

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, May 18, 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:

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, Director of Public Service Robert Patrick, Director of Public Safety Matt Hiscock, Auditor Catherine Fix, Director of Law Director Tom Morris, Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther via Zoom

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

OTHERS PRESENT OR SPEAKING: *None*

Mr. Thurber 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: **Mr. Yurchiak** made a motion, which was seconded by **Mr. Stugmyer**, to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting **May 5, 2021**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of May 5, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Laubaugh came forward to deliver a proclamation in recognition of National EMS Week. She was joined by the Safety Director Matt Hiscock to receive it. The Mayor said they all took great comfort in knowing there were emergency medical services in Wadsworth and while they hoped not to use them, they were grateful to have the services when needed for the members of the community:

Whereas, communities throughout the nation will observe National EMS Week, May 16 – 22, 2021, recognizing the members of emergency medical services who are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and whereas, the theme for this year’s EMS Week, “This is EMS caring for our communities” is particularly apt during the current Covid-10 pandemic and we recognize the commitment and sacrifices that emergency medical services personnel and their families make to the communities they serve; and whereas, access to responsive emergency care dramatically

improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness and injury; and we recognize and appreciate the highly skilled and efficient service the Wadsworth EMS Staff provides; now therefore, I, Mayor Robin L. Laubaugh deem it a pleasure to proclaim May 16 – 22, 2021 be set aside and observed as National EMS Week in the City of Wadsworth in appreciation of the outstanding service by these brave men and woman who serve as EMS providers.

In accepting the proclamation, Mr. Hiscock thanked the Mayor and all of Council. He thought they all knew how important was an emergency medical service in the community. The men and women of their particular department did an outstanding job, he thought. At the Safety Committee meeting prior to this Council meeting, Mr. Darlington pointed out how quick the response was: they were at three minutes and thirty seconds or a little higher than that on average to the Township and all parts of the community that they served. That was a result of the hard work and effort of their EMS Department. He accepted the proclamation with great pride. He thought the year's theme: "This is EMS caring for our communities" said it all. These men and woman, 24 hours a day, day in and day out, provide services in their community at what was probably the worst time for the citizens. He thanked them so much.

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-029 (1st 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 made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Darlington to place Ordinance No. 21-029 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-029 advanced to second reading for the meeting of June 1, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-030 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CONCRETE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

The Clerk noted that the ordinance was revised prior first reading in the title and in section one. The change was distributed to all Council members.

Mr. Williams stated that due to the fact that they were in the construction season, he would make a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-030. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-030 declared to have been adopted May 18, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-031 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF 3.2569 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BEING PART OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed by Economic Development & Planning Committee February 1, 2021 and at subsequent meetings

Mr. Stugmyer noted that the ordinance was in regard to the three and a quarter acres at Leed's Gate as discussed in several committee meetings, as well as City Council. Based on that, he suspended the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-031, which was seconded by Mr. Williams. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-031 declared to have been adopted May 18, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-032 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000.00 IN THE 110 – GENERAL FUND FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

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

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Stugmyer, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-032

Mr. Darlington asked for an explanation of the supplemental and what the money was to do. Mr. Williams said that it was for the Wadsworth Airport operator. Mr. Darlington surmised it was over and above what was in the budget and Mr. Williams said yes. Mr. Patrick said that was correct and the supplemental also included money for extra expenses. He mentioned replacement bulbs that were expensive and also some other repairs.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, William. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-032 declared to have been adopted May 18, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-033 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN MEDINA COUNTY FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION, OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY AND AS SUCH NEED ARISES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee May 18, 2021 and recommended for two readings.

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Darlington, to place Ordinance No. 21-033 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-033 advanced to second reading for the meeting of June 1, 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. 21-028 (2nd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MEDINA IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A PROGRAM YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (PY2021 CHIP) PROGRAM GRANT, WITH THE COUNTY OF MEDINA BEING DESIGNATED AS THE GRANTEE, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING THE APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 23, 2021 AND IMPLEMENTING SAID GRANT IF GRANT IS AWARDED BY THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (OCD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Thomas Stugmyer
- Discussed by Economic Development & Planning Committee February 1, 2021 and also mentioned at subsequent meetings in March and April

Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yurchiak, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-028. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer. Nays: none. Mr. Stugmyer called the question. Mr. Thurber called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Yurchiak, Haskins, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-028 declared to have been adopted May 18, 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. 21-025 (3rd RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER NOW KNOWN AS 038-17B-20-033 ALSO NOW KNOWN AS 778 AKRON ROAD FROM THE EXISTING WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION TO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION UPON ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF WADSWORTH BY RESOLUTION NO. 21-03 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council Set the Public Hearing for June 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Given the upcoming public hearing, Mr. Stugmyer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 21-025 on fourth reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-025 advanced to fourth reading for the meeting of June 1, 2021.**

That concluded the legislation for the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Thurber asked for any other business to consider.

Mr. Williams thanked everyone who came out last Saturday to help with the City-wide cleanup that he'd organized. They had a great event, hit a lot of parks and a lot of areas where people littered.

In addition, he thanked everyone who'd done trash cleanups throughout the spring. There had been quite a few and the pride in the community was much appreciated.

Since it was National EMT Week, Mrs. Hines offered a big thank you to the team of people at Wadsworth. The day after Christmas, she had to call 911 for a family member and EMS was so quick and so professional and caring. She could not say more good about them. They were wonderful and she wanted to mention that.

Mrs. Hines also welcomed their new Police Chief. He was good leader and she was sure he would do a great job for the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stugmyer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:16 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council