

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held June 25,

2019

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Leanne Nash, Harold Robinson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Public Relations Coordinator Heidi Van Antwerp, and Clerk of Council Tom Reilly.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Rick Barnhart

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2019. A vote was taken: , Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-abstain, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 3649

An Ordinance Determining to Proceed with the Lighting of Streets, Lanes, and Other Public Ways in the City of West Carrollton, Ohio. (1st reading)

Mr. Reilly informed per the discussion at the last council meeting these two ordinances are steps 2 and 3 to proceed with our street lighting program. It's a good program with no increase in cost and are recommending moving forward.

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ORDINANCE 3650

Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Lighting of Streets, Lanes, and Other Public Ways in the City of West Carrollton, Ohio with Electric Lighting. (1st reading)

Mr. Reilly informed that this ordinance will allow the levying of the costs of the lighting.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend informed the Elm Street Bridge Project has been delayed due to our bids coming in to high. The bids came in at almost 12% over our estimate. We decided to get better pricing and to avoid construction during the school year so this will be delayed until next year. We still have a number of utilities that have to be relocated and AT&T is still out there putting back together their fiber line they had to move. DP&L have lines that need to be moved and we have water/sewer lines that will need to be moved as well. Those items will be done this year and will stream line the process for the construction for next year. The service director will bid out this project later this year probably in August or September for work next year which we hope will also result in lower pricing. We should be able to still work with the school schedule and complete the project in the summer next year and be complete by August 31, 2020. That has been approved by OPWC so our funding will stay in place and hopefully when we open bids later this year, we'll be able to provide some good news. One last thing, we know the bridge is in poor condition, we have a weight limit on it, but we don't believe it's in imminent danger of collapse in delaying this until next year.

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave community updates:

- July 17th – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Block Party – Indian Lookout Apartment's.
- Newsletter for 3rd quarter will be mailed out later this week.
- July 3rd – Fencing will be going up along the river for the July 4th fireworks put on by the City of Moraine.
- July 8th – 12th – Bulk trash pickup.
- July 26th – Deadline for City Beautiful Commission Flower Award submittal. Please call the Parks Department at 937-859-5182 to place your nomination.
- August 1st – Plaza of Fame nominations are due. You can nominate by submittal on our website.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

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Comments by Council

Mrs. Zennie complimented Mrs. Van Antwerp on a great job at the first block party. Great weather and lots of people. Mrs. Zennie encourages everyone to come out to the next two block parties coming up.

Mrs. Fryman thanked everyone for coming out to the block party. It was good to see the schools present to answer questions about the schools. New residents to the city were there and appreciative for the block party.

Ms. Nash thanked everyone for attending the block party. It was a wonderful event. Ms. Nash wanted all the residents to know they are welcome at any of the block parties they are open to the entire city. Ms. Nash also informed she is very proud that the Miami Valley Communications Council were able to get the Fiber Optic Network connected to 7 of the cities, with Germantown joining at a later date due to physical location.

Mr. Robinson informed that Ms. Nash, Mr. Townsend, and himself attended the Fiber Optic Network lighting ceremony held at the Miami Valley Communications Council. The Miami Valley Communications Council do a super job! The establishment of this Fiber Optic Network will surround the eight communities of Centerville, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Springboro, West Carrollton, and Germantown. Each community contributed a reasonable amount of money to put this whole thing together. The whole project cost \$1.1 million dollars to complete. Long term it will not only benefit our businesses but also individual residences. There are no other group of cities in the country, that we are aware of, to this point, that have installed 5G fiber which will be eventually the coming thing everywhere.

Mr. Townsend informed the Fiber Optic Network that was installed is kind of like the water distribution system. It's pipes in the ground but instead of water going through it, it's data through the Fiber Optic Network. The capacity we are building will initially just link our cities together and allow us to partner on telecommunications and other data services that we currently pay other businesses for and save money like internet service. It will also allow us to connect our dispatch and emergency operations center for improved public safety which is huge. We are ahead of new technology to help with crime fighting and EMS safety services. Our schools will benefit from this as well. Our partner in what we are calling the **GATEway Network (Gifted and Talented Education)** is an organization called MVECA (Miami Valley Education Computer Association) and their main mission by statute status is to provide low cost technology services to school districts. That was their interest in being our partner with this. In exchange for building it and maintaining it they will be providing internet services to us, primarily data service. When the time is right, our school district will also be a part of that or at least be approached by them to be a part of the network. All the other communities and their school districts and any non-profits within the scope of MVECA services could also be part of that network. Initially it will be limited to those people and the reason for that is to go back to the analogy of the water line or water system, the current ring has some big

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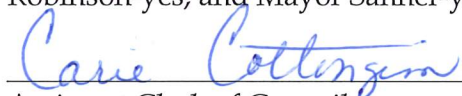
pipes and some small pipes because we are using some existing fiber connections in Moraine, Kettering, and parts of Oakwood. So, while our stuff is brand new and we have 12-inch pipes running through West Carrollton, Moraine and some of the other parts may only have 4-inch pipes so the data gets restricted there and that limits the capabilities of the system initially. Our objective long term is to be an economic development driver in our community and be a benefit to our residents. To accomplish that when we sat down and hammered out the agreement with MVECA on the construction we also sent out an RFP (Request for Proposal) to any interested parties that would like to buy into the available dark fiber that we would have for resale. In response to that, we have a preliminary agreement with a company called EdgeConnex and we are working out the final numbers. EdgeConnex has agreed to buy significant portions of dark fiber we have available. That's significant in two ways. Number One, the proceeds of that sale which would be in excess of \$2 million dollars would allow us to over build the fiber ring from 4-inch pipes to 12-inch pipes so that the entire ring now becomes viable, powerful, and we can roll out to the private sector for it's use. Number Two, EdgeConnex is in the business of Edge computing which provides data centers and will invite anyone who wants to use their data centers in a neutral host environment to come in and utilize it and be part of the network and provide services to customers along the ring to our business community, to our resident community, they would be the ones to bring in to the market place companies that would compete with Spectrum and AT&T for a variety of services. In addition, a large company that may have its own data facility and its own need for high tech can set up through EdgeConnex and through their data centers their own internet service without using Spectrum or AT&T. For some companies that's very attractive and a lot of companies that have that high-tech need will be very attractive to them as an area for them to locate here because of the availability of this. This is happening a lot faster than we thought it would particularly the build out and there is allot more exciting things to come.

Mr. Robinson informed there were about 75 or 80 southern community leaders present at the Fiber Optic Lighting ceremony including Mayors, Council members, City Managers, and the press. Mr. Robinson also thanked Mrs. Van Antwerp on a job well done for the first block party of the season.

Mayor Sanner also thanked Mrs. Van Antwerp on a great block party and a great turn out by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes


Assistant Clerk of Council


Mayor