

Willard, Ohio
March 1, 2021
Work Session

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met for a Work Session Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. prior to their regular session. The President of Council called the meeting to order and turned it over to James Pomerich, City Manager.

Council members present: Mike Elmlinger, Alan Babcock, Joe Daniel, David Sattig, James Johnson, Diana Olson and Chuck Danhoff.

Others present: Joe Reiderman, John Weiss, Bryson Hamons, Heather Heyman, Lori Huff, Jane Ernsberger, James Pomerich.

FIRE & EMS S.A.F.E.R. GRANT APPLICATION ~ Chief Reiderman (print out of Power Point slides is available in Clerk's office) Chief gave a review of the Fire Department over the years, changes in logistics, rules, regulations, etc. All influencing the operations of the department and the personnel. The S.A.F.E.R. Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) Grant Program would help to provide funding directly to the fire department to assist with increasing the number of firefighters to help our community meet industry minimum standards, to attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of the fire department.

What Willard Department is asking . . .

- ~ Looking at hiring 5 additional fulltime members to put us at 4 fulltime staffing per shift. This would put us at 12 fulltime plus the Chief. This meets the grant requirements for a first out engine.
- ~ \$1.5 million grant to cover the 3 years
- ~ Deadline is Friday, March 12, 2021

Council gave Chief Reiderman the go ahead to apply for this grant.

PARAMEDICINE AGREEMENT UPDATE ~ John Weiss, Captain

- ~ Relatively new & evolving healthcare model of the future, felt it would be pretty much mandatory by 2023/2024
- ~ 3-year commitment with Mercy Health Willard Hospital
 - City of Willard receives \$25,000 each year
 - Total received: \$75,000
- ~ Willard Fire & Rescue will utilize an On-Duty paramedic
 - No added cost
 - Available to respond to emergencies when needed
- ~ Paramedic will accompany a Mercy Health employee
 - Social Worker, LPN, etc.
- ~ Patients are referred to the program
 - Emergency Department of Primary Practitioner
- ~ Allows paramedics to operate in expanded roles
 - Conduct wellness checks and provide referrals
 - Post-discharge, non-urgent, follow-up care
 - Medical assessments
 - Vital signs including weight
 - Medication compliance
 - Providing education and health promotion
 - Risk assessment and injury prevention (trip/fall)

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT (HURON COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.) ~ Bryson Hamons

Creating Healthy Communities by providing free resources, access, knowledge, programming for healthy living. Providing a place where all residents, including low-income and handicapped, can have access to healthy fruits and vegetables by learning how to cultivate the land to grow food.

~ Willard Community Garden (looking at Gahr Farm) City's initial role would be to provide the land, donate labor to install stone drive, pour concrete for shed/handicap parking/raised beds install a water line. Annual role would be registration of plots for residents (20 x 20 or 20 x 40), till and mark off individual parcels at the beginning of year, water usage, and monitor area for safety.

- Educational programming will be provided by HCPH, Fisher-Titus Medical Center, OSU Extension, and local garden clubs.
- Physical items the grant will provide (\$21,230.45): Tools, ADA storage shed for tools and other storage, tiller for city tractor, raised bed garden for handicap/elderly, signage, supplies to add a water line, stone for a drive, concrete for storage building/ADA compliant raised bed and handicap parking.

Council gave Bryson the go ahead with this project.

~ Willard Bike Share Program. This program would address goals and needs addressed in the Huron County Active Transportation Plan by providing residents a free, inclusive, and safe means of transportation while promoting accessibility and physical activity. Willard would be the first to implement a bike-share program, but CHC goal is to have a bike-share program throughout all communities in the county.

- Will initially have two bike hubs (library/TBD). Other possible future hubs . . . Celeryville farms, Country Hearth, 224 business, City Hall, airport.
- Grant items (\$9,962) eleven bikes to start program (8 – Electra Townie Bikes \$530, 1-Sun Atlas Trike for older adults and people with physical needs \$600, 2-20” for children and general use \$300. Will also help with other amenities such as 4 bike racks to place around town, bike locks, removable child seats, lockable baskets, 1 pull behind wagon, maintenance tools.
- Bike maintenance: minimal in year one; year two seek additional funding from CHC or sponsorship.

Go ahead was given by Council for this project.

HAUNTED TRAIL, FESTIVAL IN THE PARK, FIREWORKS DISPLAY ~ Bryson Hamons

~ Haunted Trail at Park. Bryson was approached by two Willard residents about having a Haunted Trail in the Nature Trails at the park. They would like to do a presentation at a future Council meeting. They are looking at just a one weekend, two-day event. Council said they would be willing to hear what they are proposing.

