

**MINUTES**  
**WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**February 18, 2020**

*The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers:*

**PRESIDING:** Bruce Darlington, *President Pro Tem of Council*

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT:** Ralph Copley, Patty Haskins, Jeanne Hines, Tom Stugmyer, David Williams, Jon Yurchiak

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Robin Laubaugh, Director of Public Service Robert Patrick, Director of Public Safety Matt Hiscock, Director of Law Director Tom Morris, Auditor Catherine Fix, Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

**VISITORS SPEAKING:** *Shiy Smith-Medrick, Medina County Auditor's Office, 144 N. Broadway St., Medina*

**PRESS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** *Jonathan DeLozier, Medina Gazette  
Emily Canning-Dean, The Post*

**Mr. Darlington** called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council President 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 minutes of the Regular Council meeting of **February 4, 2020**. An all-in-favor vote was taken. **THE MINUTES of the Regular Council Meeting of February 4, 2020 WERE APPROVED.**

**VISITORS:** *Ms. Smith-Medrick* offered news for February from the Medina County Auditor's office. She noted the CAU program, which enabled farm land use exclusively for commercial agricultural to be appraised on the basis of its potential productivity instead of market value to create a tax savings. Those applications were due by March 2.

The Board of Revisions was active for individuals who thought their property taxes were too high. They could submit a revision form. Ms. Smith-Medrick said to be aware that those taxes could also be appraised higher than the initial value.

The Auditor's office was offering some scholarships, specifically one for Wadsworth students, as well as one for Brunswick students, and three, she believed, for career tech.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** *None*

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Robin Laubaugh** wanted to alert residents that in the month of March materials for the Census would be mailed to homes. The Census was a bit different this time around in that the majority of opportunities would be to fill out information online. Providing information via phone was an option. If the information was not input, someone would eventually come knocking on the door. The Mayor thought there were four opportunities to provide the information before the house visit. She encouraged everyone to fill-out the forms in a timely manner so they, first of all, did not get that knock on the door, but also it was very important that they had an accurate count for the citizens in the community. The information was eventually used to decide funding opportunities and Wadsworth certainly wanted to make sure of a fair share. Additionally, on a statewide basis, the data was used with regard to districting and that sort of thing. They wanted to make sure that their state had a full count as well. As she'd said, forms come out in March and if not submitted by the end of April, residents would start getting the knocks on the doors.

**Public Service Director Robert Patrick** did not have a report that evening. He was available for questions after the meeting.

**Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock** stated that he had previously commented on legislation on the Council agenda and had no other report.

**Law Director Tom Morris** did not have a report that evening.

**Auditor Catherine Fix** informed everyone that if a notice from RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) had been received and if assistance was needed, those individuals could either call the City Income Tax office or come in to City Hall and help would be provided. The office was open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee did not have meeting that evening.

**Public Service Committee – Bruce Darlington** reported the next meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Public Safety Committee – Ralph Copley reported** that the next meeting of Public Safety Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., in Council Chambers. The meeting was rescheduled due to Primary Election Voting in Council Chambers on March 17.

**Public Ways Committee – David Williams** reported the next meeting of the Public Ways Committee was scheduled for March 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers

**Economic Development & Planning Committee – Tom Stugmyer** reported that the next meeting of Economic Development and Planning Committee was scheduled for March 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

**Committee of the Whole** –The next meeting of Committee of the Whole was scheduled for March 3, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Administrative Conference Room.

**Airport Commission – David Williams** reported no meeting scheduled at that time.

**Stormwater Commission – Ralph Copley** reported no scheduled meeting at that time.

**Shade Tree Commission – Jeanne Hines** reported that the Shade Tree Commission was scheduled for April 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Commission – Tom Stugmyer** reported that the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission was scheduled for February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Cemetery Board – Jon Yurchiak** reported the next Cemetery Board was scheduled for February 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

**Cable TV Commission – Bruce Darlington** reported that the meeting of the Cable TV for was tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

**Senior Citizens’ Commission – Tom Stugmyer** reported the Senior Citizens Commission would next meet on April 6, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, 617 School Drive.

**Architectural Design Committee** – The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m., in Council Chambers.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** was next scheduled for March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

**LEGISLATION:**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-015 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President Pro Tem of Council Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole February 18, 2020

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 20-015. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. Ms. Haskins called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer, Hines, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 20-015 declared to have been adopted February 18, 2020.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-016 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000.00 IN THE 110 GENERAL FUND-AUDITOR FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

- Sponsored by President Pro Tem of Council Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole February 18, 2020

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 20-016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer, Hines, Haskins, Williams. Nays: none. Ms. Haskins called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer, Hines, Haskins, Williams, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 20-016 declared to have been adopted February 18, 2020.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-017 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2020 FORD SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES THROUGH AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT OR UPON EQUIVALENT TERMS CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS BUT AT A LOWER PRICE THAN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Discussed by Public Safety Committee and Committee of the Whole February 18, 2020

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 20-017. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Stugmyer, Hines, Haskins, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Haskins, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 20-017 declared to have been adopted February 18, 2020.**

*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. 20-010 (2<sup>nd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 53.35, 53.37 AND 53.38 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO INCREASE SEWER RATES AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded by Public Service Committee January 14, 2020
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole February 4, 2020

Mrs. Hines made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 20-010 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 20-010 advanced to third reading for the meeting of March 3, 2020.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-011 (2<sup>nd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRUCTURE PERSONNEL INC. FOR THE LEASING OF EMPLOYEES FROM SAID EMPLOYMENT AGENCY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEASONAL FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS, THE SEASONAL COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE AND LEAVES, AND OTHER NEEDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by President of Council Bob Thurber
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole February 4, 2020

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 20-011 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 20-011 advanced to third reading for the meeting of March 3, 2020.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-013 (1<sup>st</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SELL ONE POWER TRANSFORMER 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 Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Public Service Committee & Committee of the Whole February 4, 2020

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 20-013 on third reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 20-013 advanced to third reading for the meeting of March 3, 2020.**

*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. 20-001 (3<sup>rd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 154.210 AND 154.211 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH TO MODIFY THE PURPOSE AND PERMITTED USES OF C-4 HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS**

*Council Public Hearing Set for March 3, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers*

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Forwarded by Economic Development & Planning Committee January 13, 2020

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 20-001 on fourth reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 20-001 advanced to fourth reading for the meeting of March 3, 2020.**

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 20-007 (3<sup>rd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE FINDING 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 WITH HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE (HPE) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NIMBLE SAN CENTRAL STORAGE DEVICE WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING AND ADVERTISING, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO SUCH A CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded Public Service Committee January 14, 2020

Ms. Haskins called the question on Amended Ordinance No. 20-007. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Haskins, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Amended Ordinance No. 20-007 declared to have been adopted February 18, 2020.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-008 (3<sup>rd</sup> RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF AN EFFICIENCY SMART SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER INC. AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

- Sponsored by Council Member Bruce Darlington
- Forwarded Public Service Committee January 14, 2020

Mrs. Hines called the question on Ordinance No. 20-008. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Williams, Darlington, Yurchiak, Copley, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 20-008 declared to have been adopted February 18, 2020.**

That concluded the reading of the legislation.

**NEW BUSINESS AND/OR COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS:**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Copley made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.**

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council