

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

AUGUST 14,

07

PRESENT: Mayor Gilman, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, and Jeff Sanner; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Director of Finance Tom Reilly; Director of Economic Development Kathy Perkins; Police Chief Rick Barnhart; Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard; Admin. Sgt. Rob Hensley; Detective Gene Jarman; and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Harold Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilman. Pastor Andy Wagner, Memorial United Methodist Church, gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lotspaih motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

MRS. PEG RINALDI, CHAIRMAN OF THE 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rinaldi gave a brief overview of the 4th of July Festival. She then asked Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Fryman, and Mr. Bowers to come down to the front to help give out the donations to local organizations. Donations were given to the following local organizations: West Carrollton Food Pantry, West Carrollton Athletic Boosters – Cheerleaders, West Carrollton Athletic Boosters – Boys Basketball, West Carrollton Police Explorer Post, and Angel Food Ministry.

Mrs. Fryman thanked all the volunteers who helped make the festival a success.

Mr. Bowers thanked California Custom Sound for helping set up the car show, and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all their hard work. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Department make the whole festival possible. He indicated that as a thank you, the 4th of July Committee was giving the Parks Department a special luncheon.

Mrs. Fryman thanked everyone for being there, and thanked the Fire Department for being there to help with medical emergencies.

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REQUEST FOR A DONATION FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL GREATER DAYTON CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

Mr. Williams spoke highly of the previous conference listing some of the surrounding jurisdictions who are also supporting this conference. He indicated that there will be nationally known speakers. He stated that this is a great event and a great benefit to educators and parents. He encouraged everyone to attend, and anyone interested in doing so should visit the website at www.daytonyouthconference.org to register.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to support the Second Annual Greater Dayton Conference on Youth – October 16 and 17, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

CAROLYN RICE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY TREASURER

Ms. Rice introduced herself and stated that she had been elected into office on February 23. She stated that she wants to develop a strong relationship with community leaders. She stated that one of the projects they are currently working on is a Tax Lien Sale. She stated that they earned 6.6 million through the sale last year, and this sale motivates many taxpayers to come forward and pay taxes so their parcel won't be sold. She stated that in 2005 it mean an additional \$10,000 and in 2006 an additional \$21,000. For the school district an additional \$305,000 was collected in 2005 and in 2006 it was an additional \$479,000.

She spoke briefly on the Homestead Tax Exemption and encouraged Senior residents to apply. She also spoke briefly on Predatory Lending and stated that they are trying to address this issue.

Mayor Gilman asked if someone was already in the Homestead Tax Exemption, would they have to apply again, and Ms. Rice indicated that they would not have to reapply for the exemption.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Kousseff

Asked God to watch over the troops and bring them home safely. He spoke about the various tragedies that have happened recently, and stated that life changes and we have to learn to change with it.

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Mr. Holm

Stated that he has lived here for 27 years, and that he was appalled to learn that the funding for the interchange had been eliminated by the state, stating that West Carrollton desperately needed this interchange to survive. He asked council how this could have happened, and asked where their vision was. He stated that he felt that West Carrollton was going downhill. He stated that he is standing up for the rights of the residents and that he thought that West Carrollton was being left behind. He offered to help lobby the government for the funding necessary to complete this project.

Mayor Gilman assured Mr. Holm that the City Manager and staff, herself and council have all worked diligently on this with Congressman Turner. She stated that there had been no lack of diligence on anyone's part. She encouraged him to write a letter to Senator Brown on behalf of the City of West Carrollton.

Ms. Elizabeth Bench and Ms. Emily Vaught

Ms. Bench stated that on September 1 there would be a 5K run/walk at 9:00 a.m. called "The DreamGiver" She then asked Ms. Vaught to speak about her brother Jeremy. Ms. Vaught stated that her brother had recently fallen a great distance during a rock climbing outing. She stated that he has been told that he would be paralyzed, and even after all this he is still amazing and cheerful. Ms. Bench indicated that the 5K run/walk would start and end at the West Carrollton Middle School, and encouraged everyone to participate. She stated that this would be a wonderful way to support Jeremy. Anyone interested in more information should contact the West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene at 859-8928.

Mr. Dobson

Suggested that the names of the Senators and Representatives that Mr. Holm or other concerned residents could write to should be available.

Ms. Kirkwood responded that the names and addresses are listed every Sunday in the Dayton Daily News.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #3349

An Ordinance Amending Section 51.11 of the Code of Ordinances, Permit for Construction Water.

