

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

City of Willard Ohio Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-5938 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 720 23  
Willard, Ohio  
August 7, 2023

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 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, Olson and Sattig. Johnson was absent.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 17, 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, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSIONS:** Robert Fusco- 563 Butte St-concerned about the safety of electric scooters being driven on sidewalk/roadways. There will be a safety meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the issue.

**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.

Some community events, tomorrow is the final Concert in the Park, featuring Paul Bogner. The Hopefest will be this Sunday at 5 p.m. Lastly, the first day of school will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The next food giveaway will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3-5 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

The city received a \$5 million grant from the State of Ohio BUILDS for our water system improvement project. This Ohio Department of Development grant will allow us to complete the project while stabilizing water rates and continue working on other needed infrastructure improvements.

The 2023 street resurfacing project had begun with milling of the street last week. After milling, the base will be inspected for repairs. Final asphalt work is expected to take place the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Columbia Gas is halfway through the line replacement project. Their expected completion date for the project is November. The final day for the pool season will be Sunday, August 13. The pool budget, attendance, and lifeguard shortages were several factors determining the last day.

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~~The back softball field was removed at the park in preparation for the dog park.~~  
 Nearly \$15,000 is still being sought for the funding of this project. Sponsorships are available to help, brochures will be passed out and information will posted on the website.

The police department recently completed training at the Willard Schools Campus. This is held once a year before school starts to keep our officer's familiar with the school layout. The training was conducted by Officer Kelbley, who is an instructor in SORAT (Single Officer Response Active Threat). It is important that the officers are trained to respond to a situation by themselves.

The equipment being used for the downtown building demo is being moved in this week and the demolition will start next week. All the asbestos has been removed except for some that couldn't be removed due to safety concerns. The remaining asbestos will be removed when it can be safely accessible and taken to the proper landfill.

The maintenance department continues to stay busy repairing a catch basin on Laurel Street, replacing concrete panels on Tamarack Drive, removed trees, doing prep work for the Fit Core equipment and installed a water tap for the Dollar General Market Store. There was an extensive 12" water line repair in the 100 block of East Pearl. This break caused significant damage to about 50' of roadway that will need to be repaved by the contractor. Cody Hacker is the newest member of the maintenance department.

Moved by Olson seconded by Babcock that Trick-or-Treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-6:30 p.m. with a rain date of November 1<sup>st</sup>. In a called vote Babcock, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

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

\$1000 from William Quinn and \$200 from Constance Jump 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, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

**President asked for Questions-**

Olson congratulated those who worked hard to receive the grant.

McKenzie asked about the updates on the pump at the reservoir.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Daniel welcomed Jane back and reminded the citizens to get out and vote.

McKenzie congratulated those on receiving the grant and welcomed Cody Hacker to the maintenance department.

Babcock thanked Dan Thornton.

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

  
 President of Council

  
 Clerk of Council