

Willard, Ohio  
May 18, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on May 18, 2020, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Diane Hay, Mercy-Willard.

**Roll Call:** Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig present. Olson was absent.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Council meeting held May 4, 2020 were presented for approval. In that copies of the minutes were furnished each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Danhoff seconded by Daniel that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special meeting held May 11, 2020 were presented for approval. In that copies of the minutes were furnished each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Babcock seconded by Danhoff that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSION:** None

**BID PROPOSALS:** None

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. Reappointments/Appointments to Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council** This Council is scheduled to meet in April 2020. Due to the situation with the Corona Virus, this meeting will be scheduled when they are able.
  - ~ 1 appointment by City Development Commission – (Robert Benfer replacement)
    - City Development Commission will be meeting Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and they will make this appointment at that time.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

- 1. Letter from Ohio EPA** in notification of LSC Communications US-LLC Permit: P0128190 Air Pollution Permit. Moved by Danhoff seconded by Babcock that letter be accepted and placed on file. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Elmlinger abstained due to employment.
- 2. Letter from AEP Ohio (Ohio Power Company)** stating its intention to file an application for adjustment to its distribution rates with the PUCO. Moved by Babcock seconded by Daniel that letter be accepted and placed on file. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**TABLED ITEMS:** None

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Charter/Legislative – Danhoff, Johnson**
- 2. Finance – Johnson, Olson, Sattig**
- 3. Public Works – Babcock, Daniel**
- 4. Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson**
- 5. Utilities – Danhoff, Daniel, Olson**

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

Sattig asked why TIF is still showing up. Finance Director stated that it was about \$2,066.70 that was hanging out there. There is a procedure that needs to be followed and it just hadn't been addressed.

Finance Report for April 2020 was presented by Finance Director.

Moved by Daniel seconded by Babcock that Council accept the Finance Director's report for April 2020. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**City Manager's Report:**

Interim City Manager has received an inquiry about renting 110 Center, Council felt that they were still interested in selling the building.

COVID-19 Update, all employees with the City have remained healthy at this point.

After getting the OK from the Governor, and some discussion with Bryson, we have decided to open the pool for the summer. Although, it will be a few weeks – later than originally planned – and we will have to go through the guidelines and address the things we need to do. Will probably also reduce number of

days in the week we are open and number of hours that pool is open. The caulking still needs to be done and Bryson will have to work on staffing.

City and County are here to help businesses get back open. If Council talks with anyone that needs some guidance, contact City Manager's office and they have names and phone numbers of individuals and agency's that can help.

Willard has decided not to do T-ball, little league, baseball at this time.

Pomerich has some items that he would like to discuss with Council. Would you like to do it by Work Session or committees . . .

- Holiday Lakes – utility rate
- Street lights – this is a costly item and we believe that there are quite a few that we could do away with
- Downtown traffic lights
- Paint recycling – after some discussion, Council asked Interim City Manager to discontinue the paint recycling.

Pomerich reported that Brandon Maulson with the Police Dept. had turned in his resignation. He had another job offer that he was interested in pursuing. Pomerich said that he was a good addition to the department and that they would miss him.

#### Community Events

- Bryson is working with the school to try and provide a drive-in movie night. It was originally scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> but due to the weather it is rescheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Police and Fire Departments will be working with others to help recognize our graduates. We encourage community support in this effort.
- Our Maintenance Dept. has put up 111 Hometown Hero Banners on Myrtle Ave. and Main St. This is about 20 more banners than last year. American flags will be going up May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Stop signs at Woodbine and Howard have been returned for both directions.

Council requested to accept donation from Mick and Sandy O'Brien for \$100 to go to the Clock Tower Fund.:

Moved by Babcock seconded by Daniel that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Johnson asked about the Festival in the Park. Pomerich said they are having discussions plus waiting for some more direction from the Governor. It probably won't look the same but they hope to have something.

Babcock asked about Euclid St. paving. Pomerich reported that they have asked for a quote from Bores Excavating and Erie Blacktop for paving the trench only. Babcock asked if it was possible to do in-house, Pomerich said could look at that, will see what happens.

Elmlinger asked about pool filtration system, Pomerich said that still needs to be done hope that we can possibly hold off until maybe next year. Streets lights, people can have an issue you with us doing away with these, Pomerich understood, but they are also very costly. Paint recycling, Pomerich says it costs the City about \$5,000/year to recycle paint. Elmlinger asked if we could discontinue, Pomerich said that was up to Council. After a short discussion, Council asked that the City discontinue recycling paint.

Elmlinger presented an Ordinance for approving settlement of the Class Action Grievance by the Collective Bargaining members of the Fraternal Order of Police, approving monetary payments to certain members, and declaring an emergency, to be added to the agenda. Moved by Daniel seconded by Babcock that said Ordinance be added to the agenda. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110 AND 112 MYRTLE AVENUE AND 105 DALE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WILLARD, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 716 PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WILLARD, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF THE CLASS ACTION GRIEVANCE BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, APPROVING MONETARY PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2501-20**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT, AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A ONE-HALF MILL RENEWAL LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH LIMITATION, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff that the rules be suspended, and the Resolution adopted on its first reading. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor – I have a Proclamation for Jane for her last meeting with us . . .

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Editor Jane Ernsberger has faithfully and conscientiously composed, reported, and edited articles for the twice weekly publication of the Willard Times-Junction newspaper for 26 years and is deserving of this special recognition by the City of Willard, Ohio, and,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication for herd coverage of breaking news, local government and education and she has worked diligently to report and photograph the activities and events of Willard and the area communities; and

WHEREAS, Editor Jane Ernsberger has earned the admiration and high regard of fellow journalists and editors and the affection of area residents and has been named to the Ohio School Board Association Media Honor Roll for five years and won journalism and photography awards from the Ohio Newspaper Association;

WHEREAS, Jane Ernsberger graduated from the Willard Police Academy in 1978 and went on to serve as a Richland County Deputy Sheriff from 1982-1986.

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Community wish to join to express our sincere appreciation and thanks, as well as that of our citizens, to Jane Ernsberger, for her distinguished coverage of the City of Willard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Daniel, Mayor of the City of Willard, Ohio, do hereby extend, on behalf of the Willard community, our heartfelt Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jane Ernsberger.

SET FORTH BY MY HAND ON THIS DATE, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2020.

JOE DANIEL, CITY OF WILLARD MAYOR

Babcock thanked Jane for her years of service to the community and Council; Danhoff congratulated Jane on her retirement; Johnson, enjoy your retirement; enjoy seeing people, families out and about; Sattig – Jane has been good to the community; Elmlinger – Jane, all that the others have said

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

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council