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Mr. Norton gave a brief overview of all the Ordinances on the agenda, and the purpose for the rate increases. Mayor Gilman stated that this wasn't a money making procedure, it was in fact just to cover administrative fees.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3349. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Ordinance #3349. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3350

An Ordinance Amending Section 50.12, Unmetered Fire Line Services and Hydrants; Charges, of the Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3350. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve Ordinance #3350. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3351

An Ordinance Amending Section 157.01 (A) (1) and (2) Fees for Application of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3351. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Ordinance #3351. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3352

An Ordinance Amending Section 156.39, Administration and Appeals, of the Code of Ordinances.

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Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3352. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Ordinance #3352. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3353

An Ordinance Amending Section 50.07, Additional Fees Included in Water and Sewer Bills, of the Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Jones motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3353. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Ordinance #3353. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3354

An Ordinance Amending Section 51.02 Water Tap Fees, of the Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3354. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Ordinance #3354. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

ORDINANCE #3355

An Ordinance Amending Section 51.03, Sewer Tap Fees, of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance #3355. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

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Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Ordinance #3355. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Jones –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams thanked everyone on the 4th of July Committee and indicated that it was very gratifying to see them reinvest in the community.

He stated that the Police Department open house would be September 8 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and take a tour.

He introduced two interns that are currently working with staff in the city offices, Meghan Hill and Chenelle Fultz. He gave some background information on each intern, and thanked them for their work.

He invited Mr. Holm to come to the city offices and talk with him about the interchange project. He spoke of all the efforts that have been made, and listed some of the businesses who have written letters in support of it and stated that there have been many challenges. He indicated that many projects across the nation are facing the same challenges.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mrs. Jones stated that all the councilmembers want to see the interchange be completed, and she thanked staff for all their efforts on this project.

Mrs. Lotspaih stated that she had recently attended the First Tier Suburb meeting, and that Mr. Williams had spoken very eloquently about the project at this meeting.

Mrs. Fryman stated that she agreed with all the comments that had been made pertaining to Exit 47. She stated that the Conference On Youth is a great event, and that our schools are producing excellent people who are very knowledgeable and motivated. She stated that it is very important for the city and schools to work together.

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She stated that she was looking forward to having lunch with the Parks guys tomorrow, and she concluded by thanking Mr. Norton for his presentation.

Mr. Sanner welcomed the interns. He stated that he recently met with Tim Lyle, the owner of Innovative Auctions, and Mr. Lyle would be moving his corporate offices to the Roberd's Emporium sometime in September. He indicated that Mr. Lyle would be leasing 10,000 square feet from them. He stated that Mr. Lyle would be holding auctions at least once a week once he gets up and going.

Mr. Bowers thanked Mrs. Rinaldi for all her great work on the 4th of July Committee. He stated that he had received a lot of phone calls about the construction taking place at the West Carrollton High School, and he assured the residents that the construction is not being paid for out of Levy money. He stated that House Bill 280 gave an energy savings loan and the energy savings over the years would pay the loan back.

Mayor Gilman reminded residents that Canterbury Court would be having an ice cream social on August 19, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. She stated that they would have games and activities for the kids, and that they are just trying to make the community aware of the services they have.

She stated that she had recently attended the First Tier Suburbs meeting and Mr. Williams had given an excellent presentation on the Exit 47 Interchange Project.

She indicated that County Corp has been working with us on remodeling houses. She indicated that she had taken a bus tour of businesses that they are helping as well as houses that they had remodeled. She stated that County Corp is to be commended for all their work and their assistance to the cities.

She wished Mr. Sanner and his wife a Happy 20th Anniversary.

RECESS

Mayor Gilman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to recess a work session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

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WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Gilman, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner, and City Manager G. Tracy Williams.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Harold Robinson

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Chief Keister discussed the possibility of submitting a grant for adding three (3) full-time firefighters to the Fire Department through the Department of Homeland Security. After discussing this matter the City Council authorized Chief Keister to proceed with the submittal of the grant application with the understanding that City Council would review this matter again in conjunction with their 2008 budget before making a final decision as to whether to proceed to take the grant, if it is awarded. Following this discussion Fire Chief Keister left.

SOUTH METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AWARDS

City Council identified three businesses which they requested staff prepare nomination applications to be recognized through the Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Angie Fryman said she supported Greg Gaines suggestion regarding people placing fences next to each other. The new wording will be added to fence permits.

Councilmember Jim Bowers commented on the demolition at the former Fraser paper mill site. City Manager Williams advised Council that staff had recently met with Mike Kincaid to discuss cooperative efforts between the city and the Kincaid's in conjunction with redevelopment this former paper mill site.

Mayor Maxine Gilman requested that we contact the director of the high school choirs, Brian Coleman, concerning singing the National Anthem at the September 11th meeting. She also noted that Canterbury Court would be holding an Ice Cream Social this Sunday and that the Lion's Club had the Entertainment Book available for sale at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Jim Bowers and seconded by Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL