

Willard, Ohio
September 7, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, due to the Labor Day holiday, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Steve McKnight, CMA.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council Work Session held September 7, 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, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held September 7, 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, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: Colvin Ozmore, 221 Spring Street, was before Council with concerns of cars speeding on Spring Street. He said it is getting to be a real problem and there are numerous children in the area. City Manager said he would let the Police Department know of his concerns and they can try to increase their patrol of the area. At some point they will put the new speed sign in that area.

James Wilson, 2 June Drive, wanted to know what the laws were concerning noise. They have had some issues with bands playing late at night at the Moose Lodge. Bryson asked Mr. Wilson to come to his office the next day and they would discuss the problem.

Mayor Daniel asked Brayden Wyant to come forward. Brayden is an Eagle Scout and as his project he designed and built a covered picnic table area for out at the Willard Reservoir. Mayor Daniel read his Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the privileges of the office of the Mayor is to recognize and honor the outstanding citizens of our City; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and especially for others; and

WHEREAS, one of the major objectives in the Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement, and in addition to working for citizenship merit badges, Scouts are encouraged to participate in community service projects; and

WHEREAS, it is today, with honor that we celebrate Brayden Wyant, outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America, friend and role model to his peers; and,

WHEREAS, Brayden Wyant, strived to complete his Eagle Scout project, working with many different individuals, including City employees to design and construct a covered picnic area at the Willard Reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, Brayden, will continue to influence many Boy Scouts to strive for greatness and innovation in their projects; and,

WHEREAS, Brayden, has proven his leadership and vision to have a lasting impact on the City of Willard and,

WHEREAS, Brayden Wyant earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact while developing his Eagle Scout project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Daniel, Mayor of the City of Willard, Ohio, do hereby recognize, Brayden Wyant on his leadership and encourage him to continue his commitment to excellence.

Set forth by my hand on this date, the 7th day of September, 2021.

Joe Daniel, Mayor

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. **Letter from Ohio Division of Liquor Control** notifying transfer of Permit from V & M Country Kitchen LLC DBA V & M Country Kitchen, 429 E. Walton St., Willard, Ohio 44890 to Sunrise Restaurant Group LLC DBA Joes American Diner, 429 E. Walton St., Willard, Ohio 44890. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept and place on file the communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that no hearing be requested for this Permit transfer. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.
2. **Letter from Ohio Division of Liquor Control** notifying of request for a new permit for Tienda Don Chayo LLC DBA Tienda Don Chayo, 14 S. Myrtle Ave., 1st Floor only, Willard, Ohio 44890. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept and place on file the communication from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that no hearing be requested for this Permit transfer. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

The next scheduled food giveaway is Tuesday, September 21st from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Willard City Park. As of now, Second Harvest has scheduled mobile pantry giveaways through July 2022. We are thankful for Second Harvest and the dozens of volunteers that assist in making this giveaway possible. Interested volunteers are asked to sign-up at www.secondharvestfoodbank.org.

We have something new starting this Thursday, it is “Out to Lunch concerts” being held at lunchtime from 11 am to 1 pm on Thursdays at the Doster Plaza starting September 9. Residents are encouraged to visit a downtown eatery for one of their lunchtime specials or bring a brown bag lunch. Our first concert will be Roger Semer, Robin Holthouse and Dean Kastran.

On September 25, 2021, we will be hosting a fishing derby at the reservoir to celebrate 50 years. There will be a small entry fee of \$10 for participants over 16 years age, which will require a fishing license. For children under 16, no fee or fishing license will be required. Ohio Division of Natural Resources will have fishing poles available to borrow for anyone who needs one or wants to learn how to fish. The first 50 children to sign-up will receive a free fishing pole and tackle box to take home thanks to grants from ODNR Step Outside Grant (\$500) and Shelby Eagles (\$300). There will also be free hot dogs provided by the Willard Police Department and Fire Department.

On Saturday, September 11th we will be teaming up with the local Girl Scouts for their annual silent walk with a memorial service following honoring those that lost their lives that day. Residents are invited to participate in the silent walk on Saturday, September 11 at 8 p.m., starting at Blossom Centre, walking to Doster Plaza. Anyone not participating in the walk may join the service at Doster Plaza at approximately 8:25 p.m. Ceremony will consist of songs from the Willard High School Choir and Orchestra, a video presentation, and special speaker Yvette Gonzalez, who was in the twin towers during the attack.

US 224 Force Main has been repaired. Project was completed the morning of Friday, September 3.

Precision Paving concluded Myrtle Avenue resurfacing. This project was funded by a grant from Huron County DBDG money (\$55,000), with the City picking up the remaining \$37,093.50 for a total of \$92,093.50 (\$787.30 over the \$92,306 bid). Kokosing finished paving our section of Townline 12 as this

was a joint effort between the City and Huron County. We expect our portion of funding to be around \$30,000.

Erie Blacktop will conclude the 2021 resurfacing program as they anticipate milling on Wednesday, September 8th with projected paving commencing on Monday, September 13th.

Unfortunately, we did not receive the ODOT Airport Grant. 25 of the 52 airport projects that submitted proposals were funded. We will try again next year.

City submitted a grant to the Ohio Department of Development – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant on August 23. This request was for \$4,983,700 and, if rewarded, will pay for the construction improvements for the water treatment upgrades. We should be notified within 45 days.

There are several improvements going on at the park. They recently added 100 cubic yards of playground safe mulch to play areas. They are also getting ready to r3eplace skateboard resurfacing on many of the ramps and install a new Comet Spinner and picnic table at Keefer Street Park.

Street Department recently completed the install of a Thrive 450 Fitness Equipment at the reservoir.

We were excited to get our new portable radar sign, however, when assembling, we discovered there were no batteries, so we are still waiting on those.

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Council requested to accept the following donations

- \$300.00 from the Ohio State Eagles towards the Fishing Derby;
- \$5,758.86 from the Willard Moose towards the Decoration Fund;

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

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.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 517 FINK STREET IN THE CITY OF WILLARD FOR \$1,005.00, 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 go into effect upon passage of second reading. In a called vote Babcock, 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 Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2532-21

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, 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 Babcock, 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 Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Sattig question purchase of some trucks, should it have gone out to bid. City Manager and Finance Director will check on this.

Olson, again, expresses her appreciation for Second Harvest and their food giveaways.

Johnson, is covered bridge at park going to get completed. City Manager said “yes”, this is being done in-house and it just hasn’t been on the priority list. Hope to get it soon.

Daniel, are we replacing gentleman that left the Maintenance Dept.? City Manager said they are looking at doing that after the first of the year.

Babcock was very pleased with the work of R. A. Bores and the Maintenance Dept. with the US 224 Force Main, excellent job.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council