

Willard, Ohio
October 4, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sister Diane Hay, Mercy Willard.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held September 20, 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 Daniel that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: None

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Debra McKinney was sworn in as the new Clerk of Council by Terry Arnold, current Clerk of Council. Terry will be retiring at the end of the year and Debbie will be taking over.

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:

Hamons shared that Danhoff wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after his accident. He hopes to be back to Council soon.

The next scheduled food giveaway is Monday, October 18, from 3 until 5 p.m. We need volunteers and Second Harvest would like them to go to their website and sign up ahead of time. We continue to be thankful for Second Harvest and these food giveaways. We are also thankful for the volunteers in Willard that have stepped up to help their fellow citizens. On September 21, the City of Willard was awarded the Bev Lizanich Innovation Award from Second Harvest Food Bank. This is the first time that a City has received this award as the leadership team from Second Harvest wanted to recognize the efforts of our volunteers, both everyday citizens and staff. They have been amazed that the City allows their employees to participate and all the other volunteers that have shown up to help.

The Park and Recreation Department is hosting a final lunchtime concert on Thursday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Roy Doster Plaza. This last concert was rescheduled from an earlier rainout featuring the Small Town Singers. Residents are encouraged to visit a downtown eatery for one of their lunchtime specials or bring a brown bag lunch.

Saturday, September 15, 2021, we hosted a Fishing Derby at the reservoir to celebrate 50 years since its opening. We had 52 participants sign-up (40 kids under 16 and 12 adults) and every kid received a fishing pole. We plan to make this an annual event. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make this happen. Special thanks to Steve Chambers and Ed Adams for all their help in getting this set up and to Kim Williams and other City employees that also gave their time.

The 2021 Street Resurfacing project is completed, and we have set tentative projects for 2022. We were able to repave 10,645 (just over 2 miles) feet of streets and renovate a total of 44 curb ramps. On a side note, parking was moved from the east side to the west side of Keefer Street to

make it safer for users of the soccer complex. The City also hired the painting subcontractor to repaint the double yellow lines on Tiffin and North Myrle. Applications have been submitted for the 2022 Street

Paving Projects. Information and map of proposed 2022 Street Paving Projects can be seen in the Public Works Dept. or is on file in the Clerk's office.

We recently received the 2020 certified Federal Census numbers from the Ohio Secretary of State, which shows our population at 6,197. Our highest population total was in 2000, with 6,883 residents. Since 2000 our population has decreased about 10%.

The City will be flushing hydrants the week of October 18. We have 488 water hydrants to flush and it is expected to take 4 days. Hydrant flushing is conducted twice a year to clear waterlines of sediments. We will also be exercising a portion of the 461 water main valves which is required by the EPA once every five years to make sure they are functioning correctly.

Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin the first week of November. If we notice leaves falling and we need to begin before then we will move up that date. Once November is here, we will make continuous rounds throughout the City until all leaves are collected.

Fire Dept. dive trailer recently received a 14-foot cargo trailer from the Huron County Emergency Management Agency. This donated trailer is currently being converted into a dive trailer that will house all the dive rescue equipment that was previously in a 1987 bread truck vehicle. After the conversion, the truck will be sold at an auction, reducing the fleet's number of vehicles.

Maintenance Dept. patching and crack sealing around the City to help maintain our streets.

NISource/Columbia Gas have completed their work. If anyone has any concerns, they should call the gas company directly at 1-800-344-4077.

Portable sign is finally in operation and is working on Crestwood.

Council requested to accept the following donations

\$100 from William (Bud) and Bernadine (Deanie) Silcox donor towards the Clock Tower Fund.

\$6,329.98 from the Willard Moose to go towards the Decoration Fund.

Moved by Olson seconded by Daniel that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Johnson, congratulations to Debra. I actually saw someone approaching the sign and when they saw it slowed down their speed; has a safety concern about the many motorized bicycles, "vehicles", etc. around town. City Manager said that him and the Chief have actually had those conversations and are looking at that. Law Director stated that we have ordinances that address what ones can be on the streets and what ones can be on the sidewalks. Those on the streets must obey traffic laws. She stated that she would have to look up to see how age of operators applies. Hamons said they would take a look and see how other Cities are addressing this.

Olson is glad that they have gotten the radar up and in operation.

City Manager asked that we have a Utilities meeting and/or a Work Session. Scheduled a Work Session for Monday, October 18th at 6:15 prior to the regular Council meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor – congratulations to Debra; Fishing Derby was a nice deal and very well organized; appreciate the work the Maintenance Dept. is doing patching the streets and fixing cracks; have noticed updates on Willard's website, very nice, very informative and kept up dated; Olson – also welcomed Debra; also, has noticed the website and gotten some good comments about it; Babcock also welcomed Debra; Elmlinger also welcomed Debra.

Moved by Olson seconded by Daniel 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