

Minutes of

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

City of Willard, Ohio Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 5, 2023

Willard, Ohio

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The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on August 21, 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, Elmlinger, 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 City Manager's report was reviewed as it was presented to Council.

Updates: the light at Main Street and Laurel Street has gone back to flashing today. Main Street will be a yellow light while Laural Street will be a red stop light.

Residents will be receiving a gas aggregation enrollment letter from IGS Energy. This will begin on the October bill and will run until October 2025. In November of 2014 residents of the city voted on and approved the opt-out gas aggregation program which allows the city to purchase natural gas at a wholesale price. Unlike some other aggregation programs, the city does not receive any kick backs from the aggregation as the savings is passed on to the consumer. Residents can opt out of the aggregation before enrollment or at any time during the contract at no cost.

The Huron County Board of Mental Health & Addiction (MHAS) has invited the community to join them for their 3rd Annual Recovery Walk on September 9th from 10 am to noon. There will be a speaker, prizes and free food followed by the awareness walk. Participants are asked to gather at the Willard Depot.

A Willard resident, Ben Keefer, and former resident, William Martin, have been selected by Honor Flight Columbus to participate in the September 7th Honor Flight to Washington D.C. While there they will visit their service and war

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memorials. The City of Willard thanks Mr. Keefer, Mr. Martin, and all the other
brave men and women who have served our nation.

The street resurfacing is nearing completion, the last of the asphalt was put down today on Park Street. Columbia Gas has a lot of patches and concrete to come back and repair, they will provide their own contractor. The city has done 1.35 miles of roads this year.

The downtown demolition is also nearing completion. The Village Bakery building is planned to come down tomorrow. The contractor has been moving debris and bricks to their proper places as he is tearing down.

The maintenance department continues to stay busy; they replaced 90 feet of concrete on Linden Lane, fixed the traffic light at 99 and 224, and they put the flags out for Labor Day that will stay until September 11th.

Monday, September 11, at 8 pm, community members are invited to participate in the annual 9-11 Silent Walk to remember the victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. The walk will begin at the Blossom Center and travel to the Roy Doster Plaza.

September 16 is the Taste of Willard from 11am to 2 pm. This event is put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

Council is requested to accept the following donations:

\$400 from Roger Domanniller, \$220 from the Class of 1985, and \$160 from the Class of 1992 to the Clock Tower Fund. Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that this donation be accepted by Council. In a called vote, Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, Johnson, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

President asked for Questions-

Sattig asked when Columbia Gas was going to patch up the holes.

Johnson further discussed the Resolution for the self-service fueling station.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RES. NO. 2575-23

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 259, AIRPORT SELF SERVICE FUELING STATION, 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 Resolution be adopted. In a called vote. Babcock, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson voted yea. Daniel, Johnson and Sattig voted nay. Motion adopted.

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RES. NO. 2577-23
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, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk

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

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

ORD. NO. 5951-23
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND 101 IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) TO PROVIDE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORD. NO. 5952-23
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION FUND 229 IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$55,650) AND TO AMEND THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS PRIOR TO RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

ORD. NO. 5953-23
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION FUND 229 IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$16,500) AND TO AMEND THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SAME AMOUNT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS PRIOR TO RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS, was presented by Council President for its first reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

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COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Daniel welcomed Jake Huffman to the maintenance department.

Olson is thankful that the streets are done and that the press on the Firefighters retirement was very good.

Sattig stated that the City of Willard has done a lot of good things this year and questioned how the new design for the police department is going.

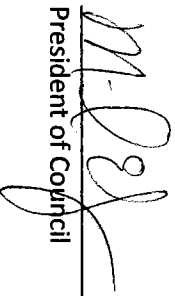
Johnson expressed how great the Fisher Titus Walkway is in daily attendance. We should be very proud of our parks!

Babcock said that he hand delivered the card to Terry Arnold and passed along how grateful she was.

Elmlinger thanked the fire department and Ryan Gilmore for installing the ~~Ham~~ radio antenna.

McKenzie inquired about the railroad meeting that was attended.

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