

Willard, Ohio
August 3, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on August 3, 2020, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held July 20, 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:

Cindy Wise, 572 W. Emerald. She has an alley that goes beside their house that they would like to have barriers put up to keep cars from using. She is the only one that needs to use it and she is having problems with neighbors (unnecessary traffic, trash, etc.). Council asked Interim City Manager to look at this and see what can be done.

George Rohaly, 569 Butte Street, shared concerns with drug problem in Willard when Plymouth is decriminalizing marijuana. We need more Police, what is Council going to do? Council and Interim City Manager explained to Mr. Rohaly that our Police are doing as best they can, they have worked hard to present a positive influence in our community and do much to help and support our citizens. Willard already has a tax levy to help support the police department and the only way we could add to our force would be to add to the levy that we have.

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*
3. *Public Works – Babcock, Daniel*
4. *Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson*
5. *Utilities – Danhoff, Daniel, Olson*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS: None

City Manager's Report:

Pomerich passed out a draft that Code Enforcement is working on to update and make some changes to the Property Maintenance Code. Asked that Council look over and give their input, Pomerich would be willing to set up a Work Session to go over if they would like. Some additions/changes to definitions, increased fees for violations, addressing issue of accumulation of tires, scrap, etc. For those farming land within City limits, requesting any portion of land not being farmed or cultivated with crops be mowed/maintained within 100' of another person's or public property; asking that grass clippings not be blown into streets. Johnson questioned stairs and railings codes being deleted, Pomerich said they are being addressed in another section, will still have that.

Interim City Manager reported that Officer Myers is leaving so we will be looking for a replacement for him.

Due to low attendance and budget, Willard City Pool will be closing on Monday, August 10th.

Our Recreation and Maintenance Departments teamed up to clean up our Downtown area. Some of the manpower and materials were donated by some of our employees. We appreciate and thank them for their efforts.

Interim City Manager reported to Council that one of our three clarifiers are out of service and in need of repair. We have a total of three clarifiers and at a minimum, two are needed to operate effectively. The third clarifier acts as a back-up for the other two and during the winter months, there are times that we need all three. The clarifier was listed in our Capital projects to be rehabilitated this year. With the

budget concerns we cancelled this project, hoping to push it back until next year. However, with the latest developments, we will be moving forward with an Emergency Rehabilitation project this year. This is necessary due to the time of year when this work is able to be completed and for the health and safety of the public. Cost of rehabilitation is expected to cost approximately \$160,000.00.

Pomerich received a letter from two property owners regarding the airport. Their properties lie in close proximity to the runway and restrictions for the airport flight path make developing their property difficult or impossible. They are requesting that the City look at three proposed options related to their properties. There was some discussion amongst Council members, however at this time they would like to see if they receive any grants for the airport before making any decisions.

Council requested to accept donation from Historical Society for \$100 to go to the Clock Tower 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 said that he noticed in the picture the Interim City Manager had in his report how bad the brick wall looked next to the park. Is there something that we could do? Pomerich said they are working on that, talking with someone about possibly painting a mural on the wall.

Johnson, had Pomerich given any more thought to what Ms. Tara Hines had to say before Council. Pomerich said yes, several City employees and himself had met with her and were in discussion as to what group they could put together and who could be involved.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2507-20

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DAVIDSON FLEXIBILITY FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES ACT, 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 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:

Babcock – James, keep up the good work.

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