

Willard, Ohio
November 1, 2021

The Council of the City of Willard, Ohio met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2021, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Austin Peto, CMA.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Work Session held October 18, 2021, were presented for approval. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held October 18, 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 Danhoff, seconded by Daniel 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:

1. Sergeant Ryan Gillmore thanked the council for being given the opportunity to attend training sponsored by the Secret Service, in Hoover, Alabama. While there he was trained and certified on data collection from mobile devices. Upon returning from training, he brought back to the city about \$35,000 in equipment used for immediate data retrieval and 3 years' worth of software licenses. It was quite an experience and again, I appreciate the opportunity to attend. Detective Jim Gilliam also attended. Council thanked them for taking the opportunity and given up their time to do so.

Executive Session: Moved by Danhoff Seconded by Daniel that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters in regard to employment of a public employee. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Council was called back into session at 7:23 p.m.

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:

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Hamons wanted to recognize that Willard received a certificate of recognition from The Sons of The American Revolution for the September 11 displays.

The next scheduled food giveaway is Monday, November 22, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. They are needing volunteers so if you can do that, they would appreciate that.

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. Because of having turkeys, they are asking people to preregister for this event. They can do this by going to the Second Harvest website.

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. We will be having two Christmas trees this year, one at the park and one at Doster Plaza. This year Robin Holthouse and her family have volunteered to decorate the trees.

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.

Hydrant flushing and valve exercising has concluded and went well. It was found that 2 hydrants need repair and are currently being addressed.

Leaf pickup collection started today. 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 and then people parking in front of them so that crew cannot get to them.

The street department has poured over 50 yards of concrete at the city park for the new walking path. Another pour was done today. It was made possible from a \$20,000 grant from Pepperidge Farm.

The city park has recently been vandalized. Three out of the five incidents have been solved by the Willard Police Department with help from the Park and Recreation Department.

A 50% review meeting was held with the Water Treatment Plant and contracted engineers, Prime A/E, to review the design portion of the Water Treatment Upgrades. 50% of the design phase is completed with 90% to be complete by January 7 and fully complete by March 11.

Governor DeWine recently announced the first 54 recipients of the Ohio BUILDS Water Infrastructure Grant totaling \$93 million dollars. \$250 million in grant funding will be rewarded throughout the state. If received this grant money will pay for most of the water treatment upgrades. Hamons did reach out to Representative Stein and Senator Manning asking for their support.

A 10" water line on South Main St and a few other smaller leaks have been fixed. We believe the large leak has been going on for awhile as the Water plant has noticed lower water usage since this has been fixed.

The Fire Department and the Police Department teamed together for a Drug Take Back Day on October 23, 2021, resulted in over 200 pounds of pills being collected. This was the first one in over two years.

November 8, 2021, we are meeting with groups from Holliday Lakes and Celeryville to discuss future sewer expansion plans of our sewer network. Both entities are wanting to tap into our sewer system.

Council requested to accept the following donation:

\$6,629.83 from the Willard Moose Lodge towards the Holiday Decoration Fund.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.01(A) AND ATTACHMENT A TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE WATER RATES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE B-2 OF ATTACHMENT B TO CHAPTER 923 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SEWER RATES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 955.0 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, REGARDING RECYCLING FEES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel thanked Sergeant Gillmore for the training update and taking the time for the training session. Also, something about voting tomorrow . . . “vote early and vote often”, Daniel looked up where this came from. The most famous to use it was Al Capone. Johnson wanted to recognize that he had some people criticize the City for holding trick or treat on Thursday evening, but it was a good turnout, nice weather and he enjoyed seeing the people out. Elmlinger thanked Sergeant Gillmore as well.

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

President of Council

Clerk of Council