

Willard, Ohio
March 7, 2022

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2022, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Austin Peto, Christian Alliance Church.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held February 7, 2022, were presented for approval. In that copies of the minutes were furnished to each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Daniel seconded by Babcock that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: Rose Pittenger, 207 Spring Street, brought before the City Council her concerns of the ongoing issue concerning neighborhood noise nuisance, littering, property neglect, rubbish, and safety concerns.

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

TABLED ITEMS: Sidewalk construction on the proposed site of Stor-N-Lock on Theo Moll Drive

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. *Charter/Legislative – McKenzie, Johnson*
2. *Finance – Johnson, Olson, Sattig*
3. *Public Works – Babcock, Daniel*
4. *Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson*
5. *Utilities – McKenzie, Daniel, Olson*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

The next scheduled Second Harvest food giveaway is scheduled for Monday, April 18th, from 3-5pm. We are thankful for Second Harvest and the dozens of volunteers that assist in making this giveaway possible.

Hamons introduced Carol Knapp, City Development Director. Knapp thanked the City for a warm welcoming on her first week. Knapp brought before Council the possibility of constructing a Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) within the City of Willard. Knapp further explained purpose, development, and justification for construction of a CIC in the City of Willard. She also briefly explained the benefits of a CIC.

The City has been informed that it will be recognized as a Tree City USA once again. Tree City USA began in 1976 as one of the Arbor Day Foundations programs to promote a greener and healthier America. This is the City of Willard's 42nd consecutive year receiving this award; only six other communities in Ohio have held this distinction longer. To receive this award, a community must meet four standards: maintain a tree commission board, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2.00 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrate Arbor Day. Thank you to City Council for allowing the City to do so.

In partnership with the Willard Moose Lodge 2153, the City is offering a tree planting program to help property owner plant trees. Through a \$5,000.00 donation from the Moose Lodge, the City will reimburse property owners 50% (not to exceed \$125.00) of the cost of a new tree to plant in their yard. The tree must be at least 1 ½ inches in diameter. Residents must obtain approval for reimbursement before purchasing the tree by filling out a form at City Hall. Thank you to the Willard Moose Lodge 2153 for allowing us to do this.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Detroit has denied the City's request to be included in NPIAS, due to not meeting several screening criteria requirements; including having at least ten aircraft based at the airport, must be located at least thirty miles from nearest NPIAS airport (seven existing

NPIAS airports are within thirty miles of the airport), no significant airfield design deficiencies, or compliance violations or wetland / wildlife issues. In the 1970s there was a plan to construct a larger airport for the City, to get Federal funding for the new airport the existing airport had to be released from NPIAS. Construction of the new airport failed, and the FAA has since denied requests from the City to reclassify the airport.

According to Ohio Revised Code a Criteria Architect must oversee the Police Department Rehabilitation Project. Virtual Design Studio was selected out of three firms that had submitted requests for Criteria Architect of the Police Station rehabilitation project. They will provide conceptual plans, specifications, and a rough cost estimate for the design/ build contractor. Virtual Design has separated the Police Department Rehabilitation Project into four phases, this being phase one. Upon completion, of phase one, Hamons will report to City Council on the findings to decide if and when to proceed with bids for the project.

Five Bids were received through the Fisher-Titus foundation to construct a concrete walking path around the top perimeter of the reservoir. The bids were for a six-foot-wide path with an alternate bid to increase the path by two feet to make it eight feet wide. Received bids range from \$261,000-\$664,000. After signage and step widening the estimated cost of the project is approximately \$290,000. Currently \$250,000 have been donated, with the remaining funds needed to be raised locally. The walking path could be completed by May.

As part of capital improvements, 480 tons of rip rap rock is being added to the inside shoreline of the reservoir. This improvement is to help protect the long-term stability of the reservoir shoreline. R.A. Bores has been contracted to spread the stone over the banks with their large excavator beginning on March 8, 2022.

Active Neighbors Enhancing Willard (ANEW) is planning a Downtown Street Festival on Saturday, May 7th. The Festival will consist of several activities for all age groups, magician, band, craft vendors, food trucks, and local eateries. The City of Willard Recreation Department and Police Department will also be participating in this Festival by moving the annual Bike Rodeo and Touch -A- Truck downtown during this time.

Willard Community Cleanup

April 29th 8am-5pm, April 30th 8am-noon Dumpster Days- Dumpsters will be located at the corner of Myrtle and Woodland for City Residents to dispose of their general trash material, furniture, TVs. (No household garbage, construction material, landscape material, or trash from outside City limits will be taken)

April 30th 10am-12:30pm Paint Recycling- City Residents may bring their unused **latex paint** to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (7 B&O Pike) for disposal. This is for Willard Residents only and not commercial businesses.

April 30th 10am-1pm Tire Recycling- City Residents may recycle any passenger or light truck tire at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (7 B&O Pike) for a small fee. Special pricing is offered during this event, but residents must prepay for their tires at City Hall by Friday, April 29th at 4:30 pm to participate. Prices are \$3.50 off the rim and \$4.50 if the tire is still on the rim. No commercial businesses.

April 25th-29th Curbside Pickup- The City will be offering curbside pickup for any non freon appliances (examples are stove, washers, dryers) at no cost. Items containing freon or remnants of freon (refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners) will be picked up at the curbside for a fee of \$20. Residents will need to prepay at City Hall the week of April 25 for any appliances with freon.

The meter reader and dispatch positions are both being finalized, the Police Department positions are still vacant.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2537-22

AN RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BELT FILTER PRESS REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

Motion by Daniel seconded by McKenzie that the rules be suspended, and Resolution be adopted on its first reading. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, and McKenzie voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Daniel seconded by McKenzie the Resolution be adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, and McKenzie voted yea. Resolution adopted.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel- Thanked Rose for coming in and addressing the issue, it sounds like the City is addressing it. Other Wards have similar issues that are being addressed as well.

Johnson- With the great weather this past weekend, he observed an abundance of people enjoying the outdoors at the reservoir and park, it was nice to see happy people out and about.

McKenzie-Everyone has been doing an awesome job, keep it up and thankful for Second Harvest and the food giveaway and the Blessing Basket at the Church.

Elmlinger- November 18th will be the Christmas Parade, not too early to begin float or vehicle planning.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council