

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held November 24, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Barnhart, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Finance Director Tom Reilly, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Leanne Nash, and Harold Robinson

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2020. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 3684 - An Ordinance Establishing a Fire Fund to Record Activity for the 3.9 Mills Voter Approved Property Tax for the Purpose of Providing Funds for Fire and Emergency Medical Services Operating Expenses for the City of West Carrollton, Ohio. (2nd reading and adopt)

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mayor Sanner to approve Ordinance 3684. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

Ordinance 3685 - An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of West Carrollton, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021. (2nd reading and adopt)

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Ordinance 3685. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

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Ordinance 3686 - *An Ordinance Providing for Personnel Classification, Rates of Pay, and Fringe Benefits for Employees of the City of West Carrollton, Ohio, Repealing Ordinance 3683 and any Ordinance in Conflict Herewith. (2nd reading and adopt)*

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve Ordinance 3686. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

Ordinance 3687 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Option to Purchase Agreement with MVAH Holding LLC., A Georgia Limited Liability Company, or its Successors for a 5.4 Acre City Owned Property (Parcel No.: K48-4-16-32) Located at 1450 Elm Street, West Carrollton, Ohio 45449. The Sales Price Per Acre is \$40,000 and the Agreed Upon Sales Price is \$210,000. (2nd reading and adopt)*

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mayor Sanner to approve Ordinance 3687. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 32-2020 - *A Resolution Strongly Opposing Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754, Legislation Proposing the Repeal of Section 29 of 197, which will Result in a Myriad of Unintended Consequences through Ohio's Entire Municipal Income Tax System, Cause a Substantial Loss of Revenue that will Impede the Ability of Municipalities to Provide for the Health, Safety and Welfare of Municipal Residents and Businesses and Thereby Jeopardize the Future Economic Growth of the State of Ohio.*

Mr. Townsend explained that Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 would both repeal House Bill 197, which is a measure that was put in by the State of Ohio as part of the pandemic emergency legislation. He further explained that House Bill 197 provides that employees who are temporarily working from home, as required by their employer due the pandemic, are still required to pay income tax to the municipality where their employer is based. Mr. Townsend stated that these two bills would repeal that and it is difficult to gauge the impact, but it certainly would be negative for a lot of municipalities. He stated Tom, our Finance Director, estimated that it could be as much as \$100,000 for our municipality. The league (Ohio Municipal League) has asked that we adopt these resolutions temporarily as they work with leadership to study the issue before any final action is taken. Mr. Townsend explained that the new reality may be that corporations continue to have employees work from home in the future and if that is the case then they would not pay us since that is the law in Ohio. However, during the pandemic while this is temporary, he stated they we would like them to maintain the status quo.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 32-2020. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend, City Manager, gave the following updates:

- On Friday, November 13 staff opened bids for the repaving of a portion of West Central Avenue, which is the section between the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Miami Avenue. The low bid was submitted by John R. Jurgensen in the amount of \$237,015.16. This bid is approximately 18% under our estimate for the project because of oil prices being down. This project is also being funded by an 80% grant from the Federal STP program. Although we would award the contract now, the project would be scheduled to begin in May and should take approximately two months to complete.
- For the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. Trash will be delayed one day as a result. If your regular trash day is Thursday then it will be picked up on Friday, and if your regular trash day is Friday then it will be picked up on Saturday this week.

Mr. Townsend also reminded everyone to have a safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mrs. Denlinger, Law Director, wished Mayor Sanner a Happy Birthday and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Reilly, Finance Director, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Van Antwerp, Public Relations Director, reminded everyone that the City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 and gave the following updates:

- **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** - A Gingerbread House Decorating Contest will be held virtually this year with photos to be submitted online by Monday, December 7. Full details about the contest can be found on the City website under the Parks and Recreation page.
- **Holiday Home Decorating Contest** - There will also be a Holiday Home Decorating Contest, which includes apartments and townhomes. Please register by December 11 if interested in participating. Judging will take place on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 from 5:00pm and 9:00pm.
- **Annual Tree Lighting** - This event will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 1. Mayor Sanner and Santa Clause will be in attendance. It will be on Facebook live at 7:00pm.

Mrs. Van Antwerp wished everyone a happy, safe and socially distanced Thanksgiving.

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UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Mayor Sanner advised Councilmembers that there was a housekeeping issue that needed to be addressed. He recommended that they move the second Council meeting scheduled on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 back to Tuesday, December 15, 2020 due to the upcoming holidays.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to move the regular meeting of December 22nd to December 15th. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

Comments by the Audience

Conner Sweeney, from Ridgecrest Drive, asked Council if they had plans to sell the lot with the water tower that no longer works to a developer. Mayor Sanner referred the question to City Manager Townsend. Mr. Townsend advised Mr. Sweeney that the City has had several discussions with developers who are interested in that property, but there is nothing that can be discussed with the public at this time. Mr. Sweeney thanked Council.

Comments by Council

Mrs. Tomlin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and also wished Mayor Sanner a Happy Birthday.

Mrs. Zennie wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged the use of technology to connect with loved ones this year while social distancing. She also wished Mayor Sanner a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Barnhart wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to avoid the spread of Covid-19. He also wished Mayor Sanner a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Sanner wished Mrs. Denlinger a Happy Birthday. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and advised everyone to be careful to avoid the spread of Covid-19 during this holiday.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section (G)(2) to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, to return for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

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EXECUTIVE SESSION


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Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, to return for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


Assistant Clerk of Council


Mayor