

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held November 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 Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, Rick Barnhart, and Angie Fryman. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Police Chief Doug Woodard, Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the amendment to the special meeting minutes of October 17, 2023. 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.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2023. 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

James Napper, from 43 Reddington Court, addressed Council to ask a question regarding the demolition of the water tower. He also advised the Memorial Methodist Church is still selling their homemade caramel candy.

Lucas Van Ausdoll, from 2170 West Alex-Bell Road, addressed Council to inquire if there was any additional information on the investigation concerning the person (s) who were impersonating city code enforcement officers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 39-2023 – A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor.

Mrs. Duffy presented Resolution 39-2023. She explained this is an annual piece of legislation that will authorize the County Auditor to both levy and collect property tax millage on behalf of the City as well as allocate local government funding.

Mr. Dobson asked if there was any indication on how much an individual's property tax will increase. Mrs. Duffy answered she believes the auditor's office did send out new figures to all property owners, but encouraged anyone with questions to visit their website.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve Resolution 39-2023. 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.

Resolution 40-2023 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Anthem For The Provision Of Employee Health Care Beginning January 1, 2024.

Mr. Townsend presented Resolution 40-2023. This resolution allows the City Manager to sign an agreement for the health insurance benefits for all full-time employees. He explained Anthem presented the best overall proposal, which is 10.85 percent over our current plan with Medical Mutual.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve Resolution 40-2023. 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.

Resolution 41-2023 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Enterprise Roofing For A Roof Replacement At 41 East Central.

Mr. Townsend presented Resolution 41-2023. He explained this building is the old fire station, and it is currently being used as a records storage facility. The building was painted earlier this year, and also needs a new driveway in addition to the roof. The roof replacement should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 41-2023. 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.

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Ordinance 3758 - *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, 2024.*

Mrs. Duffy presented Ordinance 3758. She gave a PowerPoint presentation, which highlighted the funds of the 2024 Budget, including the revenue and expenditures. A copy of this presentation can be obtained by contacting Clerk of Council Tracy Moore. This ordinance was presented as a first reading. It will be on the next agenda.

Ordinance 3759 - *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 94.5 Income Tax Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of West Carrollton.*

Mrs. Duffy presented Ordinance 3759. She explained House Bill 33 was passed earlier this year, which mandated a number of changes to the city's income tax code. Some of these changes include an automatic one-month filing extension for businesses, a no contact permit by staff to tax payers during a filed extension period, alternative apportionment formula for business net profit accounts related to remote workers, and late filing penalties eliminated for first time offenders. This ordinance was presented as a first reading. It will be on the next agenda.

Ordinance 3760 - *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 Employment Policies Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of West Carrollton And Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith.*

Mr. Townsend presented Ordinance 3760. He explained the purpose of the revision is to bring the chapter up to date with current employment policies, procedures and practices. It will also allow certain items to be removed from the annual pay ordinance, which is the next ordinance on the agenda for consideration. The last comprehensive update to Chapter 34 was in 1981. This ordinance was presented as a first reading. It will be on the next agenda.

Ordinance 3761 - *An Ordinance Providing For Personnel Classification And Rates Of Pay For Employees Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, Repealing Ordinance 3745 And Any Ordinance In Conflict Herewith.*

Mr. Townsend presented Ordinance 3761. He explained this ordinance will allow for a five percent cost of living adjustment for non-union employees. It also allows the following title updates: Remove Executive Assistant from the Human Resources Specialist title, change the Part-time Public Relations Director to Part-time Communications Manager, add the titles Assistant City Manager, Lab Specialist, Maintenance Specialist, Tax Administrator, and Utility Superintendent, and delete the titles Lab Technician, Water Maintenance Supervisor, and Water & Wastewater Supervisor. It also removed several Chapter 34 items and moved them to the previous ordinance on the agenda. This ordinance was presented as a first reading. It will be on the next agenda.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS

None

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

Melea Butcher, from 13 Reddington Court, addressed Council to relay information regarding the appeal process on the property tax increase assessed by Montgomery County.

Karen Findlay, West Carrollton Branch Manager, addressed Council to provide updates on upcoming events at the library.

Comments by Council

Mayor Sanner and Councilmembers congratulated Mr. Barnhart on his newly elected position as Mayor. They also congratulated Councilmembers Jill Tomlin and Angie Fryman on their re-election. Additionally, they wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Tilton requested Council look into different ways to advertise and list city owned property for sale in 2024.

Mr. Dobson offered an opinion regarding the situation and investigation concerning the person (s) who were impersonating city code enforcement officers.

Mr. Barnhart provided an update about a new business in the city called Capabilities.

Mrs. Fryman asked everyone to be cautious of deer while driving.

Mayor Sanner commented on the work Sandy's Towing did at the crash scene of the semi-truck and water tower.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to an executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3)- Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, to be followed by adjournment. 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.

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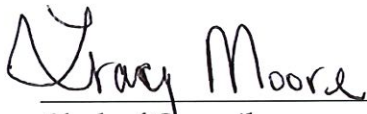
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, Economic Development Director Mike Lucking.

Council met in executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3)- Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to adjourn the City Council Meeting of November 14, 2023. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor