

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

FEBRUARY 26,

08

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Jim Folker, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Service Director Rich Norton, Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly, Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Linda Lotspaih

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Jones motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the Budget Worksession Minutes of February 14, 2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Sanner swore in Police Officer Shawn J. Abernathy and Police Officer Daniel J. Wessling.

All councilmembers welcomed the officers to the city.

PROCLAMATION

MARCH 2008 "MENTAL RETARDATION
AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH"

Mayor Sanner read the proclamation declaring the month of March, 2008 as "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the City of West Carrollton.

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PROCLAMATION
"KIDS @ YOUR LIBRARY WEEK"

Mayor Sanner read the proclamation declaring the week of March 2 – March 8, 2008 as "Kids @ Your Library Week" in the City of West Carrollton.

RESOLUTION #5-2008

A Resolution acknowledging the appreciation of the citizens and public officials of the City of West Carrollton for services rendered unto said city by Dixon Chaney.

Mrs. Fryman introduced and motioned, seconded by Mr. Folker to approve Resolution #5-2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

RESOLUTION #6-2008

A Resolution acknowledging the appreciation of the citizens and public officials of the City of West Carrollton for services rendered unto said city by Diana Collins.

Mr. Bowers introduced and motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Resolution #6-2008. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #3378

An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of West Carrollton, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, amending Section 2 of Ordinance 3363, and repealing any ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

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Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Ordinance #3378. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

ORDINANCE #3379

An Ordinance providing for personnel classification, rates of pay, and fringe benefits for employees of the City of West Carrollton, Ohio, repealing Ordinance No. 3336 and any ordinance in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Ordinance #3379. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

DONATION REQUEST
FROM HAROLD SCHNELL ELEMENTARY

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to donate 10 splash passes for Harold Schnell Elementary’s Winter Carnival. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Norton gave a brief presentation outlining the 2009 sidewalk, curb and gutter repair program. He also gave an update on the speed limit study and parking study being done on Dixie Drive. He indicated that he expected a report from the engineers doing the study in the next few weeks and he anticipated doing a presentation for council in a work session in March.

Mr. Sanner inquired about the salt situation. Mr. Norton responded that there is an order in and he wasn’t sure when it would be received, there are many areas that are in need of salt. He stated that there is still salt in the salt barn and they should be ok for the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Bowers commended Mr. Norton and the street crew for their efforts in keeping the streets clear. He stated they do a great job. Mr. Norton responded that his department takes pride in the condition of the roads.

Chief Keister extended his sympathy and condolences to the family of Allen Saylor, who died recently in a car crash. He was a firefighter for the City of Miamisburg and this was a great loss for the department.

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UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Folker thanked Dave Kunke from the Fire Department for the safety training he provided for the supervisors at Dayton Progress. He stated that this is a nice service which is available to businesses.

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to appoint Mr. Mel Hutchinson to the Income Tax Review Board. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner -yes.

Mr. Robinson stated that an article had recently appeared in the Dayton Daily News inferring that West Carrollton would have to increase property tax or sewer rates to offset health insurance costs. He stated that this was not correct, and the health insurance committee is working very hard to reduce the cost of employee insurance benefits. He stated that in tonight's worksession they would be discussing raising these rates to increase revenue for the city.

Mayor Sanner stated that Wood Glenn Alzheimer's facility would be having an Open House on February 28, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 3800 Summitt Glenn Drive, and it was open to the public.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Jim Folker, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend, Service Director Rich Norton, Finance Director Tom Reilly and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

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Mr. Norton briefly discussed the ponding of water at 1100 Bridle Lane East and the reason why it is now occurring. A brief discussion was held concerning the cost of the repairs and whose responsibility it should be. It was decided that Mr. Norton would offer the homeowner a 50/50 split of the cost for the repairs to the curb and see where it goes from there.

Mr. Norton then gave a brief presentation on the stormwater utility and how it would get people out of the flood zone. He discussed the cost of the program, which would include an annual maintenance cost and what cost it would be to the citizens. He stated that every household resident in the city would incur the cost regardless of the curb and it would be a nominal fee. This program would eliminate curb and sidewalk program cost since there is an annual maintenance cost built in. He stated there would be ways to include incentives for businesses which would offset their costs as well. It was decided that it would be presented to the Business Advisory Council to get their opinion on the issue.

Mayor Sanner asked who had the responsibility for the creek in front of the Isuzu place on Central. Mr. Norton stated that the area was maintained by ODOT. Mr. Sanner asked Mr. Norton to contact Mr. Matheny and Mr. Johnson from Moraine to let them know this.

Mr. Reilly gave a presentation with two proposed sewer rate increases. He went over some of the additional capital needs and indicated that the first rate increase would not cover all of the needs. He stated that the second increase would cover the financial needs and would leave a healthy balance for anything else that might come up. He stated that the second proposal would only be \$14.41 more a month.

Mr. Norton then went over the capital needs through 2018 which included building some lift stations so undeveloped areas can be developed and sewer rehab.

Mr. Bowers stated that sewer rehab has been put off too long. Mr. Norton indicated that projects could be moved around based on economic development.

Mr. Reilly indicated that the second proposed rate increase would take the city to the middle of the chart for 64 jurisdiction's rates. He stated that the rates haven't been increased since 1993. He indicated that Montgomery County is going up 3, 4 and 5% in the next 3 years, and that the county's rates are 3 times higher than ours. He indicated that a 3% inflationary measure is built into the proposals and suggested that maybe monthly billing would make it easier for the residents. Mr. Reilly indicated that this is just a starting point and if they wanted to implement it they would need to do an ordinance and it would go into effect in June. It was decided to table the decision until the 2nd meeting in March so the city manager could be present. If they needed to decide something quicker than this they could choose to hold a special work session to discuss the issue further.

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Mrs. Fryman stated that she had met with the EMS billing company and asked Chief Keister to give an update on the rate increase. He gave a brief update on the billing practice and indicated that they are having trouble getting information in a timely manner from the hospital. He indicated they are looking at going to an electronic format and at billing the max amount to the insurance and accepting what they bill and not billing the resident for anything.

The visit from Senator Voinovich was discussed. It was indicated that he would be arriving Monday, March 3 around noon and would only be here for about 20 minutes.

Mr. Robinson stated that there would be another interview for the Economic Development Director on Thursday and that it promised to be interesting. He reminded everyone that Jody Jones's birthday was on Thursday as well and the Elé Grand Opening would be Friday at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the session Councilmember Jody Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jim Bowers. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL