber asked if there were any other speakers and there were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Guenther reported two items.

One was a certificate from their fiscal officer related to Ordinance No. 21-049 to verify funds for payment.

The second item was an annual notice received from the Division of Liquor Control. It advised that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the City of Wadsworth expired on October 1, 2021. That meant all permit-holders must file renewal applications for liquor licenses. Secondly, the notice provided information about how Council, as the legislative authority, might object to a liquor license per ORC 4303.27 1(B). A copy of the notice was distributed to all Council members.

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-043 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH REPAIRING, REPLACING OR CONSTRUCTING OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WADSWORTH

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee July 12, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-043. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-043 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-044 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 34.161 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CITY INCOME TAX OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR TEN YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee July 12, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-044. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-044 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-045 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE PARCEL 040-20C-07-003 AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FOR CLOSING COST AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Discussed in Executive Session by Public Ways Committee July 12, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to place Ordinance No. 21-045 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-045 advanced to second reading for the Council meeting of September 7, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-046 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee July 20, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Darlington, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-046. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams. Nays: none. Ms. Haskins called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-046 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-047 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BLENDED SLUDGE TANK #2 REPAIRS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee August 3, 2021

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-047. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-047 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-048 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO SECURE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole August 3, 2021 and other committees

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-048. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-048 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-049 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAWING OF A WARRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,674.32 FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT DUE UPON A CONTRACT WITH FLIGHT SERVICES OF WADSWORTH LLC AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole August 3, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-049. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-049 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-050 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$21,090.40 IN THE 110 – GENERAL FUND FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Forwarded by Economic Development & Planning Comte August 2, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule
- Per Agreement with Wadsworth Township for an Expedited 1 Annexation
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole August 3, 2021

Mr. Yurchiak made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-050. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-050 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-051 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE 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 President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole August 3, 2021

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Darlington, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-051. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak,

Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. Mr. Yurchiak called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-051 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-08 (1st RDG.): A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE DATE THE ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ON ORDINANCE NO. 21-044 DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF BALLOT, DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO FILE A COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-044 AND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH SAID BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee July 12, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Resolution No. 21-08. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams. Nays: none. **Resolution No. 21-08 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-09 (1st RDG.): A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING THE PHASE 2 – SOUTHWEST PARKING LOT WITH CONCRETE PAVEMENT; INTERLOCKING PAVERS; LANDSCAPING; STORM SEWER; PRIVATE SIDEWALKS, DECKING, STEPS, PARKING AREAS, DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMPS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND LANDSCAPING; GRADING; SIDEWALK; CURBING; REPAIRS TO THE PHASE 1 – SOUTHWEST PARKING LOT; AND OTHER SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WADSWORTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member David Williams
- Forwarded by Public Ways Committee July 12, 2021, with recommendation to suspend the three reading rule

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to place Resolution No. 21-09 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Resolution No. 21-09 advanced to second reading for the Council meeting of September 7, 2021.**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-10 (1st RDG.): A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 21-02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- To be Discussed in Public Service Committee August 3, 2021

Mr. Darlington noted that they had not gotten to discuss the legislation in the Public Service Committee, but they did the internet auctions every year. It was for excess material owned by the City that they could get rid of. They went out for internet auction and since doing that have raised a lot more money than just having a sale. He wanted to get it moving.

Mr. Darlington made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Resolution No. 21-10. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Darlington called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A

roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines. Nays: none. **Resolution No. 21-10 declared to have been adopted August 3, 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. 21-039 (3rd 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

Ms. Haskins called the question on Ordinance No. 21-039. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Darlington, Williams, Yurchiak, Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-039 declared to have been adopted August 3, 2021.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Thurber asked for any comments from the Administration or from Council.

Mr. Stugmyer noted First Friday, “Take Flight,” coming up at the end of the week. The Wadsworth Airport had arranged for a couple fly-overs. They would be trainer planes. There would of course be many more activities for the kids. The event was 5:30-8:30 p.m., downtown.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Yurchiak. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:56 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council