

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held April 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanner at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Amanda Zennie, Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, and Keith Tilton. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Police Chief Doug Woodard, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jill Tomlin

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 12, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation for National Arbor Day

Mayor Sanner read the Proclamation in its entirety. He reminded everyone there will be a tree planting ceremony at Wilson Park on Friday, April 29th at 5:30pm involving the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Brownies.

Proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week

Mayor Sanner read the Proclamation in its entirety.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 18-2022 – A Resolution Approving Participation In Region 8 Governance Structure Under The OneOhio Memorandum Of Understanding.

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Resolution 18-2022 (continued)

Erika Mattingly, on behalf of Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge, advised Council she was in front of them to request their formal approval on the Region 8 OneOhio Governance plan. She reminded Council the MOU was adopted in March of 2020 as a way to disperse \$808,000,000 of funds from the drug distributors into the local communities. According to the MOU, 55 percent will go to the state-wide foundation, 30 percent to local jurisdictions directly, and 15 percent to the State of Ohio. The Region 8 boundaries consist only of Montgomery County. Mrs. Mattingly explained, in order to meet the equitable representation of the local government requirement of the MOU, the proposed a Region 8 Structure includes:

- A representative from the Montgomery County Commissioners Office
- Two representatives from the City of Dayton
- A representative from the City of Trotwood, who was chosen by the Mayors and Managers Association
- A representative from a village - New Lebanon as they are the village that is most affected by overdoses
- A township representative - John Morris from Miami Township
- A business representative, as identified by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, who selected Scott McGohan from McGohan Brabender

Mrs. Mattingly went on to explain they've proposed five members of the County's Community Overdose Action Team be on the board as well. These representatives include:

- Helen Jones-Kelly from the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services
- Jennifer Wentzel from the Public Health - Dayton / Montgomery County
- Marty Larson from the Greater Dayton Hospital Association
- Joe Spitler from the Criminal Justice Counsel.

She also said they would like to include an individual with lived experience, and that representative is Cindy Heightman from Goodwill Easter Seals.

Mrs. Mattingly stated she hopes Council will agree that this twelve-member regional structure is a common-sense approach to making the long-term funding decisions that could have a significant impact on our community. She urged Council to adopt this resolution to support this plan.

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution 18-2022. A vote was taken: A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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Resolution 19-2022 - A Resolution Opposing The Adoption Of House Bill 563, Currently Being Considered By A Committee Of The Ohio House Of Representatives, Which Proposes To Limit Local Regulation Of Short- Term Rental Property.

Mr. Townsend presented Resolution 19-2022. He reminded Council last year they adopted an ordinance to place a temporary moratorium on short-term rentals, like Airbnb, VRBO, etc., while the city had the opportunity to review citizen concerns regarding these rentals. He stated before we were able to get too far into work, House Bill 563 was introduced. This bill would limit our ability to regulate short-term rentals. Mr. Townsend explained whether or not we decide to regulate short-term rentals, that should be our decision and not a decision that is made at the state level. He stated this resolution would urge opposition to the passage or adoption of House Bill 563.

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to approve Resolution 19-2022. A vote was taken: A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend congratulated the Finance Department on another successful tax year. He mentioned Finance Director Reilly does something unique by allowing citizens to email their tax documents to him and then completes them and sends them back. Mr. Townsend stated he believes we are the only City offering this service. He mentioned that we have a couple of new people in the department, after the retirement of a few long-term employees, and feels everyone in the department did an excellent job. He thanked them for their efforts and congratulated them for another successful year.

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave updates on the following events:

Arbor Day Celebration - This event will be held on Friday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. at Wilson Park (pool side). Scout troops and student are invited to help plant the tree.

City Wide Garage Sale - This event will be held on Saturday, May 7th. Registration can be completed online or by calling (937) 847-4635 through Wednesday, May 4th. A list of participating homes will be available Thursday, May 5th online or in the Civic Center Lobby.

Bulk Trash Pick Up - The second free bulk/large item pickup will be May 9th - May 13th on resident's regularly scheduled trash day.

Bicycle Fun Day - This event will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Miami Erie Canal Park on Marina Drive. It is geared for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Kids can practice their biking skills on our activity course. There will also be bicycle safety checks, free bicycle repair, free helmets

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given out as available), activities for kids, touch a truck – Police & Fire, and a short ride and safety pledge with a Police Officer. In addition, there will be an ice cream trolley if anyone would like to purchase treats.

