

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner; Council Members Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, and Harold Robinson; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Patrick G. Carney; Planning and Economic Development Director David Humphreys; Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard; and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

Excused: Mayor Maxine Gilman

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Sanner. City Manager Tracy Williams gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Robinson indicated a correction was needed in the meeting Minutes of January 10, 2006, on page 3 under Unscheduled Business. The intent of the motion regarding work sessions was to rescind the motion to have the work sessions broadcast by the Miami Valley Communications Council. There was never the intent to say that work sessions would not be held in Council Chambers. In fact, quite the opposite was true. The majority of the council believes when there are more people present than can comfortably fit into the Council workroom, the work session should be held in Council Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Sanner reiterated that work sessions would be held in Council Chambers but that the televising of work sessions by MVCC would not be required. On the occasion when no guests are present for the work session, the work session will be held in the Council workroom.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the Regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2006, with the indicated corrections. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Third Graders from Harold Schnell Elementary School** **(Mrs. Jenny McDougall's Class)**

Mrs. McDougall's third grade class presented their thoughts on the value of preserving the original city logo "as a reminder of the changes that have taken place in our city and the historical value of those changes."

Each student recited a portion of the request, indicating their support of the city officials' efforts to step into the future stating "while we do agree that West Carrollton is a good place to live, we feel the pentagon should be retained as a symbol for the city. We see "Welcome Home" as a great slogan for the city, but it does not reflect the heritage of our city. The pentagon represents the union of two pioneer villages and the five forms of transportation that run parallel through our city, making it unique. While we support the efforts of our city to step into the future with a fresh face, we encourage you to maintain our positive feelings about our outstanding past. We would also ask that you consider adding some kind of permanent marking in the area of Woody's that would represent the Village of Alexandersville. The joining of Carrollton and Alexandersville marked the start of our great community and the existence of that town should not be forgotten. The students in our school should have reminders of the changes that have taken place in our city and the historical value of those changes. Thank you for allowing us to express our point of view on these topics."

Mr. Sanner indicated that much research had been done on the new city logo, and he agreed with the class on the importance and historical value of the old city logo. He presented each third grader with a pin that bore the imprint of the original logo so they would have something of their own preserving the original logo, and he also presented them with a city flag that had the original logo, to display in their classroom.

**Sergeant Rob Hensley, Sergeant Mike Hanks, Officer Nathan Biggs, and Officer Rick Hart – International Police Unity Tour, May 9-12, 2006-01-31**

Gave a presentation on the International Police Unity Tour which is scheduled for May 9-12, 2006. Sergeant Hensley gave a brief history of the Tour. He indicated that in 1991 President George Bush dedicated the Police Memorial in Washington D.C. and there are entered all the names of the police officers who had died over the years since 1792. Each name is engraved on the wall, including that of Officer Fred Beard, who died in West Carrollton in the pursuit of robbery suspects. The deadliest year for law enforcement was 1974 when 273 officers died. The deadliest decade was 1970 with 2,240 dead. The deadliest day was September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center.

The Unity Tour is a bicycle ride that he, Sergeant Mike Hanks, Officer Nathan Biggs and Officer Rick Hart will be participating in. It's a 310 mile ride that takes over 4 days to complete. The tour was started in 1997 in New Jersey and only had 18 officers participate. It has grown since then, and last year there were over 700 officers who participated, raising over \$700,000 and raising the grand total to over \$2.2 million which goes to the Memorial. They also work towards preventing injuries and training officers, and they also maintain the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Money raised is also given to C.O.P.S., Concerns of Police Survivors. Money in the form of scholarships goes to families who have had a father or mother pass away, and to programs to help them with their grief and with any financial problems they encounter. In 2009 they are hoping to establish a Police Museum at the same site. Each rider is required to obtain a certain amount of sponsorship money.

**COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Koussa

Keep the troops safe and bring them home safely. Reminded residents to conserve gasoline, and do not idle the car or go through the drive-thru's. This wastes gasoline and causes pollution which causes disease.

God bless the kids, they are our future. He concluded by wishing the Police Department good luck on the Unity Tour and hoped they have a safe trip. He welcomed the new council members and congratulated them on their elections.

Mr. Napper

Inquired whether there was an update on the Gibbons Road construction. Mr. Williams responded that the city was waiting for a response to the request for grant funding.

