

Willard, Ohio
October 18, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by James Pomerich, Willard Nazarene.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held October 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 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: None

BID PROPOSALS: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. Zoning Board of Appeals** met Wednesday, October 13th, 2021.
~ Council had before them an email from Alice Owens, Bob Owens' wife stating that due to his health, Bob could no longer serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Alice's email be accepted by Council and placed on file. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept Mr. Owens' resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Bob Owens served for Ward II; his term was to be up at the end of 2021. Danhoff will begin a search for his replacement.
- 2. Council** had before them the minutes of the October 13th Zoning Board of Appeals minutes. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council accept and place on file the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes for October 13, 2021. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.
- 3. Al Mehlow, Comprehensive Development Solutions, The Mosser Group, owners of the property** was present to answer any questions. Company interested in the property is Ohio Store and Lock, they have several other facilities in Ohio. Council had a brief discussion on the Industrial Park property and the proposed use. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that Council approve Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to allow this use and allow the sale of this property for self-storage units. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Hamons wanted to thank Margo Barnett and Karen Wilson from the Historical Society for coming in and taking care of the display cases. They are going to try to regularly change these displays with things from the museum.

The next scheduled food giveaway is Monday, November 22, from 3 until 5 p.m. We are needing volunteers and Second Harvest would like people to go to their website and sign up ahead of time. We continue to be thankful for Second Harvest and these food giveaways. We are also thankful for the volunteers in Willard that have stepped up to help their fellow citizens. With the next food give away being the week of Thanksgiving, Second Harvest was able to secure 500 turkeys to go with the boxes.

Due to inclement weather, the organizers of the Trail of Terror with the City's recommendation postponed the event changing it to October 22nd and 23rd from 7:00-10:00 pm. Nineteen property owners near the trails have been contacted to inform them of the change.

This year the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting are going to be a joint effort by the City, Chamber of Commerce, Willard Business Association, and the Willard Ministerial Association. The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on November 19th at the High School and travel to Woodland. Following the parade, WAMA will host their annual tree lighting ceremony, followed by Christmas music by the Semer Brothers along with food trucks.

The Christmas Festival of Lights hosted by the Willard City Park returns for its second year. The Christmas Festival of Lights begins December 10 and runs every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through January 1st from 6:30 to 10 p.m. New this year are sponsorship levels to help purchase more lights for the events.

Area residents, businesses, organizations, families, and churches are invited to participate in both the parade and the Festival of lights.

The City was officially notified on October 6 that we were not chosen for the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Over 1300 agencies applied for this grant, with 202 successfully awarded. We will continue to apply for this grant and others in the future.

Fire and EMS calls continue to rise, our call volume has increased 20%. This equates to an average of six calls per day.

The Street Department has poured 21 yards of concrete during their first pour on the walking path at the park. More yards were poured today.

We recently received a rating of a 4/4y from the Insurance Service Office (ISO) for our Public Protection Classification (PPC). This measures and evaluates the effectiveness of fire mitigation services in communities. Each fire protection area is assigned a number 1 through 10 for its rating. 1 being a superior rating, 10 meaning program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Hydrant flushing started today. The Maintenance Dept. leads this task with assistance from the Water and Fire Departments.

Leaf pickup collection will begin the first week of November. Please help remind people to rake leaves into the boulevard, not into the streets. Also, we don't want them being raked into the boulevard until we begin picking them up.

Council requested to accept the following donations:

\$1,000 from the United Fund of Willard towards the Police Department DARE Program.

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.

\$4,000 from the United Fund of Willard towards the Recreation Department.

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.

\$400 from Vance Patrick, \$100 from Marty Sowers, \$100 from Roger Mann, \$100 from Darwin & Mary Weatherbie and \$500 from Mayor Joe Daniel 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, Johnson, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Olson wanted to know what our previous fire rating was. The City Manager said that he did not know, but he would check on that.

Sattig asked when the brush pile down at the Maintenance Dept. was going to be taken care of. Hamons will also check on that.

City Manager noted that they had gotten word that they would not be starting work on the Clock Tower now until Spring.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND 225, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$143,537.00) AND TO AMEND THE 2021 ANNUAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT, 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.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Johnson voiced that he was encouraged that by the work that has been and is being done out at the reservoir it is bringing potential for more activities and events out there.

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