

Willard, Ohio
January 19, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Steve McKnight, CMA church.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held January 4, 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 Daniel seconded by Danhoff that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION: None

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Letter from Ohio Div. Liquor Control ~ with notice of transfer of liquor permit from Ash St. Sports and Beer LLC DBA The Shoe to Buckeye Subs & Pizzeria LLC DBA The Shoe Bar & Grill. Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff to accept letter and place on file. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff that no hearing be requested. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson 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 December 2020 was presented by Finance Director. Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff that Council accept the Finance Director's report for December 2020. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Moved by Daniel seconded by Danhoff that Council go into Executive Session to discuss certain Collective Bargaining Matters. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger and Sattig voted yea. Council went into Executive Session at 7:08 pm. Council returned at 7:18 pm.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

COVID update – we have one employee is off with COVID, another left work today to go get tested. Even though we are still in red, the numbers are coming down.

Vaccine Update – this information is posted on the City website. We are getting it translated into Spanish to be on our website. We have also sent information to the Chamber, the Library to the school, it is on our Social Media and the sign at the park. It should have gone out to those that receive the Emergency Texts.

The timing was not right to put it on the water bill. If anyone has any other suggestions, we are open to other ideas.

Huron County Veterans contacted the City. They are interested in starting a campaign "Standing Together" to help individuals dealing with loneliness, isolation, etc. They hope to reach out to everyone but are especially interested in the Veterans. They are looking at offering at designated times interactive "zoom" shows. Offering some DIY projects as well as other interactive sessions.

Clock Tower submitted last two pieces to Richland County Building Dept. for permits.

Columbia Gas project – City Manager gave everyone a new City map for the Columbia Gas project. There were some wrong names, etc. that needed to be changed. This will be approximately a two-month project.

We have a new hire beginning soon in the Maintenance Dept.

Jim Bergman is retiring in March, we will be advertising this position and hiring a replacement. There will be another person retiring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but we are going to hold off on replacing that person and see how things go.

Everyone may already know, but Bobbi Hartz, an employee of the City for many years passed away. We send our thoughts and prayers to her family.

Tim Pelsang was called up for the National Guard, he was based in Pennsylvania where they are on call for DC if needed.

Council requested to accept the following donation to benefit the Clock Tower Project from Sherry Schaffer for \$200.00.

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

Daniel asked when the Police force was eligible for vaccines, Pomerich said our department is ready to go, but we have not gotten a date.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

No Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 2516-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE US 224 CORRIDOR SIDEWALK PROJECT, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by Daniel 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 and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel – appears City’s finances are doing well, that speaks well for the Community, but also speaks well for the employees of the City and their diligence; Danhoff – agrees with Daniel, good job.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council