Mr. Napper indicated that he felt that trash pickup and recycling pickup should be on the same day when the holiday causes a delay for trash pickup. Mr. Williams responded that they are now on the same schedule. Rumpke had made a mistake which they corrected immediately.

Mr. Napper addressed the issue of salting, and wondered if the cities of Miamisburg, Moraine, and West Carrollton and Miami Township could look into purchasing a machine to lay down liquid de-icer prior to the snow or ice storm. He thought it may save on overtime and salt waste, and thought that maybe the four jurisdictions could purchase this machine together and share it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER**

Consideration of an Agreement with the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center for stray cat boarding and disposal services.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Montgomery Animal Resource Center for stray cat boarding and disposal services for 2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lostpaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2006**

A resolution acknowledging the appreciation of the citizens and public officials of the City of West Carrollton for services rendered unto said city by Boyd C. Flynn.

Mrs. Fryman introduced and motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Resolution No. 2-2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, Mrs. Lostpaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-2006**

A resolution acknowledging the appreciation of the citizens and public officials of the City of West Carrollton for services rendered unto said city by Leah K. Woodard.

Mrs. Lotspaih introduced and motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution No. 3-2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lostpaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

### **REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

Mr. Williams thanked Mrs. McDougall's third grade class for their presentation and indicated it was great to see the youth get involved in government.

He extended a thank you to David's Flowers for the beautiful Christmas display that had been in the Civic Center for the holidays, and apologized for the delay in extending his appreciation.

### **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Fryman motioned and it was seconded by Mrs. Jones to change the City Council meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lotspaih indicated that 6:30 p.m. would be difficult for her due to family obligations, and she indicated that the Mayor had expressed that she didn't want the meetings any earlier than 7:00 p.m.. It was decided to continue the roll call, and discuss the matter further with the Mayor when she returns. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lostpaih- no, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner-yes. The motion carried.

### **COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE**

#### **Karla Gilman**

Announced the West Carrollton Relay For Life will be held August 11 and 12, 2006, from 6:00 p.m., Friday - 12:00 p.m, Saturday. Last year the team numbers and participation were up, and they are looking forward to another successful event. She indicated that the committee still needs volunteers to work on the committee or to organize teams. The next meeting is February 8 at the Civic Center 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping you can contact her at 866-0350 or Bill Gordon at 859-5909.

### **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL**

Mr. Bowers congratulated Sergeant Hensley and urged the community to support the officers.

Mrs. Jones also congratulated Sergeant Hensley and urged the community to support the officers.

Mr. Robinson had some questions concerning residents comments about traffic situations and wanted city staff to check on and respond to the following questions:

- There is a 4-way stop at Miami Avenue and West Main Street. Why? Why doesn't traffic on Miami continue through and make Main Street a traffic stop. He felt this would decrease wear on the street if big trucks didn't have to stop.
- There is a varying speed limit on Central Avenue traveling from Miamisburg. From Miamisburg it starts out at 50 mph, than when you enter the West Carrollton city limits it goes to 45 mph for 7/10 of a mile, then it drops to 30 mph for 5/10 of a mile, and then goes to 35 mph. He wondered why this 5/10 of a mile is 30 mph instead of 35 mph.
- When you are driving east on Central Avenue, there is a right turn lane at Cross Street. There is a curb that juts out to cut off the turn lane, and then after about 12 feet it goes back in and turns back into a right turn lane again. Does the jutting curb serve a purpose?
- How long has it been since any research has been done for an overpass/underpass at Alex Road and the railroad crossing? He is not interested in why it can't be done, he wants to know what it will take to get it done. He felt like the railroad crossing creates havoc and slows down emergency vehicles. He wondered if there were any grants or federal funding available for this.

Mr. Williams responded that staff would check on these matters and get back to him.

Mrs. Fryman congratulated Sergeant Hensley and urged the community to support the officers.

Mrs. Lotspaih thanked the Police Department for their presentation, and offered to help the officers in any way she could.

Mr. Sanner asked Sergeant Hensley to whom the checks should be made out and if the contribution would be tax deductible. Sergeant Hensley indicated that if anyone had questions or needed information, they could call 847-4672 to obtain more information.

Mr. Sanner asked what could be done about the stray cat situation. He indicated that many residents are upset about the strays, and that Huber Heights had passed a leash ordinance for cats; if the cats are outside they have to be on a leash. He inquired if we could look into this further. He concluded by thanking Joe from MVCC for filming the meeting.

