Willard, Ohio

January 3, 2023

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** The Clerk called the roll and reported the following councilpersons present: Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Regular Council and Council Work Session meeting held on December 19, 2022, were presented for approval. In that copies 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 as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSIONS:**

**BID PROPOSALS:**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** None.

**TABLED ITEMS:** None.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

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

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER:** The City Manager’s report was reviewed as it was presented to Council.

Update on the fire damaged property on Butte Street- it is now being listed for sale

The next food giveaway is Monday, January 23rd, from 3-5 pm. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Driven Excavating began today on the Park Street Waterline replacement. As part of the project, the City received a principal forgiveness grant that allows the replacement of 92 residential service lines from the main line into the residence at no cost to the property owner. Of that, 66 of the property owners have signed agreements to allow these pipes to be replaced. The project is expected to be completed in April.

A public meeting on the formation of a joint regional sewer district by the City of Willard, New Haven Township, Greenfield Township, Norwich Township, and Richmond township is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6 pm in the Willard Council Chambers. We are asking for a quorum. A presentation of the preliminary study of what it will look like will be made. This is just one part of the process on the creation of the regional sewer district.

The Maintenance Department has been busy. The cold weather caused a few broken pipes around the City where maintenance personnel and the water meter reader assisted by shutting off service to these places. All the 6-inch clasps that we had were used to repair these pipes, however, we were able to get more in today. They were also busy plowing after the snowstorm.

Landbank inspected two properties, 123 Motson Street, and 310 Woodbine Street. The restorers of these properties signed a contract with Landbank to convert these properties into livable housing, after completion, they would own the property. The City took part in the inspections and were impressed with how these houses were restored.

An adjustment of laboratory rate fees is needed to keep up with the increased cost of supplies. In accordance with Ordinance 925.17 the City Manager shall inform the City Council of the water analysis changes.

The Food Bank building has been sold but they are looking for a new location.

Council is requested to accept the following donations:

$295.59 public donations to the Christmas Festival of Lights. 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.

$118.75 from the Willard Moose Lodge #2153 toward the Christmas Festival of Lights. 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.

President asked for Questions-

Johnson said that the amount of the donations towards the Christmas Festival of Lights is a testament that this is an event that the Community really enjoys!

Sattig asked if there is an insurance reimbursement for the police cruiser that caught fire. City Manager, Hamons stated that there is a claim with the insurance company.

Babcock asked about the demolition process of the Landbank properties set to be demolished uptown. Hamons will give out any updates as they come.

A council work session has been scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6pm.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

 **ORDINANCE NO. 5931-22**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS, FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,** was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance be declared an emergency measure and the rule requiring it to lay over for 7 days be waved. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Johnson voted nay. Motion carried.

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

 **ORDINANCE. NO. 5932-22**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance be declared an emergency measure and the rule requiring it to lay over for 7 days be waved. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Johnson voted nay. Motion carried.

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

 **ORDINANCE NO. 5933-22**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF RECREATION DEPT EMPLOYEES,** was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion adopted.

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Daniel- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and took a moment to remember Bob Owens and recognized all that he did for our community.

Sattig- spoke good words and stories about Mr. Owens

Olson- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and remembered what a good guy Mr. Owens was to her as well.

McKenzie- stated in his younger days he liked to be a neighborhood nuisance, causing Mr. Owens to become upset with McKenzie and his friends. Telling them to “get off his sidewalk!” He also thanked the Maintenance Department for the snow removal and maintenance on the water line breaks. McKenzie also thanked the residents on their support of the Christmas Festival of Lights and wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Elmlinger- stated that he spoke with Neil Lydy and he renewed his term on the CDC board. Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock and carried to accept Lydy.

Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Elmlinger- stated that he will contact Mrs. Sellers about her term when she returns from vacation.

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.

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