

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

May 13,

08

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jim Folker, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend; Service Director Rich Norton, Finance Director Tom Reilly, Director of City Planning Greg Gaines, Public Relations Coordinator Erika Mattingly, Deputy Chief Woodard, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

EXCUSED: Law Director Lori Kirkwood

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT DAY

Mr. Bowers read the proclamation declaring May 27, 2008 as Foreign Exchange Student Day in West Carrollton. He presented a framed copy of the proclamation and some West Carrollton memorabilia to Peter Krasin from Russia.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. Fryman read the proclamation declaring the week of May 11-17, 2008 as National Police Week in West Carrollton.

PROCLAMATION PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

Mr. Robinson read the proclamation declaring the week of May 18-24, 2008 as Public Service Recognition Week in West Carrollton.

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PROCLAMATION
EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK

Mrs. Jones read the Proclamation declaring the week of May 18, 2008 as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week.

PROCLAMATION
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Mayor Sanner read the Proclamation declaring the Month of May as Older Americans Week, and May 20, 2008 as Senior Citizens Day in West Carrollton.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Joseph Kouseff

Asked God to watch over the troops and bring them home safely. He encouraged all the residents to appreciate the police department, and encouraged parents to call the police when their children are doing something illegal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 3383

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Advertise for Bids for Sludge Hauling and Disposal for the West Carrollton Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to Expend a Sum in Excess of \$25,000 therefore.

Mrs. Fryman motioned seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Ordinance #3383. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

NEW BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE #3385

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 3381, and repealing any ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

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Mr. Robinson motioned seconded by Mr. Folker to approve Ordinance #3385. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

ORDINANCE #3386

An Ordinance amending Ordinance #3188 establishing charges for emergency medical services provided by the City of West Carrollton, Ohio and establishing collection policies regarding said charges.

Chief Keister gave a brief update on this ordinance stating that this would allow the department to bill customers insurance and they would accept what the insurance paid and not balance bill the residents.

RESOLUTION #11-2008

A Resolution declaring the necessity that certain sidewalks, curbs, and gutters shall be constructed.

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded Mrs. Jones to approve Resolution #11-2008. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

RESOLUTION #12-2008

A Resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Montgomery County Engineer for the South Alex Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Norton gave a brief update on the project, outlining the time frame and the anticipated expenditures.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve Resolution #12-2008. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Chief Barnhart gave a brief presentation on the Take Me Home Project. He listed some of the advantages of the program, like being able to determine a care taker and home address so they can return a child, mentally challenged person, or someone with Alzheimer's quickly.

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He stated that the cost of the program is just in the time of entering all the information and the cost savings would be realized by being able to return people to their homes quickly. He stated that the program goes along with the Police Department motto and with all city departments trying to offer the best service possible. He asked for council's permission to go forward with this program.

Mrs. Jones asked if they were still doing the indentakid program, and he indicated that program was a privately owned program and the police department was not using it. All council agreed that the Police Department should move forward with this program.

Mr. Norton gave a brief update on the sewer study that would be conducted between the railroad tracks and old downtown area, since this area had been indentified as a stormwater infiltration area. He advised that residents may see someone walking around lifting manhole covers and they may see smoke coming out of the ground. He indicated that the sewer increase would help cover the repairs to the sewer system.

Mr. Gaines gave a brief update on the Litehouse project stating that a footer inspection had been called for, and that they were anticipating the modules to go into place on Thursday morning. It would then take about 2 weeks to complete the home.

Mr. Townsend congratulated Rich and Maureen for getting the cost of the Alex Road bridge down to \$34,000. He congratulated Greg for a successful Home Fair.

He indicated that he would be attending the First Tier Suburbs meeting tomorrow at 1:30, and they would be discussing ways to prevent foreclosures. They would be looking at a program that would help homeowners avoid foreclosure, and would educate first time buyers so they could avoid foreclosure as well. He asked council if we could take \$5,000 from the Neighborhood improvement fund to help finance this project and council agreed this would be acceptable.

He indicated that the Montgomery County Health District indicated that the number of flu shots given in West Carrollton had declined, and they would not be giving flu shots at West Carrollton this year. Flu shots will be available at the Miamisburg Senior Citizen Center.

He stated that he had a conversation with a gentleman, Mr. Blair, regarding the RTA bus on King Richard, and that Mr. Blair was not happy with the bus route being on King Richard. He asked for some guidance from council on how to respond to this issue, stating that the gentleman had thought there was supposed to be a ridership study conducted and that RTA would possibly remove this route. Council indicated that this was not the case, and that RTA routinely conducts ridership studies and this route is one that is used by residents and non residents.