~ Festival in the Park Firework Display Date (Festival scheduled for June 23-26, 2021. Recommend Saturday, June 26 @ 10:30 pm for fireworks, rain date Sunday, July 4 @ 10:00 pm. If Festival is postponed, Saturday, July 3 @ 10:00 pm, rain date Sunday, July 4 @ 10:00 pm. Council was ok with this plan; however, Mr. Sattig voiced his objection to having fireworks any date other than the fourth.

SALE OF CITY PROPERTIES ~ James Pomerich, City Manager

- Former Harvey’s Market lots
- Uncle Dudley’s parking lot
- Old City lot beside former Tin Shed and currently small park done by Girl Scout troop -letter from Nakita Holthouse stating that if they can purchase Tin Shed property, they would also like to purchase the small City park property and do a coffee shop and tap house and use the park area for an outdoor space.

AIRPORT RUNWAY GRANT~ James Pomerich, City Manager

The City is proposing to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation – Office of Aviation for pavement rehabilitation at the airport. Rehabilitation of the Runway 10/28 would include milling and overlay, repairs of failed asphalt concrete pavements, and restriping of the runway. These items improve the safety of the runway in numerous ways, including but not limited to; Foreign Object Debris (FOD) control, visualization of the runway markings, and overall pavement life. Applications are due by May 3, 2021.

Moved by Johnson seconded by Daniel to adjourn Work Session. All voted aye.

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The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Ted Buehl, New Haven UMC.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held February 16, 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:

Jeff Ritz, Superintendent, Willard City Schools, 1 Flash Drive was present to discuss the many projects that they are or will be working on at the schools. Discussions in process as to how they will be doing prom and graduation but should be able to have some form of each. Also shared concerns as to Willard's internet infrastructure in the area. School is looking at some way of providing internet access to everyone in the area to help students who need that access. Thanked Council for their help and support over the years. School has some funds that they would like to use to support a Social Worker for the 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: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

COVID update – no employees sick or out on quarantine. Huron County and Willard numbers continue to decrease.

Food giveaway tomorrow with Second Harvest and the National Guard from 3:00-5:00 pm. This giveaway will be a full truck giveaway with 400 cases of food.

Farmers to Families is another food giveaway planned to occur in March. They are trying to schedule 3 giveaways with multiple locations. The primary spot will again be the park with drive through. They are also trying to work with churches and other organizations to pick up a number of boxes and deliver to people.

Several of our employees have done Project Leadership. This year we are pleased to be sending Sergeant Seth Mahon to the class of 2021.

Willard Cares Small Business Grant Program is closing out their final reports for this. Willard ended up giving out \$50,000 in grant money to eight Willard businesses. As a County, \$656,541.17 was given out in grant money to small businesses.

After the Council meeting Pomerich offered a tour to those present to show them what we have done around City Hall making use of some of the CARES money offered by the State. Judges' office was converted into space for Willard Chamber of Commerce, two small office were combined and made into a space for Director of Huron County Development Council. An exercise space was also developed at the back of City Hall and work was done in the Police Department.

Utility bill penalties and late fees are being reinstated in March.

Council requested to accept the following donations to benefit the Clock Tower Project: \$100 from Jacki Wiles and \$1,000 from Randy Adams.

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.

Olson – glad to see the food giveaways, there is a definite need for this food in Willard.

Babcock – noticed that money was denied for the Park Street waterline improvement by OPWC. Pomerich said he was not surprised; they do not very often grant money for anything other than street projects. We are still expecting to receive money for other projects.

Johnson – Depot improvements were much needed.

Babcock – any movement on sewer projects; Pomerich has been in communication with County and Commissioners, trying to work with them and the Health Department, also Holiday Lakes and Celeryville.

Elmlinger - appreciates the work the crews did during the latest snowstorm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO GRANT TO COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC., AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A PIPELINE THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY LOCATED AT 6 B & O PIKE IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, 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 this Ordinance be declared an emergency measure, and the rules be waived and that it go into effect upon passage 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.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5872-20 FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS, FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, 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 this Ordinance be declared an emergency measure, and the rules be waived and that it go into effect upon passage 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2518-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CITYOF WILLARD, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 2021 MYRTLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, 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 Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2519-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 2021 OPWC STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 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 Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2520-21

A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF WILLARD WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S ELIGIBLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF WILLARD PURSUANT TO IRC SECTION 414(H)(2), 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 Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2521-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AT THE WILLARD AIRPORT -8G1 AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT IN THE EVENT THE SAME IS AWARDED TO THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST, 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 and Olson voted yea. Sattig voted nay. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2522-21

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH MERCY HEALTH SELECT, LLC, AND MERCY HEALTH – WILLARD HOSITAL LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor – spoke of how he talked about school’s signs on their bus garage and of the award that Jane had gotten plus the work she does to support the City; Johnson – very energizing the many items we talked about this evening at the Work Session, thank you to everyone that is working on these things; Danhoff – fine job to the City crews in cleaning up the snow.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council