

Willard, Ohio
September 20, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bart McKelvey, CMA.

Roll Call: Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Olson and Sattig present. Johnson 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 Danhoff that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: None

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **Public hearing** for Ordinance AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 0 WOODBINE STREET IN THE CITY OF WILLARD FOR \$100.00. There were no comments oral or written, for or against the Ordinance received by the Clerk or Council members. There were no citizens present to voice any comment. It is listed below for its Final Reading.

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 August 2021 was presented by Finance Director. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept the Finance Director's report for August 2021. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager introduced our newest fulltime member to the Fire Department, Chance Fishbaugh. He began as a part-time employee in 2014 and was hired fulltime to our department on August 17th. Council welcomed Mr. Fishbaugh as a member of the Willard Fire Department.

Our next scheduled food giveaway is tomorrow, September 21st, 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. Next month will be on Monday, October 18th.

Our "Out to Lunch" concerts are currently going on from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Thursdays at the Doster Plaza. Attendance is slowly picking up and everyone that has been in attendance says that they have enjoyed it. Also, Lisa's and Carol's Ultra Stitch said it has been a positive thing for their businesses. There are two more remaining, Small Town Singers on September 23rd and Doc Holida & Jim Trainer on September 30th.

This Saturday, September 25th we are celebrating 50 years of the reservoir. It will start at 8:00 a.m. and go until noon. There is a small entry fee of \$10 for participants over 16 years of age, which will require a fishing license. The first 50 children that sign-up will receive a free fishing pole and tackle box to take home thanks to grants from ODNR Step Outside Grant (\$500) and Ohio (Shelby) Eagles (\$300). For those that don't have fishing poles, ODNR will have poles for you to borrow. Right now, we have 45 people signed up for the event. We hope to make this a yearly event.

Unfortunately, on Sunday, September 12, the Police Department received a 911 call for a reported stabbing. With great sadness, we lost a member of our community during this incident as the female victim succumbed to her injuries. Our thoughts and prayers go out and remain with the victim's family during this time. The suspect was apprehended after a chase that resulted in a collision with an unoccupied Sandusky County Sheriff's patrol car. The suspect was then transported to a Toledo-area hospital under the watch of our police department. We are thankful for the assistance of the Huron County Sheriff's office, Huron County Prosecutor, Willard Law Director, Sandusky County Sheriff's office, Ohio Attorney's General's office, The Ohio State Highway Patrol, our own Willard Fire and EMS, and other area law enforcement agency who have helped during this incident.

On Friday, the suspect was officially released from the hospital and immediately arrested on a warrant for murder. He waived his right to a Rule 4 Extradition Hearing and was transported back to Huron County.

The City of Willard was honored to be asked to participate in the Homecoming procession to honor U.S. Navy Corpsman Max Soviak's return home. The Willard Fire Department was asked to provide our ladder truck along with the Sandusky Fire Department to suspend our large American Flag at the beginning of public procession. We thank Corpsman Soviak for his sacrifice for our Nation and area.

On a positive note, the Fire Department received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA for a 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$145,537.00. We are in the process of finalizing the acceptance of the grant, which will allow us to purchase 3 Automatic Chest Compression Device (CPR) for \$46,353.00, 3 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators for \$92,936.00, and cover the cost of the grant writer administration for \$3,500.00. These items would have been purchased as part of our Capital Improvement plan; therefore, we are highly thankful to the Fire Department for the pursuit of this grant. This is a great savings which will allow us to pursue other things.

The Willard Fire and Rescue Department is updating our guidelines for "Out-of-District Responses". We like to offer mutual aid to other departments, but more and more we are being asked to cover for them and we realize we must first focus on our City and our contracted townships first.

The following guidelines shall be used to determine a response for an E.M.S., "Out of District" call.

- I. Station Coverage of two or three personnel:
 - a. The requesting agency will immediately be told that we are unable to respond.
- II. Station Coverage of four or more personnel:
 - a. The requesting agency will be told that we will be sending an ambulance and the level of certifications.
 - b. The highest level of certification will remain in the City. If there are two paramedics on duty, the ranking or senior member will remain on station. The remaining on-station crew shall attempt to cover the station vacancy.

We did have a meeting with Plymouth and informed them as to what we were doing and that we would begin billing them for their calls.

Five firefighters recently completed their basic dive training certification for open water. Over time they will continue to hone their skills and eventually become rescue divers. After training is complete, we will have seven full-time and five part-time divers in our department. In the near future we will be obtaining a cargo trailer from Huron County EMA that will serve as the dive vehicle, which will allow us to sell the current dive truck.

The 2021 Street resurfacing is about ready to wrap up, the asphalt and curb ramps have been completed. The painting was scheduled to be done but has been put on hold due to the weather. The only thing the contractor has left is to raise the manhole and valve boxes to level.

We received word that the batteries finally cleared customs in Canada, and we have a tracking number that indicates they should be here tomorrow. Last meeting, we were alerted to issues with speeding on Spring Street, since then our officers have been patrolling that area and have issued four speeding tickets.

Tomorrow the City workers will be participating in a free Drug-Free Workplace seminar offered by Huron County Development Council and EHOVE. There will be two sessions, one for managers and one for employees. If any of your workplaces would like to participate in this, contact Huron County Development Council, they have received a Grant that enables them to do this for free.

Council requested to accept the following donations

\$500 from an anonymous donor towards the Clock Tower Fund.

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

Sattig, have we gotten any feedback from any communities on the new mutual aid guidelines? Hamons said Plymouth is the only one we have really talked with, and they weren't happy. We are just getting them out there for others.

Babcock, where are we with sewer systems for Celeryville and Holiday Lakes? Bryson said with the farms, they have found it to be not as urgent as they first thought. They are still looking at what to do, biggest concern is the school and the church. Holiday Lakes is still working on, they are going to have a vote of their members and have been meeting with the Commissioners.

Babcock said Commissioners had concerns about a Sewer District affecting their "bonding" rating, however, Roland Tkach talked with them and told them it would not.

Elmlinger had gotten a comment from a citizen on Howard Street that was very happy with the street resurfacing.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 5896-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 0 WOODBINE STREET IN THE CITY OF WILLARD FOR \$100.00, 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 and offer be rejected. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DEBRA MCKINNEY AS COUNCIL CLERK OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, 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 go into effect upon passage of second reading. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, 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, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel just wanted to recognize and thank the Fire Department for their pursuit of the Firefighter's Grant and what it will be used for; Danhoff, our repaving project this summer has made a real impact on the condition of our streets this summer; Elmlinger, would like to announce that Debra McKinney is with us tonight, she has been hired to replace Terry when she retires. Debra will begin October 1st and work with Terry until the end of the year.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council