

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held August 9,

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 Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, Rick Barnhart, and Angie Fryman. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Police Chief Douglas Woodard, Service Director Rich Norton, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-no, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-abstain, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Commendation for the West Carrollton Police Department presented by State Representatives Tom Young and Phil Plummer for the department receiving their CALEA Reaccreditation

State Representative Tom Young addressed Council to present a commendation to the West Carrollton Police Department for their CALEA Reaccreditation. He stated State Representative Phil Plummer could not be present this evening due to other obligations involving him running for Speaker of the House, which is extremely important for our region. Mr. Young stated we hear a lot of negative things about first responders through the media, but we actually take them for granted and don't thank them enough. Representative Young read the commendation in its entirety and presented it to Chief Woodard.

Chief Woodard thanked Representative Young for the commendation and for his time attending the meeting. Chief Woodard stated that West Carrollton has been accredited since 1991. He thanked Sergeant Nathan Biggs, Secretary Teresa Eitel, and Deputy Chief David Wessling for all of their hard work in the accreditation process.

Mayor Sanner thanked Representative Young for taking an interest in our Whitewater Project. Mayor Sanner stated he was instrumental in helping us get funding from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$250,000. He stated he wanted him to know how much Council appreciates him. Representative Young responded by saying Council has a great vision and it is a pleasure to be a part of it.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Body Camera Presentation – Chief Woodard

Chief Woodard addressed Council to give them an update regarding the body cameras that were purchased approximately a year ago. The cameras were purchased through the company Utility, and their program is called Body Worn. Chief Woodard stated the officers have been wearing the cameras for several months in the field. He stated when the program was initially presented to Council, he promised he would report back and show them some of the videos, what the body cameras see, and also some of the things that the officers deal with on a daily basis. Chief Woodard stated he has a few videos to show council, and gave a disclaimer on some of the language that would be heard. He also stated the subject's faces were redacted with the exception of the officer's faces. Chief Woodard played the videos for five separate calls for service and also gave a verbal description of each situation. He stated the body worn cameras have been well received by the officers. Chief Woodard offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Sanner commented that it is money well spent and he is surprised at the quality of the video. Chief Woodard answered they have a lot of bells and whistles and added the supervisors randomly review calls and videos as a quality control measure. He also stated with any use of force, the body camera footage is automatically downloaded.

Mr. Tilton asked if there has been any help with convictions due to the cameras. Chief Woodard stated anytime you have a video it is always a bonus. Law Director Denlinger commented we have a lot of trials that don't go forward once they see the video. She also commented early on one of our jury trials involved the body cameras and that was all the jury needed to see to seal the conviction.

Mayor Sanner thanked Chief Woodard.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-2022 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Submit A Project Application And Execute Contracts For Obtaining Grants From Ohio Public Works Commission Funds Allocated To This Area Of The State For The Water Well #5 Replacement Project.

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NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Resolution 26-2022 (continued)

Mr. Norton presented Resolution 26-2022. He explained this resolution is to authorize the City Manager to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding to assist with a new water well at our well field off of Pierce Street. He reminded Council in approximately 2017 we started discussions with the Ohio EPA about getting a new well because we are unable to use Well # 1 for producing drinking water because of the iron and manganese levels being too high. Now we just have two wells, Well #3 and Well #4, that can be treated by the Membrane Filtration Softening Plant without issue. This means if one these wells needs maintenance or goes out we do not have a backup. In 2021, the Ohio EPA issued a letter of approval for Well # 5 and the plans are designed. Mr. Norton stated right now we are attempting to find assistance with the construction of this well. Once Well # 5 is complete then Well # 1 will be abandoned, leaving us with three wells. Mr. Norton offered to answer any questions.

Mrs. Fryman asked with the potential for future development is it important to have this well for water supply. Mr. Norton answered yes. He stated on a normal basis we use one well and one membrane tray at a time, but if we have two wells going and one has a problem we don't have a backup. He stated this will definitely be beneficial moving forward.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution 26-2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave updates on the following events:

A Family Adventure Series – The final event in this series was scheduled for Thursday, August 4th, but was rescheduled to Thursday August 11th due to rain. It will be held at Wilson Pool from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be pool games, popcorn, and the concession stand will be open.

Movie Night – This free event will be held at Weidner Park on Friday, August 12th from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The West Carrollton Nazarene Church will be showing the Disney Movie Luca.

