

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held March 14, 2023

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, Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Police Chief Doug Woodard, Deputy Police Chief David Wessling, Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines, and Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

### MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2023. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### *Police Department 2022 Awards and Badge Pinning Ceremony for Chaplain Terry Harding*

Chief Woodard started his presentation with a badge pinning ceremony for Chaplain Terry Harding. He explained this process is typically done for an officer, but has never been done for a Chaplain. Chief Woodard gave a brief background on Chaplain Harding, which highlighted all of his volunteer work and other ways he gives back to the community. Then he asked Chaplain Harding's wife, Jackie, to join him to perform the badge pinning ceremony. Chaplain Harding thanked everyone for the recognition and expressed gratitude for the honor.

Chief Woodard continued his presentation by giving the Citizen Recognition Award to Pat Roeller. Since 1989, Mrs. Roeller has been providing meals for law enforcement officers. She started this when she lived near Indianapolis, and continued when she moved to Miamisburg. She holds luncheons at her home, and also brings food into departments. She even took things a step further and now invites all first responders to her luncheons. This is her way of doing something meaningful and giving back to her community. She is very well known and appreciated in this area by the law enforcement and first responder community.

Detective Scott Lawson and Administrative Assistant Teresa Eitel were both honored for having perfect attendance in 2022.

Finally, Chief Woodard presented the 2022 Employee of the Year award to Officer Zachary Taylor. Officer Taylor started with the West Carrollton Police Department in February of 2021, and was nominated for this award by Sergeant Alex Flynn. Officer

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### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Taylor has proven that no case is too big or too small for him to conduct a thorough investigation. His dedication and investigation skills are definitely to be commended.

Mayor Sanner and Councilmembers congratulated and thanked Chaplain Harding, Mrs. Roeller, Detective Lawson, Administrative Assistant Eitel, and Officer Taylor for their dedication to the City.

### COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

James Napper, of 43 Reddington Court in West Carrollton, addressed Mayor Sanner and Councilmembers to remind them that the West Carrollton Lyons Club is going to have a "Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner" on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be held at the Memorial United Methodist Church, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and the cost is \$15.00 per person. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Karen Findlay, from the West Carrollton Library, addressed Mayor Sanner and Councilmembers to let them know on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be an evening reception to honor the West Carrollton Art Club Students who created the mural in the lobby. She stated there will be formal invitations to come. They are currently waiting for the logo created by the graphic design students to send the invitations out.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Ordinance 3747 – An Ordinance Levying Special Assessments For The Repair Of Certain Described Sidewalks And Curbs In The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

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

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Ordinance 3747. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Resolution 20-2023 - A Resolution To Enact Legislation To Further Protect The Citizens Of West Carrollton Ohio From The Inherent Dangers Of A Train Derailment On The Tracks Located At Near Our City.

Mr. Townsend presented Resolution 20-2023. He explained this resolution was requested by the Ohio Municipal League. The issue of rail safety has become an important topic. Congress is taking a hard look at rail safety moving forward. The

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### NEW BUSINESS (continued)

railroads do not have to comply with State or Local laws, but are controlled by the Federal Government, so this is why it falls in the congressional lap. Senators J.D. Vance and Sherrod Brown are heavily involved due to the two train derailments that just happened in Ohio. Mr. Townsend stated this resolution would encourage Congress to take a look at rail safety.

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

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mayor Sanner to approve Resolution 20-2023. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

### REPORTS BY OFFICERS

None

### UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

#### Comments by the Audience

None

#### Comments by Council

Mr. Barnhart congratulated the award winners again. He wished the citizens a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and reminded everyone to be careful.

Mrs. Fryman stated she will be at the Lyons Club Dinner.

Mrs. Tomlin encouraged everyone to attend the Lyons Club Dinner, and stated she is looking forward to it.

Mrs. Zennie stated she would be at the Lyons Club Dinner. She also congratulated all of the award winners again. She stated she loves seeing people who work hard for the city receive awards. She also reminded everyone to be safe on St. Patrick's Day by not drinking and driving. Finally, she thanked everyone who attended the meeting this evening.

Mayor Sanner mentioned the City held a press conference earlier today with Congressman Mike Turner regarding the Whitewater Project and Development at the former Roberds Plaza. He thanked all of the Councilmembers for attending and showing Congressman Turner the support Council gives the community. He also stated

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### Comments by Council (continued)

*Mayor Sanner continued -*

how much we appreciate Congressman Turner and what he has done for this project. Finally, Mayor Sanner thanked City Manager Brad Townsend, former Economic

### UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS (continued)

### Comments by Council (continued)

Development Director Bill Covell, and current Economic Development Director Mike Lucking for their vision and work on this project.

### RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda, to be followed by adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-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, Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff - City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines.

### Sign Code Update - Greg Gaines and Lori Denlinger

Mr. Gaines provided a brief summary of the proposed updates being made to bring the sign code into legal compliance with recent court cases. A copy of the proposed changes is available upon request from the Office of the Director of Planning and Community Development.

Also present was Mr. Steve McHugh, attorney with Coolidge Wall and an expert on city sign code regulations. Mr. McHugh was retained by the city of his knowledge in this area. Mr. McHugh went through a number of proposed changes and discussed their need based on specific court decisions. Mr. Dobson raised a number of concerns with language changes that were not consistent with previous drafts. Mr. Dobson also raised some objections to the specific language that was being added and deleted from this draft proposal and questioned some current policy direction. A lengthy discussion ensued over the specifics of Mr. Dobson's objections.

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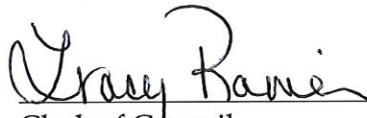
**WORK SESSION (continued)**

**Sign Code Update - Greg Gaines and Lori Denlinger (continued)**

Mrs. Denlinger summarized the discussion by stating that legal updates need to be addressed, along with clerical mistakes, errors and omissions corrected and sent to the Planning Commission to keep the process moving. Policy questions should be addressed separately at a later date. After further discussion, it was the consensus of council to send the proposal to the Planning Commission for a public hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Angie Fryman to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Tracy Raver  
Clerk of Council

  
John Sanner  
Mayor