

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

FEBRUARY 12,

08

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Jim Folker, Angie Fryman, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Service Director Rich Norton, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jody Jones

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanner. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lotspaih motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2007 POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Chief Barnhart presented Joshua Samples with the 2007 Police Department Employee of the Year Award.

All councilmembers congratulated Officer Samples on receiving the 2007 Police Department Employee of the Year Award.

ROBERT JOHNSON, Ph D., FACTS ABOUT THE MARCH 4 SINCLAIR ISSUE 39

Dr. Johnson spoke about Issue 39 on the upcoming ballot. He stated that Sinclair has been providing quality, affordable education for years. He indicated that they use tax dollars to keep tuition rates low and they work really hard to be good fiscal stewards. He indicated that tuition rates throughout Ohio has gone up to 9% and Sinclair's tuition has only gone up 3%. He indicated that since 1998 enrollment has gone up 25%. He stated that when GM announced they would downsize 300-400 jobs, Sinclair stepped up to the plate and earmarked \$125,000 for scholarships to help them go to school to get training for other jobs.

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He indicated that Sinclair belonged to the League of Innovation, and they are committed to the residents of West Carrollton. He asked for everyone's support on March 4, and asked everyone to vote yes for Issue 39. He stated that it would be about \$42 a year on a \$100,000 home. He stated that Issue 39 is a 2.5 renewal + .7 increase. He stated that tuition costs are \$44 a credit hour for Montgomery County residents.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Councilmember may remove an item from the consent agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE #3366 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of city vehicles/equipment and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3367 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of road salt and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3368 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of chemicals and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3369 (second reading)

An Ordinance levying special assessments for the repair of certain described sidewalks and curbs in the City Of West Carrollton, Ohio.

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ORDINANCE #3370 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for repair and construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway approaches and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3371 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for street resurfacing and repair and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000.

ORDINANCE #3372 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of recyclables in the City of West Carrollton and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3373 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for WWTP infrastructure repairs and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3374 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Old West Carrollton Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3375 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Gibbons Road Improvements Phase I and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3376 (second reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Traffic Signal Interconnect Phase I, South Alex Road and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #3-2008

A resolution designating May 10, 2008 and October 11, 2008 as "Garage Sale Saturday" in West Carrollton.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Folker to approve Resolution #3-2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

RESOLUTION #4-2008

A resolution establishing fees for use of the West Carrollton swimming pool.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to approve Resolution #4-2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
FOR CODE RED SERVICE

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Miami Valley Communications Council for Code Red service from February 9, 2008 to February 9, 2009. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

APPOINTMENT OF BRAD TOWNSEND AND JEFF SANNER
TO WEST CARROLLTON CIC

Mr. Folker motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to appoint Brad Townsend and Jeff Sanner to West Carrollton CIC. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF BARNHART TO SOUTH SUBURBAN TEEN ALCOHOL
AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to appoint Chief Barnhart to the South Suburban Teen Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Task Force. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Reilly gave a budget update to explain why the General Fund is running in a deficit. He indicated that the General Fund relies on 70% income tax, and revenue has declined. He stated that moving from a large industrial based community and an aging population, economic downturn, reduction in state financing and keeping city fees low for water/sewer etc. have been some of the reasons for this decline. He stated that revenue is at 2% while expenditures have been at 4%, and indicated that this is not unique to West Carrollton, but is affecting the entire state.

Mr. Townsend stated that Elé Café is now open. He stated that they have excellent coffee and pastries. He stated that they would have a formal Grand Opening in March. He reminded council that the Budget Worksession would be Thursday, February 14, and stated that they faced some challenges but there are a lot of great opportunities.

Mrs. Callahan reminded the residents that the annual Rotary Spaghetti dinner would be Saturday, February 16, and the tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 6-12. She stated that they could pay at the door or they could see any rotary member.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Robinson stated that it is indeed a tough time, but it's also an exciting time. He stated that there are lots of possibilities for new businesses. He stated that Grub Steak was going to open soon, CarMax was also coming soon, we had the Elé and Appleton expansions etc. He indicated that we would have to face reality and realize that money is tight, and the residents need to be aware of this. He encouraged suggestions from the residents. He stated that the residents expect us to provide the same level of service and we won't be able to with the current rate of revenue.

Mrs. Lotspaih congratulated Firefighter Andy Shepherd for receiving the Leadership Award from the Antioch Shrine Center, and thanked the road crew for all their work keeping the streets clear during the snows.

Mrs. Fryman stated that they received note cards from the citizens who have left the city stating that they are shocked at the rates in other cities.

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She asked if the Code Red could have a lead-in message so that people will know what it is. She concluded that the railroad crossing on Alex-Bell eastbound is getting rough.

Mr. Bowers stated that there is a position on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board available.

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to appoint Sandy Sanner to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

He concluded by stating that he wanted to note the passing of Allen McCroskey, who sat on the Income Tax Review Board, on January 31. He stated that he was a fine man and gave great service to the community.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to recess to an Executive Session as per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G (1) and G (2).

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Linda Lotspaih moved, seconded by Councilmember Jim Bowers to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL