

Willard, Ohio
October 5, 2020

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Theresa Carter, GUMC.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held September 21, 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 and Olson voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: None

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

Executive Session: Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council go into Executive Session to discuss certain Personnel Matters. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger and Olson voted yea. Council went into Executive Session at 7:03 pm. Council returned at 7:15 pm.

City Manager's Report:

Willard Cares Small Business Committee will be meeting with the representatives from the Huron County Development Council (HCDC) on Thursday, October 8th. HCDC will be helping us to administer this grant and will be walking us through the process. On October 8th we will review applications and amounts requested and make recommendations for the grants. Legislation with these recommendations will be brought to Council in November for approval. There are 11 applications totaling \$85,000.00.

We have just learned that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has awarded us Safety Funding for pedestrian improvements along US 224. The total award for this project is \$491,600.00. Usually ODOT projects are funded 90% ODOT Grant and 10% local funding. City Manager was happy to report that the 10% will be paid by a Toll Revenue Credit, which means this project will be funded in full by grant money. However, there have been a few changes in how this project will be handled and substantial paperwork to be done. This could take up to two years to get the funding.

Council requested to accept the following donation to benefit the Recreation Department improvement projects from Willard Firelands Lodge No. 2153 Loyal Order of Moose for \$8,927.00.

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

Olson commented that she knows that many people have been working on this US 224 Sidewalk project and wanted to thank everyone for their hard work.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 110 & 112 MYRTLE AVENUE AND 105 DALE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WILLARD FOR \$42,500.00, 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 rule requiring the Ordinance to lay over for 30 days be waived and that it goes into effect upon passage of second reading. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger and Olson voted yea. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.01(a) AND ATTACHMENT A TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE WATER RATES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 923.08(G), SECTION 923.08(i), AND TABLE B-2 OF ATTACHMENT-B TO CHAPTER 923 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE SEWER RATES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

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 first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel just wanted to comment that we ended up getting all these applications for this grant, but no one seemed to know until the City Manager went door to door. How can we communicate better? It seems we have put information out everywhere that we can.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council