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UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION TO
WEST CARROLLTON EDUCATION RECOGNITION ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to donate \$500 to the West Carrollton Education Recognition Association. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

**CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION TO
WEST CARROLLTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to donate \$500 to the West Carrollton Education Foundation. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

Ms. Bambi Puckett
West Carrollton YMCA gave a brief yearly update on the enrollment of the West Carrollton YMCA. She stated that enrollment was doing well, and their youth sports programs had great participation. She indicated that they looked forward to hosting next year's Home Improvement Fair, and thanked everyone for their support.

Mrs. Fryman inquired about the age of the after school program and was told that the age was Kindergarten to fifth grade, and the preschool program was at Walter Shade.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Robinson stated that he had attended a MVRPC sponsored event promoting bicycle friendly communities and had run into Greg Gaines at this event. He stated that Mr. Gaines had been active in bringing bicycle routes and bicycling programs to Beavercreek. He stated that with gas prices rising he felt bicycling would become more popular and would like for West Carrollton to be designated as a bicycle friendly community.

He stated that Wilson Park had three different walking trails that are paved, with different distances for walkers and that signs would soon be posted showing the paths and the distance for each path. He indicated that Christian Mattingly was doing a walking program

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called The A.M. Wilson Walkabout on Monday mornings and anyone interested in joining him should meet him at Wilson Shelter #1 at 8 a.m.

He complimented the parks staff on doing a fantastic job on building grounds upkeep and parks grounds upkeep.

He asked for an update on the onstreet parking at Elé, and indicated that there was supposed to be a traffic study done on this issue.

Mr. Norton responded that he had received a draft report and had asked staff to review it to make sure it answered the questions correctly and that he would like to present it to council at the next worksession. Mr. Robinson asked if anyone parked in front of Elé right now, since it's designated a turn lane and there aren't any no parking signs posted, would it be considered illegal. Mr. Norton responded that it's a turn lane and should be used as such until it is designated as something else.

Mrs. Lotspaih thanked Bambi for coming and giving an update on the West Carrollton YMCA and reminded the residents that the Strong Kid Campaign was still going on and encouraged people to donate to this program. She reminded everyone that the Community Pride Day would be Saturday, and anyone wanting to volunteer should be at the Civic Center at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Fryman reminded the residents that the 4th of July Committee would be raffling off a 40" Samsung TV at the 4th of July Festival and anyone wanting to purchase tickets should see any 4th of July Committee member, or they could purchase them from Alicia Norton at the Civic Center.

She reminded the residents that had attended any Citizens Police Academy classes that there would be a Citizens Police Academy Reunion Picnic on June 8th at Shelter #1. Anyone wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. to Tonya Buerschen.

Mr. Folker congratulated Roger Gibson of the Planning Commission for receiving the Guiler Award from the West Carrollton High School.

Mr. Bowers congratulated Mr. Gaines on a successful Home Fair.

Mrs. Jones congratulated the YMCA on their membership success.

Mayor Sanner thanked Bambi for coming to council and for hosting the Home Improvement Fair this year. He stated that he had attended the ERA awards banquet and the recipient of the award had been Dakota Short.

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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, Councilmember's Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Linda Lotspaith, Harold Robinson; Jim Folker, Jody Jones; City Manager Brad Townsend, Planning Director Greg Gaines.

Mr. Chad Gray from Lockridge Sign Company was present to present to the City Council a proposal from Appleton Papers to locate two highway billboards on their property. In order to approve the billboards, the City's sign code would have to be revised. As an incentive, Lockridge is proposing to give the City two sign faces to advertise city events. Both billboards would be electronic in format and would change every 3 seconds. Mr. Gray answered questions and requested time on the June 10th City Council agenda so that representatives from Appleton could be present to discuss the request.

Following his presentation, Mr. Gray left the work session.

Greg Gaines, Planning Director, presented a proposal to locate three gateway signs in the community. One on South Alex Road at the Imperial Plaza Shopping Center and two on Route 741, one on Lindberg and one on Alex Bell Road at Clarks Pharmacy. Color renderings of the three sign locations were presented. It is estimated that these three signs could be constructed this year within the budget limit of \$ 20,000. It was the consensus of council to proceed as proposed. A resolution to approve a contract with Grunder landscaping for the project will be presented for approval at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Robinson requested that discussion of the second draft of proposed rules of council be postponed until the Law Director could be present. This item will be included on council's work session agenda at the next meeting

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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 8:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL