

Willard, Ohio
July 20, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on July 20, 2020, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Theresa Carter, GUM.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held July 6, 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:

Tara Hines, 816 Clark Street, Willard was present to talk with Council about Willard's diversity and racism. Ms. Hines talked with Council about the large Hispanic community in Willard along with others, and the low income that some of these individuals have. She would like to see a Task Force or Committee set up with a diverse makeup to address some of the issues within our community.

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:

Finance Director reported that our total revenue through June is down 5%, our total expenses are down 10% and our total income tax collections are down 1.43%. She also reported that we have received our portion of the CARES ACT distribution fund, a total of \$195,966 was deposited on July 2, 2020. City must follow CARES ACT guidelines which include but are not limited to: COVID related, not previously budgeted, and not revenue replacement. Any unused portion must be returned. We will be looking at ways we can use these funds.

Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Finance Director's report for June 2020 be approved and placed on file. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion passed.

City Manager's Report:

Interim City Manager reported that along with COVID related expenses of City, we may be able to pass along \$10,000 "grants" to small businesses in Willard to help with their COVID expenses.

Pomerich reported that he is working with the Law Director on legislation to present to Council to make some changes to the City's Codified Ordinance Chapter 1323, which is the Property Maintenance Code. This Code allows for a fine that the Code Enforcement Officer is allowed to assess, but there is no way to ensure the fee can be collected. These changes would give the City the means to abate problems ourselves should property owners ignore City's orders.

The City had an employee show positive for COVID-19 infection. Employee had been off work and only missed 6 days of work. The County Health Dept. where they reside cleared them to return to work.

Working on possibility and funds to get Euclid Street paved this summer. Johnson questioned doing that when we just had trenches paved. Pomerich said trenches would have had to have been done before paving anyways. Work was purposely done so that trenches would be ready for street paving.

Chief Chaffins and the Law Director have signed off on the changes to Police Dept.'s policies. Pomerich is going to go over it and then present to Council.

City received quote for the 5 trees that were "taken out" on Myrtle Ave. This will be turned in with the Police report to the insurance. Probably will not do the work until fall when the weather will not place as much stress on the trees.

The Recreation Director and Pomerich were able to meet with a resident who uses a wheelchair and regularly accesses our Park. All three of us navigated the entire Park, and our resident was able to provide us with a perspective that we do not have. We have some improvements that we need to focus on to make our Park more accessible to those with handicaps and our elderly. We appreciate the time this citizen took to meet with us and share their perspective.

Council requested to accept a donation from the Willard Firelands Lodge No. 2153 Loyal Order of Moose for \$7,580.79 for Recreation Improvements.

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.

Council requested to accept donations from Donald and Shirley Leininger for \$100 and Julie Anne Bashore for \$100 to go to the Clock Tower Fund.

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.

Johnson asked if anyone else looked at the policy changes for the Police Dept. Pomerich said Officer Strong also went over it. Johnson also thanked Ms. Hines for taking time to share her concerns with Council.

Water Treatment System Analysis Presentation ~ Dan Thornton, City Engineer

- Summary of Water Treatment Plant Improvements Evaluation, copies were presented to all Council members, copy on file in Council Clerk's office

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None

Moved by Johnson seconded by Danhoff that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel to Consider Appointment/Employment of a Public Employee. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Council went into Executive Session at 7:53 pm. Council returned at 8:19 pm.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

No comments from Council.

Moved by Sattig 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