

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Held \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

November 6, 2023

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by James Pomerich.

**ROLL CALL:** The Clerk called the roll and reported the following councilpersons present: Babcock, Daniel, Ehlmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 16, 2023, were presented for approval. In that copies were furnished to each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Ehlmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSIONS:**

**BID PROPOSALS:**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** None.

**TABLED ITEMS:** None.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Charter/Legislative – McKenzie, Johnson
- 2. Finance – Olson, Sattig
- 3. Public Works – Babcock, Daniel
- 4. Safety – Babcock, Daniel, Olson
- 5. Utilities – McKenzie, Daniel, Olson

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER:** The next food giveaway is November 21<sup>st</sup>, 3-5 pm.

Election Day is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. All Willard precincts will vote at the Haas Gymnasium. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On the ballot will be the Municipal Court Judge, City Council at Large Members, Willard City Schools Board of Election, State Issue 1 and Issue 2, and the 9-1-1 Levy Renewal with a Reduction.

Leaf pick-up is in the process. If it has been three or more days, excluding the weekend, and your leaf pile has not been picked up, please call the maintenance department.

The Christmas Parade is on Friday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating can register online at willardohio.gov. We are just under 50 participants so far.

Willard will celebrate our sesquicentennial (150 years) as a community in 2024. Several subcommittees have been formed. The Historical/Remembrance met today at the museum. Community members are encouraged to participate in the planning by joining a subcommittee.

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A friendly reminder that in accordance with Ordinance 1323.12, Recreational Vehicles (Campers) are no longer permitted to be stored in the front yard or driveway during the non-recreational season (November 2 to March 31). Campers will need to be stored in approved rear driveway or offsite in a non-residential neighborhood.

The City of Willard would like to thank all the sponsors, vendors, ANEW, and patrons for supporting the Goods in the Woods. Through everyone's support, \$8,853.54 was raised. We now have \$10,008.13 to spend towards Phase 2. To date, \$37,508.13 has been raised for the dog park. ANEW will be selecting a new community project to work toward at their next meeting.

The Willard Police Department welcomed their newest officer, Colten Cox. He is a recent graduate of the North Central State Police Academy. This position came open through our partnership with Willard City Schools and their need for an additional resource officer.

The street department has been busy with leaf pick-up and crack-sealing streets around town. Thirty ton of asphalt was recently applied to city utility cuts from water main breaks. Columbia Gas will continue their work into December.

The Water System Improvement project has been sent out to bid with a bid opening scheduled for Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. The total estimated project cost is \$9,973,016.12. \$4,983,700 of the project will be paid for from a grant from the Ohio Department of Development.

The Clock Tower is up and almost fully functioning.

**Council is requested to accept the following donations:**

**President asked for Questions-**

Sattig asked about the planning and construction of the sinking part of the building. Hamons stated that they sent out a list of qualifications of an architect and will be going over projected plans.

Olson stated that the savings on insurance are very positive.

Daniel thanked Fire Chief Reiderman for his work on the grant that was received.

Hamons is going to introduce the new police officers and maintenance workers to the council.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORD. NO. 5953-23- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 923.08(G), SECTION 923.08(J), AND TABLE B-2 OF ATTACHMENT B TO CHAPTER 923 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SEWER RATES, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance by adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Emlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.**

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**ORD. NO. 5954-23- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.01(A) AND ATTACHMENT A TO CHAPTER 925 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE WATER RATES, AMENDING SECTION 925.15 BULK SALE OF WATER AND SECTION 925.17 WATER LABORATORY RATES, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.**

Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance by adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

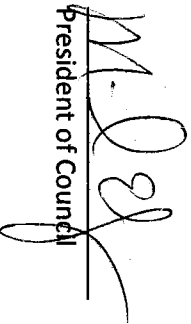
Daniel asked if there was going to be a budget meeting scheduled. The council scheduled a meeting for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Goods in the Woods went very well, and he was impressed with the Ninja Course. The Clock Tower looks very good! Mayor Daniel invited everyone to the museum where he will be on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Olson stated that the Goods in the Woods was very good! The historical society is a very well put together place. A special thank you is being sent to Rob Cavello.

Sattig thanked the maintenance department for their work in fixing the access way to the Senior Center.

A special recognition to the maintenance department!

Moved by Olson, seconded by Babcock that Council adjourn. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

  
President of Council

  
Clerk of Council