The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 with the Council President calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Diane.

ROLL CALL: Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 3, 2017 were presented for approval. In that copies of these minutes were furnished to each Council person prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Elmlinger seconded by Daniel that minutes be approved as received. In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: Mayor Todd Shininger had a Proclamation to read for the 100 Years of Willard Celebration . . .

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the year 1917 the village leadership of Chicago Junction, Ohio did determine and plead to the citizenry of said village of Chicago Junction, Ohio to rename the village of Chicago Junction; and

WHEREAS, the village leadership, recognizing the significance of the presence of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the founding and growth of the village of Chicago Junction, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the village leadership did recommend to the “inhabitants of said municipal corporation”, that the name of Chicago Junction, Ohio should be changed to Willard, Ohio, in recognition of the, then president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Daniel Willard; and

WHERE AS, in the year 1917 “at least three-fourths (3/4) of the inhabitants of said municipal corporation did desire the change of its name”; and

WHEREAS, upon hearing the petition of the citizens of Chicago Junction, Ohio, to change its name to Willard, Ohio, the Huron County Common Pleas Court did, in the year 1917, decree and declare that henceforth, the name shall be known as Willard, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in this year of 2017, proud citizens of the City of Willard, Ohio have expressed a sincere desire to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the name of Willard, Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with great pleasure that I, Roderick Shininger, Mayor of the City of Willard, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the year of 2017 as

100 Years of Willard Celebration

Throughout the City of Willard, and hereby extend on behalf of the Willard community Congratulations and Best Wishes for the planning and celebrations, and invite the residents of Willard to gather and join in these community celebrations.

Set forth by my hand on this date, January 17, 2017.

Roderick D. Shininger, Mayor

Bryson Hamons was present to speak for the 100 Year Celebration Committee. Mr. Hamons told Council planning is well underway. Some of the highlights of the year will be the mini convention of the Ohio B & O here in Willard in May, our own Festival in the Park and parade will be participating in this theme, as some other things throughout the remainder of the year. Also, there will be an Essay Contest, a Then & Now Scavenger Hunt, Photo Contest and they will be selling T-shirts.

BID PROPOSALS: None
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:  None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:  None

TABLED ITEMS:  None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:
1. Charter/Legislative-Danhoff, Gerber
2. Finance-Gerber, Johnson, Sattig
3. Public Works-Daniel, Elminger, Johnson  ~ met Thursday, January 5 at 9:00 am.  
   Purpose of the meeting was to review alternatives, recommendations for the 2017 Street Resurfacing initiative.  After review of several options, the Public Works Committee recommends the adoption of the plan presented that includes milling and resurfacing several longer segments, shorter sections, and a single block of the heavily utilized north/south alley in the 100 block, between Myrtle and Dale.  Committee further recommends that such plans should be prepared and presented to Council for bid approval.  Finally, we suggest that the City would be well served if its citizens were more aware of some of the initiatives and improvements that we pursue on their behalf, such as our Street Resurfacing Initiative.  Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff that Council accept this report and place it on file.  In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elminger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea.  Motion carried.
4. Safety-Elminger, Johnson
5. Utilities-Danhoff, Daniel, Gerber, Sattig

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:  Finance Director reviewed her report for December.  Moved by Elminger seconded by Daniel that Finance report for January be accepted and placed on file.  In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elminger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea.  Motion carried.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER:  The City Manager reviewed his report as it was presented in Council packets.

Pearl Street Water Line plans are prepared, the material and necessary support are arranged, and the renewal of four blocks of water line from Main Street to Dale Avenue is progressing.  It is anticipated that the pavement will be cut the week of January 16th, and the project, which will mostly be performed by our own crew, will be completed well ahead of the street resurfacing for this street, later this year.  Letters of explanation went out to all affected residents.

City Manager informed Council that Officer Craig Ritz has resigned having taken a job with another department from area where he is from.

Our new Payroll Clerk, Lisa Fritz, has started.

Andrew Handshoe has been hired as our new Dispatcher.

Johnson asked about railroad property on Motson St., City Manager said we are still waiting on railroad.

City Manager reported to Council that the Community Reinvestment Plan will be going to City Development Commission in January.

Council is requested to accept the following donations:
   $100 from Ruth Ann Leonard, in memory of Walter & Margaret Leonard, to be designated to the Clock Tower Fund.
   $100 from Gayle Hershiser to be designated to the Clock Tower Fund.
   $136.77 from Willard Firelands Moose Lodge #2153 to the Drug Abuse Fund to be used for the DARE program.
   $1000.00 from the Willard School District designated to the Drug Abuse Fund toward the cost of an upcoming DARE program.

Moved by Elminger seconded by Daniel that these donations be accepted by Council.  In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elminger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea.  Motion carried.
Elmlinger congratulated the Wastewater employees for their efforts to control costs.

Johnson stated concerns for water service to customers while crew is working on replacing water line. Gerber also had some concerns with them working on this line during the winter. City Manager said he would check with the crew, but felt they had everything covered.

Johnson has concerns with all of the issues we have had with the raw water line project out by Star of the West. Ludban said we continue to learn and work with all involved with this project.

Gerber asked if we have a current list to draw from for the Police Department, City Manager said “no, we don’t”, we will have to do a test.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 5651-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATTACHMENT A TO CHAPTER 923. OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SEPTIC AND LABORATORY RATES, was presented by the Council President for its final reading by title only. Ordinance was read by the Clerk.

Moved by Elmlinger seconded by Gerber that the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 5652-17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by the Council President for its first reading by title only. Ordinance was read by the Clerk.

Moved by Gerber seconded by Elmlinger that this Ordinance be declared an emergency measure, and the rule requiring the Ordinance to lay over for at least 7 days or until the next regular meeting of Council be waived. In a called vote therein Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Elmlinger seconded by Danhoff that the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 5653-17

AN ORDINANCE TO UNAPPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 52/100 ($32,324.52) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, was presented by the Council President for its first reading by title only. Ordinance was read by the Clerk.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Gerber – asked about website calendar, it showed our meeting being on Monday night instead of Tuesday. Ludban said he would check on that.

Moved by Elmlinger seconded by Daniel that Council adjourn. In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Gerber, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.