### RECESS

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih, to recess to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G1 &3 to be followed by a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

### WORK SESSION

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present for the Executive Session in addition to those members of Council present for the regular meeting were City Manager G. Tracy William, and Attorney Janet Cooper.

Following the Executive Session, Councilmember Jim Bowers made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner to return to the regular Work Session.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Police Chief Rick Barnhart reviewed the revised plans for the renovations to the Police Department. Chief Barnhart specifically noted that the exercise room and the conference/ emergency operations center (EOC) room were expanded in response to Council's request and further discussions with the Architect. Chief Barnhart reviewed the revised floor plan for the addition, as well as the new budget for the project. After discussing this matter, Council authorized staff to work with the Architect to prepare the contract for the actual preparation of plans and specifications for bidding this work.

Chief Barnhart left the meeting.

#### OLD FIRE STATION NO. 1 - CORNER OF LOCUST STREET & E. CENTRAL AVENUE

City Council indicated that after giving further consideration on the proposal from AppleHeart Embroidery, they would prefer to keep the old fire station at this time and use it for city purposes.

Council did indicate that, if at a future time a better proposal came forward for converting this property to private use, they would give it their full consideration. At this time, however, they did not feel it was appropriate to proceed with the proposal from AppleHeart Embroidery.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

David Humphreys, Director, Planning and Economic Development, reviewed the memo which he had sent out regarding creating a new position with the city to help promote economic development. Discussion was held concerning this position. Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with advertising and selecting a person to fill this position. Discussion was held concerning the appropriate title this person might hold.

#### PROPOSED NEW SIGN CODE

City Council briefly discussed this matter and asked David Humphreys to prepare a summary of the key issues and concerns that they should consider based on previous discussions. Mr. Humphreys indicated that he would prepare a memo outlining the key issues that may need to be focused in on by Council as they refine this document in anticipation of adopting a new Sign Code.

David Humphreys left the meeting.

### LEIWIG PARK

City Council discussed an inquiry from a Realtor about possibly buying additional property for Leiwig Park from a parcel that has recently gone on the market for sale. After reviewing this matter, City Council determined that the city had no interest at this time in buying further property to expand Leiwig Park.

### OTHER ITEMS

City Manager Williams noted that the conference phone call scheduled with Woody Bowman's attorney and Realtor had not come to fruition. It appears that possibly there is no interest on their behalf in having further discussions on the possible demolition of the market site at this time.

City Manager Williams also noted that the city had received an invitation from the V.F.W. Post 3438 for the annual dinner they host for city officials and city employees.

City Manager Williams also discussed a possible trip to Washington, D.C. to speak with our congressional delegates regarding funding for the I-75 exit project. City Council indicated they were interested in making this trip and asked the City Manager to proceed to make the necessary arrangements. City Manager Williams noted that he had spoken with the Moraine city officials and they are also interested in joining with West Carrollton as part of the delegation to travel to Washington, D.C. in late February or early March.

The City Council set the dates of Tuesday, January 31, and Monday, February 6, as budget work sessions on the proposed 2006 Budget.

### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Jim Bowers noted that the recent meeting of the Fourth of July Community Festival Committee was well attended and suggested that the city might want to consider contributing funds in 2006 to help with the needed expenditures to make this event successful. City Council indicated that they would discuss this matter in conjunction with their budget work sessions.

Councilmember Jody Jones inquired about the status of the proposed project to improve the concession stand and provide better restroom facilities at Harmon Field. City Manager responded that this matter is noted in the 2006 proposed budget, and that Council would be discussing this in their budget work sessions.

Councilmember Harold Robinson suggested that a joint meeting should be held with the City Council and the Miami Township Trustees and that such meeting might be held after the City Council has completed their work on the 2006

budget. City Manager said that he would work with the Township Administrator to arrange that meeting.

Councilmember Angie Fryman stated her observation that the City of Moraine was considering possibly not rebuilding their swimming pool, and that possibly the cities of West Carrollton and Moraine could collaborate to allow Moraine residents to use the Wilson Park Pool in an intergovernmental effort. City Manager indicated that he had spoken with Moraine City Manager David Hicks concerning this matter and would pursue it further with the City of Moraine.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Angie Fryman, seconded by Councilmember Jim Bowers to adjourn. All present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 p.m.