

MINUTES
WADSWORTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2021

The regular meeting of Wadsworth City Council, Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., was held in-person at 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, Public Service Director Robert Patrick, Public Safety Director Matt Hiscock, Assistant Public Service Director Michael Testa, Auditor Catherine Fix, Director of Law Tom Morris, and Clerk of Council Tammy Guenther

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES: *None*

VISTORS SPEAKING: *No speakers*

Mr. Darlington called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 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 **Mr. Stugmyer**, to adopt the minutes of the Council meeting **August 3, 2021 and August 10, 2021**. An all-in-favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of August 3, 2021 and August 10, 2021 WERE APPROVED.**

VISITORS SPEAKING: *None*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None*

LEGISLATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-053 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee August 17, 2021, with recommendation for three readings

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 21-053 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-053 advanced to second reading for the meeting of September 21, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-054 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS CONTENTS FROM THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee August 17, 2021

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to place Ordinance No. 21-054 on second reading. An all in favor vote was taken and all Council members present voted in favor of the motion. **Ordinance No. 21-054 advanced to second reading for the meeting of September 21, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-055 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VASU FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REMAINING DIGITAL EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley
- Forwarded by Public Safety Committee August 17, 2021

Mr. Copley made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-055. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins. Nays: none. Mr. Copley called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins, Darlington. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-055 declared to have been adopted September 7, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-056 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$56,020.00 IN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASE OF FUEL

- Sponsored by President Pro Tem of Council Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole September 7, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-056. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins, Darlington, Williams. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hines, Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins, Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-056 declared to have been adopted September 7, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-057 (1st RDG.): AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$54,477.16 IN THE 570 – ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by President Pro Tem of Council Bruce Darlington
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole September 7, 2021

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Haskins, to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-057. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins, Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yurchiak, Haskins, Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-057 declared to have been adopted September 7, 2021.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-058 (1st 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 36), AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS FOR THE RAINBOW AND MILL STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Sponsored by Council Member Patricia Haskins
- Discussed by Committee of the Whole September 7, 2021

Ms. Haskins made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 21-058. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Haskins, Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Yurchiak. Nays: none. Mr. Williams called the question. Mr. Darlington called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Darlington, Williams, Stugmyer, Hines, Copley, Yurchiak, Haskins. Nays: none. **Ordinance No. 21-058 declared to have been adopted September 7, 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. 21-045 (2nd 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 third 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 third reading for the Council meeting of September 21, 2021.**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-09 (2nd 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 third 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 third reading for the Council meeting of September 21, 2021.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Hiscock stated that he had one announcement. The Safety Director invited all of Council and all of the community to a 20th Anniversary for 911, which would be held on the coming Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Park Gazebo area of the City Square. It would be a brief remembrance ceremony for all in attendance. Several Council members thanked him.

Mr. Stugmyer announced that on Friday evening, the American Legion Post 170 and VFW Post 1089 would be doing the Salute to Troops at the Wadsworth High School football game. They did it every year. It happened to correspond with the 911 Ceremony this year.

Ms. Haskins spoke to Mr. Hiscock and noted that she continued to get complaints about the High Street traffic in front of Dunkin Donuts. It was not just one person and it was constant. She said it was very bad and asked that they discuss it at the Public Safety Committee, at Public Ways, or at City Council. Ms. Haskins was not sure what the City could do to prevent it. Hopefully, with the Safety Director's intelligence, they could figure out something to alleviate the situation. Mr. Hiscock joked that now the pressure was on and the group chuckled! He said he would certainly add that item to Safety's agenda. He thought they'd discussed it at Public Ways and Mr. Williams confirmed that. Ms. Haskins said it was not getting better, though they were not blocking the Access Road as much. Because she knew the lane would get blocked, she did not get in that lane so she did not personally get stuck there. But anybody who did not know that got stuck. It wasn't only in the morning, but almost all day now.

Mr. Yurchiak announced that the Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery, the non-profit group that supported the cemetery, had started an initiative to identify the veterans who are buried there. Typically, there was a problem with the markers, which were either stolen or moved. There was now a sticker decal that could be gotten to be put on a specific spot on the headstone. Those could be picked up in the cemetery office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There were directions on where it was placed. Information could also be found on the group's Facebook page, Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery, as well as at Wadsworth Neighbors and at the website, Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery.org.

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Copley. All were in favor. **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.**

Clerk of Council

President of Council