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December 18, 2023

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023, with the President of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 4, 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 McKenzie seconded by Babcock that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, 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: Finance Report for November 2023 was presented by the Finance Director. Moved by McKenzie seconded by Babcock that the Finance Report for November 2023 be approved. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER:

City Hall will be closed December 25th and 26th in honor of Christmas and once again on January 1st for New Years.

Tomorrow is the last Second Harvest food giveaway for the year. December 19th from 3-5 pm. We are always seeking volunteers to help.

The committees and subcommittees have been meeting for the Sesquicentennial celebration. Activities are being planned throughout the year, with the bulk celebration happening August 4 through August 11. A logo contest for the celebration is currently taking place. The committee will choose a logo for the Sesquicentennial celebration, entries are due no later than January 5, 2024. Subcommittee meetings are open to the public; the parade meeting is January 3rd at 9 a.m. at the Library Annex, the main event is January 8th at 3:15 p.m. in the council chambers, fundraising is January 9th at 3:15 p.m. in the council chambers and the core group is January 10th at 3:15 p.m. Reminders will be sent out and published.

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The Gateway Sign Committee has selected a design to be installed near State Route 99 and US 224. The illustrator is finalizing the site and design so the cost estimate for the project can be conducted.

The Christmas Festival of Lights will run this weekend on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday for Christmas.

Council is requested to accept the following donations:

\$500 from an anonymous donor to the Sesquicentennial Fund. Moved by McKenzie seconded by Babcock that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

\$765.07 from community donations towards the Christmas Parade of Lights. Moved by McKenzie seconded by Babcock that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

President asked for Questions-

Daniel commented that the Gateway Sign will have lights and be low maintenance which will be a great addition to the city.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORD. NO. 5956-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLARD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL R. THORNTON, P.E. (DBA CIVIL ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, LLC) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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

ORD. NO. 5957-23: AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE TRANSFERS NEEDED FOR THE CITY OF WILLARD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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

ORD. NO. 5958-23: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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

RES. NO. 2586-23: A RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY AWARD THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO MOSSER CONSTRUCTION, INC, was presented by the Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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Moved by ~~McKenzie seconded by Babcock that the rules be suspended~~, and the Resolution adopted on its first reading. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by McKenzie seconded by Babcock that the Resolution be adopted. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion adopted.

ORD. NO. 5959-23: 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 FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by McKenzie seconded by Babcock that the Ordinance be declared an emergency measure and the rule requiring it to lay over for 7 days be waived. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

ORD. NO. _____: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORD. NO. _____: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORD. NO. _____: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS, FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Daniel thanked everyone for all their hard work that took place in 2023, looking forward to 2024. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Babcock recently worked on a water pipe with the maintenance department and explained that they did a job well done!

McKenzie wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Elmlinger wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to drive safe!

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



President of Council



Clerk of Council

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

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