

Willard, Ohio  
November 16, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 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:** Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig present. Babcock was absent.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Council meeting held November 2, 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 Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Budget meeting held November 9, 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 Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSION:** None

**BID PROPOSALS:** None

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. **Personnel Appeals Board.** Van Ramsey has turned in his resignation from this Board effective at the end of the year. This is a Council appointment, so Council members need to be looking for a replacement.

**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 October 2020 was presented by Finance Director.

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

**City Manager's Report:**

COVID is again a concern. Numbers in Ohio, Huron County and Willard continue to go up.

Chamber has asked about live streaming the Christmas Tree lighting, would it be possible to use the City's Facebook page as they have the largest outreach of anyone. Wanted to know Council's thoughts. Council told City Manager that they were "ok" with this.

There is legislation on the agenda to award the Willard Cares Small Business Grants. Nine businesses were approved by the committee, and the recommendations for their grant awards are before Council. The total of the nine grants equals \$60,000.

City Manager and Finance Director met today with Insurance Agent. This gives us an idea as to where we are at with insurance, so we will complete budget and will submit budget at first meeting in December.

Pomerich was happy to share with Council that Mr. Donn Miller had been in that morning and agreed to take 110 Center at his original price, as is. So they will work on getting that deal closed.

Correction to Tree City USA in City Manager's report, this is our 41<sup>st</sup> year, not 40<sup>th</sup>. Willard should be proud as there are only a handful of communities that have received this for that many years.

Council requested to accept the following donations:

~ Willard Firelands Lodge No. 2153 Loyal Order of the Moose for \$2,935.04 for the City Park Lighting Project.

~ Faye E. Dean Living Trust for \$100 and Donald & Shirley Leininger for \$100.00 for the Clock Tower Restoration.

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

Johnson – have we had anyone sign up to do Christmas lights at the park? Pomerich reported that we had two or three, but applications just went out. Is Lisa’s open? Pomerich said he believed so. On the Rental Property owner’s registration, seems like we are still way behind with number of owners and units that are done. Pomerich said Code Dept. continues to address this and they are even going back to some that they have done but owners have not completed work that needs done.

Johnson asked about on going collection of parking tickets. Law Director and Finance Director both discussed that these are hard to address, not really any good options. Huff said she has reached out to the Attorney General’s office and they couldn’t offer any help. She is reaching out to them and hopes to get help from them in collecting income taxes that have not been paid.

Sattig – brought up that earlier in the year Council had waived the late fees for water bills. He requested to make a motion that, starting with January billing, which would be February reading and March 1<sup>st</sup> bill, late fees be reinstated. Seconded by Olson. In a called vote, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2512-20**

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE WILLARD CARES SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS TO BUSINESSES, 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 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 Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Daniel – Mayor Daniel would like to congratulate Gary Nuhfer on his retirement and thank him and express our gratitude for his years of service; would like to welcome Officer Courtney Burkett to our Police Dept., he remembers when her father was Chief in Plymouth; he also wanted to thank and express gratitude to the citizens of Willard and their support of the Park Levy;

Sattig – would like to express his appreciation of Finance office’s diligence in cleaning up accounts; would like to bring new employees to Council meetings, Pomerich was not aware that had been done in the past, would take care of that;

Johnson – wished to add to what Daniel said about Parks, department is doing a good job and the many little things they do and offer are appreciated by the citizens and bring attention to our parks.

Elmlinger – leaves, are we on a schedule? Pomerich said, “no”. Just random as Maintenance department finds the or someone calls in. Seems to be working pretty good.

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

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council