Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held____September 13, 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 Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Keith Tilton

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 23, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the special meeting minutes of September 2, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hope for the Day's 2022 National Suicide + Action Month Proclamation

Councilmember Tomlin read the Proclamation in its entirety. Mrs. Tomlin added that she read this in memory of Faith Wyrick, a young student who committed suicide in 2019. She stated she wants Faith's family to know that she is remembered, not forgotten.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>Ordinance 3735</u> – An Ordinance Establishing A Grant Trust Fund To Record Grant Activity For The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio.

Mayor Sanner stated this is the second reading of this ordinance and asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued)

Ordinance 3735 (continued)

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to approve Ordinance 3735. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave updates on the following events:

<u>Citywide Garage Sale</u> - The second citywide garage sale this year will be held on Saturday, October 1st, rain or shine. Residents may register by calling 937-859-5182 or online at <u>www.westcarrollton.org</u>. Please provide a name, address and phone number. The last day to register is Wednesday, September 28th. A list of all the participating homes within the West Carrollton city limits will be available on the city website or in the Civic Center Lobby on Thursday, September 29th.

Bulk/Large Item Pickup - Big trash pick up will be the week of October 3rd through October 7th on the resident's regularly scheduled pick up day. Bands & Sand Summer Concert - The fourth and final summer concert will be held on Thursday, September 15th from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the field across from Fire Station 56 next to Miami Valley Sand. The local band Stranger will be playing. Food trucks and adult beverages will be available for purchase. Rockin The River - This event will be held on Saturday, October 8th at 5641 Marina Drive. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 6:00 p.m. The Ashely Martin Band will start the show and then the Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute is the main act. There will be food trucks and adult beverages for purchase. The American Flag will skydive in and the evening will end with a pyrotechnic and fireworks show. Online presale tickets are \$5.00 per person through October 1st. Any tickets purchased after that will be \$10.00 per person. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at www.westcarrollton.org. All proceeds will benefit the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Association.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

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UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS (continued)

Comments by Council

Mrs. Tomlin stated she hopes to see a lot of people at the last free Bands and Sand Concert on Thursday evening.

RECESS

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

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; to return for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Keith Tilton

Sign Code Update - Greg Gaines, Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. Gaines was joined by special sign code counselors Steve McHugh and Sarah Sparks from Coolidge Wall. Mr. McHugh explained to council the need to update the sign code based upon recent court decisions. Mr. McHugh explained that while there are a number of pure language changes being made to bring the code into compliance, some policy questions for council still remain. Specifically, Mr. McHugh discussed a recent case involving the City of Austin, Texas that banned all off-premises signs. The case allows for the ban, but could have unintended consequences for advertising signs like those that are attached to ballfield fencing in support of youth groups of the local school district. A lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of off-premise signs, billboards, banners in the right-of-way and other types of signs ensued. No consensus was reached on the topic. Mr. McHugh was asked to research the matter further and see if there was any way to include the signs that support youth groups and the school as part of "government signs "or be permitted on public property. It might also be necessary to extend the current moratorium on off-premise signs until a consensus is reached.

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WORK SESSION (continued)

Mr. Dobson asked about the other proposed changes to the code and when those would be discussed. Mr. McHugh asked if he could have a copy of Mr. Dobson's notes and concerns with other areas and he would try to address them when he returns for further discussion and direction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; to return for adjournment.

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 8:35 p.m.

Assistant Clerk of Council

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