

Willard, Ohio
April 4, 2022

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2022, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Greg Griffith

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held March 21, 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 Olson seconded by Babcock that they be approved. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: Mr. Shrader, 771 S. Conwell Ave., came before City Council with his concern of the clock tower foundation. He would like to see the backfill removed and concrete filled in. Hamons explained that the clock tower will have its own floor and due to a minimal amount of concrete being needed to fill in the area, it will be done when another concrete pour happens. It is on the agenda, and it will be taken care of before the clock is delivered, added Hamons.

Don Buss, 215 Hayes Street, came before City Council with his concern of recent activity and discussion of dog attacks. He announced that he is not denouncing or down grading any breed or animal. Buss told of his personal incidents when his dog, a Great Pyrenees, has being attacked on two separate occasions by different Pit Bull dogs in the area. He also described how his dog protected him during the attacks. Buss is concerned for the safety of children in the area.

Donna Stover, 717 Myrtle Ave, came before City Council to reiterate her dog at large concern and personal events of her dog being attacked multiple times. She read aloud a section of the City Ordinance. She wants the owners of the dogs that attacked her dog to be charged with dog at large. She also thanked Jacob for acting on this issue.

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **Zoning Board of Appeals** met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
Council had before them the minutes of the March 23, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that Council accept and place on file the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig. Motion carried.
~The Variance Request was cancelled post Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
2. **Willard Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council** met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
Council had before them the minutes of the March 23, Willard Community Reinvestment Area Council meeting. Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that Council accept and place on file the Willard Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council minutes. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

TABLED ITEMS: Sidewalk construction on the proposed site of Stor-N-Lock on Theo Moll Drive Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that the tabled item be removed from the table. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. The construction plans of the proposed site of Stor-N-Lock now include installation of sidewalks. Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock to accept the recommendations. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig. Motion carried.

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:

Chief Chaffins and Officer Kelbley gave updates to City Council concerning pricing, options, delays in receiving, advantages and disadvantages of vehicles for the Police Department.

Chief Chaffins next explained the benefits of Lexipol, an online law enforcement policy manual and training software.

The next scheduled food giveaway is Monday, April 18th from 3-5pm. As of now, Second Harvest has scheduled mobile pantry giveaways through June of 2023; this was made possible from a grant by the Campbell's Soup Foundation. The City is thankful for Second Harvest and the dozens of volunteers that assist in making this food giveaway possible.

The United Fund of Willard will be receiving a Campbell's Soup Foundation Community Impact Grant for \$20,000, which will be used for a Fit Core "Ninja Warrior Course" equipment at the park. \$80,000 of the \$102,760 (\$98,360 equipment, \$4,400 freight) has now been raised in grant funds to purchase the equipment.

Spectrum Communication was awarded 17 broadband grants from the state, impacting 17 different counties. Huron county is receiving \$10,435,944 which will provide high speed internet to 4,619 unserved or underserved residents, over 900 of these households being in the 44890-zip code. This will help provide reliable internet service to students in the school system.

The City recently teamed up with Mercy Hospital to host a wellness screening for City employees. Twenty-nine employees participated in this event.

A resident was having difficulty utilizing the boat ramp at the reservoir. After consulting with the City Engineer, Street Department, and Police Department, it was determined that one handicap trailer parking spot could be added to the existing blacktop at the top of the reservoir without disrupting the flow of traffic. The City will finalize the markings and paint the spot when conditions allow.

The City is working with AEP to design a lighting plan for Myrtle Avenue Boulevard as they have a new decorative LED post lighting that they will be offering. The new lights will not be available until December. The City plans to get the preparation work done as early as possible in preparation for these lights. AEP installed a light at Fort Ball Road and 224 as well.

Kody Collins will be participating in Project Leadership of Huron County, which has recently changed its name to Leadership Huron County. Leadership Huron County's mission is to ensure vitality of our community by providing for a planned and ongoing source of motivated leaders who are educated on the community and its issues and trained to accept future leadership roles in all walks of life. The program is a nine-month program that meets once a month at different locations throughout Huron County to learn about leadership exploration and leadership in action. Kody has been employed with the City since April of 2017.

The wooden walking covered bridge at the park is now open to the public. The bridge was made possible through donations from the Willard Firelands Moose Lodge #2153 and constructed by Maintenance Worker, Russel Bivens and Water Plant Employee, Josh Drown.

Approximately five hundred feet of the concreted 1.2-mile looping trail still needs to be finished. The street Department is constructing the trail with the funds for the sidewalk material purchased through a Campbell's Soup Foundation Grant that the Park received. The City thanks the Moose Lodge, Campbell's Soup Foundation, and all the community organizations that donate towards the improvement of the community.

Code Enforcement notified fifteen properties to clean up their nuisance issues in the allotted time given. Of the fifteen properties, 9 properties abated their issues on their own. Six were not cleaned in the given time and were abated by the City at the property owners' expense.

Community Cleanup will be Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.

In partnership with the Willard Moose Lodge #2153, the City is offering a tree planting program to help property owners plant trees. Through a \$5,000 donation from the moose Lodge, the City will reimburse property owners 50% (not to exceed \$125) of the cost of a new tree to plant in their yard. Residents must obtain approval for reimbursement before purchasing a new tree by filling out a form at City Hall.

The City of Willard is accepting applications for the Community Garden. In partnership with the Huron County Community Health Department and the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition the City is excited to announce this free service to our community members.

Council requested to accept the following donation:

\$150.00 from Directions Credit Union for the Bike Rodeo.

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

Hamons detailed Kody's position and positive future plans.

Babcock and McKenzie complemented Kody on his work ethic.

Sattig asked for an update on a house remodel.

Elmlinger asked about the tree reimbursement Program participants? Hamons replied, 5 forms have been taken to be filled out and as of now one person has turned in a form.

Olson is thankful for Second Harvest and the food giveaways. She is also thankful for Campbell's Soup Foundation and Pepperidge Farm, and The Moose Lodge, they have been very generous to the City.

Johnson asked what is going to happen with the existing material at the reservoir and what is going to happen to it? Hamons explained that it is going to be pushed to the side to help build the area.

Babcock asked about the Boulevard lighting. Hamons explained that they will be a light pedestal.

Elmlinger asked who will install the electric line? Hamons replied that will be done in house.

RESOLUTION NO. 2541-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL, AN ONLINE LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL AND TRAINING BULLETIN SOFTWARE, AND TO UTILIZE THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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

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

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Daniel-Thanked the City Manager for his presentation at the Willard Area Chamber of Commerce meet and greet. Enjoyed volunteering at the Second Harvest Food giveaway, glad that the program is being continued. He also appreciates Chief Chaffins and Officer Kelbley for presenting the information tonight.

Johnson added Hamons presentation was good at the meet and greet. Not that it was not good in the past but, he appreciates the excitement of the new director and new members. Thoughts and prayers to those affected by the fire tonight.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council