Community Pride Day – This event will be held on Saturday, May 21st beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Civic Center and then go out to assist neighbors with small outdoor projects like pulling weeds, planting flowers, etc. If you need assistance or if you would like to volunteer please call (937) 859-5182.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

Karen Findlay, Branch Manager of the West Carrollton Library, addressed Council to provide updates on several upcoming activities. She stated the Summer Challenge Program begins with a Candy Carnival on May 24th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Summer Challenge runs from June 1st through July 30th. She also highlighted several other programs/activities such as the Tiny Art Show, Clerk of Courts Help Center, Baby & Toddler and Preschool Storytime, Monthly Book Club, Tuesday Tech Time, Team Wordle, Collecting Club, etc. The library has calendars available or you can visit the website to see all of the events being offered at the West Carrollton location.

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Comments by Council

Mr. Tilton gave a couple of updates regarding the Miami Valley Communications Council Meeting he recently attended. On May 4th, MVCC will host an open house to educate those who may be interested in learning more about what they do. He also mentioned the fiber to the home project has been delayed due to a few problems they are experiencing in locating companies and getting educated people employed. Mayor Sanner asked if they have any idea on when they will be able to get the people onboard. Mr. Tilton answered no, but it's been a big problem for them. He also stated Springboro will be the first city to have fiber to the home.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda, to be followed by adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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WORK SESSION

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New Fireworks Bill – Chief Doug Woodard

Chief Woodard provided council with a PowerPoint presentation on the new fireworks law that goes into effect July 1st. A copy of the presentation is available upon request from the office of the Chief of Police.

The new law will permit the possession and discharge of fireworks on certain dates throughout the year. The law also provides the ability of communities to “opt-out” and create their own regulations or ban them completely. The current ordinance in the City of West Carrollton does not permit the possession or discharge of fireworks within City limits. Chief Woodard presented a survey of area communities that indicated most are going to take a wait and see approach in the coming year and follow the new state law before deciding whether or not to opt out. When asked about the City’s enforcement policy of the current regulation, Chief Woodard stated that it is very difficult to enforce. Mayor Sanner indicated that he has not had any one in Mayor’s court that has been cited for a fireworks violation for quite a while. Chief Woodard recommended that since most of our neighboring communities are taking a “wait and see approach”, maybe we should do the same and re-evaluate the situation next year.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of council to go with the new state law for the coming year and re-evaluate it later. Staff will prepare legislation for a future council meeting to repeal the current ordinance in favor of the new state law.

Livestock in Urban Areas – Greg Gaines

Greg Gaines, Planning and Community Development Director, presented a PowerPoint on the pros and cons of permitting urban farming in the community. A copy of the presentation is available upon request from the office of the Planning and Development Director.

This discussion was prompted by an email sent from a resident of the community to the Mayor asking about the process for changing the City’s ban on urban livestock. Mr. Dobson asked if someone has responded to the resident and stated that he thought that City staff should have responded to the resident and answered his question about the process prior to waiting for the council discussion.

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Mr. Gaines stated that that this is not the first time that the city has been approached about changing the ban on urban livestock. His presentation laid out the argument both for and against topic

Mr. Enterman, Chief Code Enforcement official, was also present to discuss their experiences with urban livestock in the community. According to Mr. Enterman, with only one exception, most of the department's encounters with residents having livestock have involved serious health and property maintenance violations. It was both Mr. Enterman and Mr. Gaines recommendation that the ban remain in place.

After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the majority of council to uphold the current ban. Staff will follow up with the resident that sent the email to the mayor.

Fiber Expansion Opportunity - Brad Townsend

Mr. Townsend presented to council a proposal from MVECA to either purchase two strands of fiber from the City's network on Alex Road, or trade for two strands of fiber on MVECA's proposed fiber extension to the High School. MVECA is willing to pay \$12,000 for access to two fibers on Alex. However, trading for two fibers on the MVCEA proposed fiber extension to the high school would save the City between \$50,000 and \$70,000 in the future if we wished to one day interconnect our traffic signals on Alex Road and Alex Bell.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of council to agree to trade fibers with a provision for acquiring additional fibers in the future if necessary.

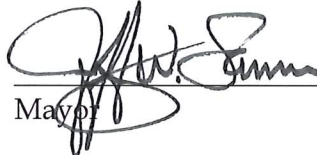
Mr. Townsend also mentioned discussions with IFN to extend the city fiber assets on Alex Road to State Route 725, but that will be a topic for a future work session discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Assistant Clerk of Council



Mayor