Bands & Sand Summer Concert Series – The third concert in this series will feature the band Spungewurthy. This event will also be a "Meet your Council" opportunity. Please come out and meet the Mayor and all of the Councilmembers and enjoy some ice cream treats. There will also be food trucks available for food purchase. A skydiver will be skydiving in an American Flag to honor our local heroes. This event will be held on Thursday, August 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS (continued)

Community Police Academy – The Police Department will be hosting the 16th Community Police Academy this fall. It is for West Carrollton residents ages 18 years and older. Citizens will participate in ride-a-longs and learn about crime scene and evidence collection/processing, traffic stops, the accident and detective investigation process, and why/how tasers are used. They will also get to learn about and use the firearms simulator. If interested, please submit an application as soon as possible as the class will fill up at 25 persons. The academy will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on September 14th through November 2nd. Applications can be picked up at the Police Department or they can be found online under the Police Department page of www.westcarrollton.org

Plaza of Fame – We are currently accepting nominations for the 2022 inductee. This award recognizes current or former residents that have made a unique or noteworthy contribution in making the City of West Carrollton a better place to live. The award has been given out since 2003 and is selected by members of the City Council. Nomination forms can be picked up from the Civic Center during business hours or they can be downloaded from the City Council page at www.westcarrollton.org

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

Ed Winkle, from 1060 S. Elm St., addressed Council regarding a letter from the city and a pink X that was placed on his sidewalk. He stated he does not believe that there is anything wrong with his sidewalk and can't understand why it would be marked. He stated he called the city and spoke with John Vance, Civil Engineer, who advised him that he needs to replace that portion of the sidewalk due to it being raised, making it not level. He stated Mr. Vance told him if it is 3/8 of an inch high then the sidewalk needs replaced. Mr. Winkle stated he doesn't agree with that and wanted to bring his concern before Council.

Mr. Dobson asked Mr. Winkle if he had a picture so Council could see it. Mr. Winkle answered no, but stated he is welcome to come by the house and he will show it to him.

Mayor Sanner asked if Mr. Norton had any comments. Mr. Norton stated he would be happy to go to Mr. Winkle's house to take a look at it just to make sure it was marked correctly. Mr. Winkle said he appreciated that.

Mrs. Fryman asked Mr. Norton if we allow a sidewalk to be ground down if it isn't cracked. Mr. Norton answered the contractor that the city hires is hired to remove and replace, but if the property owner has their own work done the city does permit that. Mr. Townsend verified that it is allowed as an option. Mr. Norton answered yes, if the

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Comments by the Audience (continued)

property owner hires their own contractor. Mayor Sanner asked if Mr. Winkle was within the time frame he could hire his own contractor. Mr. Norton answered yes. He stated Mr. Vance is out marking ahead of time. The actual notice won't come until February or March of next year by official mailing.

Mr. Winkle stated he had one other question. He asked if he was responsible to repair it or would the city repair it. Mr. Norton answered he is responsible for paying for it, but he has an option to hire his own contractor or to use the contractor that the city hires.

Comments by Council

Mr. Tilton asked everyone to keep the family of Don Henry, West Carrollton School Board Member who passed away, in their prayers. He stated he is excited for the upcoming Bands & Sand Concert. Finally, he asked home owners to stop blowing grass in the roadway. He stated it looks bad and is dangerous for bicyclists and motorcyclists. He also stated it causes problems with grass growing along the curb side.

Mr. Dobson congratulated the Police Department on their CALEA Reaccreditation. He stated he believes it is a team effort to make it happen and thanked everyone involved.

Mrs. Tomlin added her condolences for Don Henry's family and the school community.

Mrs. Fryman congratulated the Police Department on their CALEA Reaccreditation. She asked Chief Woodard if he knew how many agencies were accredited in the State of Ohio. Chief Woodard answered no, he doesn't know state-wide, but knows there are five agencies within Montgomery County.

Mayor Sanner also congratulated the Police Department. He stated Bruce Thomason was Chief when the accreditation process started and it was a huge undertaking. He stated at one point in time there was some thought about not continuing with the process, but he is glad they have continued with the program and remain accredited.

Mr. Barnhart congratulated the Police Department. He stated when accreditation first came about he was a road officer. He stated at the time they didn't think it was a great thing. Kettering was the main agency and led the way. Over the years, it became the culture of the Police Department and he feels they do a great job with it.

RECESS

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

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WORK SESSION

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Branding Exercise – Cheryl Dillin

Cheryl Dillin of Hardy Communications, represented council with two final design options for a logo for the River District project. It was the consensus of council to go with the simple circle option incorporating “West Carrollton” into the logo. Cheryl will work on some refinements of the choice and return with some final products at a future meeting.

Owl Creek Project Discussion – Rich Norton, Service Director


Mr. Norton gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Owl Creek project to eliminate the associated properties around Owl Creek from the flood plain. Mr. Norton also reviews the projects that have been completed as recommended by the study and the projects yet to be completed. A copy of Mr. Norton’s presentation is available upon request from the office of the Service Director.

Mr. Norton pointed out that since the adoption of the original study plan, FEMA has revised the floodplain criteria, which could affect the design of the remaining projects to be completed. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of council to authorize Mr. Norton to seek engineering quotes to update the study. Funding for an updated study will be considered as part of the FY 2023 budget.

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 8:01p.m.


Assistant Clerk of Council


Mayor