

Willard, Ohio
August 16, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by James Pomerich, Public Works Director.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held August 2, 2021, 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 Olson seconded by Danhoff that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: Kaleen Woods, 997 Overlook Dr., Holiday Lakes, was present as a member and spokesperson for Willard Historical Society. Historical Society had sent Council a letter requesting North Side (Keefer Street) Park be renamed Verna Williams North Side Park. Ms. Woods was asking if this would be possible. After a brief discussion between Council and the City Manager, it was moved by Olson seconded by Council that the park be renamed Verna Williams North Side Park. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Elmlinger, Johnson and Olson voted yea. Daniel and Sattig voted nay. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Historical Society get with the City Manager and help in planning and supplying the funds for a plaque.

BID PROPOSALS: Sealed bids were received and opened Thursday, August 12th at 12:30 p.m. for 0 Woodbine (one bid of \$100.00), 517 Fink Street (one bid of \$1,005.00) and the empty lot at the southwest corner of Fink and Main Streets with no bids. There was a brief discussion about these properties. Council advised the Law Director to prepare legislation for the two properties that received a bid for the next Council meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

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: Finance Report for July 2021 was presented by Finance Director. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept the Finance Director's report for July 2021. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

The next scheduled food giveaway is Wednesday, August 25th from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Willard City Park. There will also be a walk-up site at Keefer Street Park. Looking for volunteers and ask that volunteers get online and sign up so that they have an idea as to how many they have. They have scheduled food distributions through the end of the year but have not given us those dates.

Tomorrow night wraps up the concerts in the park. Have had a good turn out and those coming become like a family.

Plans to celebrate 50 years of the Willard Reservoir have tentatively been set for Saturday, September 25th with games and activities at the reservoir. They will also be hosting a fishing derby. Ohio Division of Natural Resources will have fishing poles available to borrow for anyone who needs one or wants to learn how to fish.

On September 11th we will be remembering the 20th Anniversary of the tragic events that occurred on September 11th, 2001. We are teaming up with the local Girl Scouts to expand their annual silent walk with a memorial service following at Doster Plaza.

US 224 Force Main repair is scheduled to begin Monday, August 30th. We will be partnering with R.A. Bores to complete this project. They will supply a large excavator, operator, trench box, and we will provide the manpower.

2021 Street Resurfacing has begun. D.L. Smith has completed replacing 44 curb ramps to A.D.A. compliance for Erie Blacktop (32) and Precision Paving (12). Precision Paving has milled their section of Myrtle Avenue. They had planned on paving today but got rained out.

We received the State of Ohio bid price from Cargill for road salt this year at \$39.75 per ton. Last year we paid \$50.79 per ton. On average we order 300 tons per year which would be a savings of \$3,312 this year.

The Street Department received a radio sign that will inform drivers of their speed and record speeds. This was originally ordered for Crestwood Drive, but we are first going to use it at the intersection of Myrtle and Perry for the start of school.

The WWTP refinance loan of \$523,842.00 interest rate was locked in at .75% for 9.5 years through OWDA. To receive this the City had to pay off some other loans. This move saved the City an estimated \$60,000 in bond fees over the ten-year period and also locked us in with a low interest rate.

Columbia Gas has all mains complete and 5 service lines to go. The week of August 30th they will be abandoning old lines.

There is a Resolution on the agenda to participate in ONE OHIO subdivision settlement against McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen Corporation. This money is a part of a \$26 billion settlement in which the State of Ohio will receive approximately \$808 million to address the opioid epidemic within the state. There will be a pool of approximately \$18-26 million which will be divided up between municipalities, states, and foundations.

Council requested to accept the following donations

\$6,279.99 from the Willard Moose, \$100 from Mick and Sandi O'Brien and \$140 from Rhonda Jester towards the Clock Tower Fund;

\$2,590.64 from the Willard Moose towards the Decoration Fund;

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

Johnson, so the salt is a priced lower than we have seen, could we possibly buy more. We can buy more than requested but would have to have storage. Also, we have recognized the Moose before but we really appreciate their donations as well as others.

Olson, yes these donations are important, and Mick is here tonight, so thank you Mick!! Also, Olson is going to try to get some volunteers from the hospital for the food give away.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2531-21

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by Olson 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, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Olson, as always, expresses the appreciation for the food give always as it is needed in Willard.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council