

Willard, Ohio
August 17, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on August 17, 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, Olson and Sattig present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held August 3, 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 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:

Kevin Thaxton, 572 W. Emerald. Mr. Thaxton was again before Council voicing concerns about issues with the alley beside his home and his neighbors. He expressed his disappointment with the denial letter that was sent him from the City for the alley. Was given time to tell his "side" of the story.

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

TABLED ITEMS: None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. **Charter/Legislative – Danhoff, Johnson**
2. **Finance – Johnson, Olson, Sattig** ~ Mr. Sattig presented some changes he would like seen made to water rates. Elmlinger said he would like to see Finance Committee meet and go over. A meeting for Monday, August 24th @ 6:00 pm was "tentatively" set. Wanted to check and gather some info.
3. **Public Works – Babcock, Daniel**
4. **Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson**
5. **Utilities – Danhoff, Daniel, Olson**

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS: Finance Director was on vacation. Pomerich wanted Council members to note that there are funds (COVID, Clock Tower and Clarifier Repairs) that are inflating current numbers and are going to be used in the near future.

Finance Report for July 2020 was presented by Finance Director.

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

City Manager's Report:

Over the last couple of months City Manager and Finance Director have put together an Employee Insurance Advisory Board consisting of them and four other employees. Our Health insurance continues to be an issue and continues to rise. This new Board interviewed our current agent and two others. After these interviews, we have decided to go with a different agent, Brent Gardner with Gardner & Lindsey. We have talked with other communities that have made similar changes. We hope he can help us get these costs under control.

We have no employee COVID-19 issues or concerns. And the COVID-19 numbers in the county continue to improve.

The City is still in the process of advertising and taking sealed bids on 716 Park Street and the 110 Center. There has been interest in both properties and we currently have two sealed bids for 716 Park Street. Bids will be opened on August 25th at 12:30 p.m.

The Maintenance Dept. has been busy painting crosswalks and stop bars throughout the City as well as parking spaces at the park. Interim City Manager passed out pictures of "artistic" crosswalks that have been done in other communities. Kim Williams at the Maintenance Department suggested this be done at the crosswalk in front of the library. The remainder of the crosswalks downtown would be done in the crimson and white as was done previously. Council liked this suggestion and encouraged Pomerich to move forward with this project. Will look into tying together crosswalk and murals.

Pomerich has been in contact and working with Huron County Commissioners and Huron County Development Council in regards to developing a grant program to administer a portion of the money that the City received for COVID-19. The City continues to look at ways we can use some of this money.

Council requested to accept donation from the Historical Society for \$400 to go to the Clock Tower Fund and donation from Mayor Joe Daniel for \$500 for the Police Department.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PRECISION PAVING, INC., MILAN, OHIO, TO AWARD BID NO. 2020-02a FOR THE 2020 EUCLID STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-OPWC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,457.25, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE INCOME TAX CAPITAL FUND 301 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) TO THE SEWER CAPITAL AND DEBT FUND 610 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff 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, 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.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 452.19 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, REGARDING TRAILER AND BOAT PARKING, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1323 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY REGARDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JAMES POMERICH AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff 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, 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.

James Pomerich was sworn in by Heather Niedermeier Heyman, Law Director, for the City Manager position effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 2508-20

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 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 Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel – thank you to the local roofer that took care of the roof issue at 110 Myrtle Ave.; the wooden train in the play area at the Depot is a nice addition, where did this come from? Pomerich said Bryson Hamons built it for the park. Thank you to Bryson! Danhoff – agrees with what Daniel said about 110 Myrtle and the park; Babcock – supports those comments of Daniel and Danhoff, and thank you James for accepting the City Manager position and for what he has done to this point; Johnson – thank you and congratulations to James; Sattig – roofing contractor sign in front of 110 Myrtle needs removed; water plant pics of repairs needed, could some of these not be done in house, especially concrete work and rails? Pomerich will check into some of those.; Olson – thank you and congratulations to James; Elmlinger – thank you and congratulations to James.

Moved by Olson 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.

President of Council

Clerk of Council