Willard, Ohio

February 21, 2023

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Bart McKelvey.

**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 meeting held on February 6, 2023, 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:** Bart McKelvey, Ruth Vogel, and Carol Shade came to express their gratitude to the City of Willard for helping move the Willard Area Food Bank to their new location.

**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:** Finance Report for January 2023 was presented by the Finance Director. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that Council accepts and place on file the Finance Director’s Report for January 2023. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

The City of Willard received an award at the Willard Chamber of Commerce banquet. This award was the “Community Impact Award”. It was great to receive this recognition and wouldn’t be possible without all the efforts from the City of Willard workers.

Right now, the Fire and Police Departments are at the Depot reviewing the fire that took place at Blossom Healthcare. They are discussing what protocols can be put in place if a situation like this should occur again in the future.

There was a food giveaway that took place today, with lower-than-average attendance. The next food giveaway is March 20th, from 3-5 pm. These food giveaways are scheduled through June. In the next couple of months, we should know if they will be continued in the community.

The Willard Community Cleanup will be the week of April 24th. The dumpsters will be placed on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Woodland on Friday, April 28th from 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday, April 29th from 8 am to noon. This is for residents to dispose of their general trash. No household garbage, construction material, landscape material, or trash from outside city limits will be taken. Paint Recycling will be on Saturday, April 29, 10 am to 12:30 pm. This is just for latex paint only. This will take place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. During that same time, tire recycling will be available, also at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, for a small fee. Throughout the week the city will be offering curbside pickup for any white goods for no cost. Items containing freon or remnants of freon will be picked up at curbside for a fee of $20.00 that can be prepaid at the City Hall the week of April 24th.

The dates for the festival in the park have been moved to the weekend of July 7th. The festival will be reduced to three days instead of four days. This is due to our prior ride company not renewing their contract. We are excited to partner with a new ride company, Chicketti Family Amusements.

The Wastewater Clarifier #2 and Blower #4 are back in service. This clarifier is one of three that removes solid particulates from liquid for clarification and/or thickening. Inside the clarifier, solid contaminants settle down at the bottom of the tank where it is collected by a scraper mechanism. Sludge settles at the bottom of the tank and is discharged through the bottom, while particles known as scum, float to the top of the surface where they are removed.

Blower #4 was installed but it had some problems, so it was pulled back out to be corrected. This blower processes additional air flow that creates additional oxygen supply for microorganisms and mixing purposes.

The Maintenance Department has been busy trimming trees and patching potholes. They also replaced a roof at the airport that housed the lighting system and a water main repair on Pleasant Street. The Park Street watermain replacement is scheduled to be finished this week. In the coming months they will plant grass. Altogether 91 houses were hooked up to this new waterline.

The bid opening for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is tomorrow at 1 pm. The Storm Sewer Project bid will be at the same time.

The Regional Sewer District will go before the Judge this Friday to be created.

Council is requested to accept the following donations:

$100 from various contributions and $200 from Alice Owens towards the Clock Tower Fund. 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.

$612.95 from the Willard Moose Lodge towards the Decorations Fund. 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-

Elmlinger asked for an update on the Police and Fire Department. City Manager, Hamons, informed him that there are some candidates in the interview/hiring process. The Fire Department is still down one position.

* Note from City Manager that wasn’t included in the report- the money from the Moose that is going into the Decoration Fund is going towards the Myrtle Street Boulevard.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5935-23**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FUND 225, FUND 228, AND FUND 301 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023,** 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. Ordinance adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2563-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PARK STREET IMPROVEMENTS,** 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 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2564-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS,** 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 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2565-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 4468,** 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 adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2566-23**

**AMEND AND/OR RESTATED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL, CITY OF WILLARD, HURON COUNTY REGARDING MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND FOR THE CITY’S ELIGIBLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL,** 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 adopted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5936-23**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN FIRE/EMS PERSONNEL 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 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. Ordinance adopted.

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Daniel congratulated the city on receiving the Community Impact Award at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. He also stated that the calendar of events on the City’s website is very useful. Lastly, he noted that the renovations of the Butte St property owned by Mr. Fusco were coming along very nicely.

Olson congratulated the city on receiving an award. She also wanted to thank everyone who helped move the Food Bank to its new location.

Babcock congratulated the City’s Maintenance Department on all their hard work.

Johnson expressed his concern over the use and/or misuse of “Declaring an Emergency”.

Elmlinger thanked Mr. Fusco for his continued work on the Butte St. property.

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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