

Willard, Ohio
November 2, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 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 October 19, 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. Sattig asked that on page 2 under Ordinance 5866-20 that in his motion word "postponed" be changed to "tabled". Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that they be approved as amended. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Clerk will make correction.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION:

Scott Belcastro and Mayra Hernandez, Trebel Energy, were present to introduce Trebel Energy LLC which handles electric and gas aggregation programs. Information on file in Clerk's office.

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing.** For Ordinance AMENDING SECTION 925.16 TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER TAP FEES. There were no comments oral or written, for or against the proposed Ordinance received by the Clerk or Council members. There were no citizens present to voice their concerns. Ordinance is listed below for its final reading.
2. **City Development Commission,** met on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept and place on file the minutes for the CDC meeting. Elmlinger reported that it was mostly Park and Recreation information with updates on different projects in community. No action was needed by Council.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

TABLED ITEMS:

1. **Ord. No. 5866-20** – AMENDING SECTION 925.16 TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER TAP FEES – **FINAL READING**
Moved by Sattig seconded by Olson that item be removed from Table and placed under *Ordinances and Resolutions*. Committee agreed with proposed changes. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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, met Monday, November 2nd @ 6:15 pm prior to Council meeting. Purpose was to discuss proposed Water Tap Fee Ordinance.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS: None

City Manager's Report:

Governor DeWine announced earlier this week that the State Controlling Board approved the use of Ohio's remaining CARES Act Funding to help more small businesses, restaurants, and non-profits, as well as making additional funding available to cover both Housing/Rental Assistance and Water and Sewer bills for low-income residents. This new Home Relief Grant goes into effect on November 2nd and allows retroactive payments to cover delinquent bills since April 1st for those who were financially impacted earlier this year. Program is scheduled to end December 31st, 2020. City Manager asked that the press put this in their paper and noted people could contact City Hall for more information.

Finance Director and City Manager will be meeting with Department Heads regarding 2021 budget. A meeting is scheduled Monday, November 9th @ 6:00 pm with Council for review. We hope to have it presented for legislation at the November 16th Council meeting.

Whitta Construction is planning on starting construction the first week in November. Doors are scheduled to arrive on November 16th and be installed on November 19th.

We were scheduled to sign papers for 110 Center today, however it was discovered that there is a Deed Restriction on the property. Restriction states that property can not be used in any way related to financial services such as banks, credit union, financing company, branch, automated teller machine or similar investment firm, hedge-fund, or investment group. Trying to make contact with Sutton Bank (previous owner) to see if this can be changed or revised in any way. Will keep Council informed.

We are still having issues with garbage hauler; they were again out at 1:30-2:00 am. Have talked with company and they advised it would not happen again, however it has. Pomerich has talked with our City Law Director and we do not really have anything on the books to address issue. There are two options, we could add something to the disturbing the peace ordinance or update our trash haulers ordinance. We believe updating guidelines/restrictions for incoming trash haulers would be the best route. Looking at updating current ordinance regarding garbage haulers, regulating times, and increasing registration fee, etc. Council would like to move forward with that.

Council must approve the Community Reinvestment Area every year. At present time, someone who builds a single-family home or a duplex that is not a rental unit will not have to pay property taxes for 15 years. If an industrial or commercial business does an improvement, they can get up to 12 years with consideration as to the amount of improvement they would be doing. Pomerich feels that this has been beneficial to the City of Willard.

Council requested to accept the following donations:

- ~ Technical Training Service (Don Eckstein) for \$500.00 for the City Park Lighting Project
- ~ Full-Service Adams Ind. LLC for \$250.00 and Century 21 Danhoff-Donnamiller Realty, LLC for \$250.00 for the Veterans Memorial Fund
- ~ Friends of Willard Memorial Library for \$100 and Donald M. Graham & Associates for \$200.00 for the Clock Tower Restoration

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.

Babcock brought up discussion of lighting at Tree Commission meeting. City Manager said “yes” Tree Commission suggested the pedestal lighting on Myrtle Avenue in the boulevard. Council would like to pursue this idea.

Olson asked if there have been any takers for the Festival of Lights, Pomerich said they are still working on the application form which will go out soon.

Johnson pointed out that Bryson’s email address is incorrect on form. Pomerich will check on that.

Pomerich said County are forming a COVID Emergency Response Team, their first meeting is Friday and City Manager will be attending.

Elmlinger said it was a good thing we got started on leaf pick up.

Johnson noticed that EMA was installing equipment on water tower, City Manager said yes and that they had gotten proper approval from all necessary entities.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 5866-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.16 TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER TAP FEES, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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. 5867-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1341.03 AND 1341.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, REGARDING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL HOUSING REGISTRATION, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor – City Manager and himself attended CIVISTA’s ribbon cutting, very nice program and people.

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