

August 1, 2023

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 5:30 pm, in the Mansion Dining Room located at 465 Lodge Drive, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV with Mayor Elliott presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer, Sklavounakis -7
Absent: -0

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of July 18, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. Motion Carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Elliott thanked City Staff for a wonderful last week in our city, with many tournaments and festivals going on, especially appreciative of Fire and Police Departments efforts to make sure all went smoothly. Mayor Elliott thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting, as it’s taking place outside of council chambers due to Wheeling being the host city for the West Virginia Municipal League’s Annual Conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wheeling Fire Department- Electrical Upgrades- Yahn Electric- City Service Fee
The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,500 YAHN ELECTRIC COMPANY INC. OF WHEELING WV FOR WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTRICAL UPGRADES TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Sklavounakis, seconded by Mr. Seidler moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Wheeling Fire Department- Heat and Air Upgrades Wheeling Heat- City Service Fee

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,390 TO WHEELING HEATING AND COOLING INC OF MARTINS FERRY OH FOR WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADES TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer seconded by Ms. Ketchum moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

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Emergency Demolition-116 14th Street-EDGCO Inc- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000.00 WITH EDGCO, INC., OF LANSING, OH FOR EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 116 14TH STREET TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thalman seconded by Mr. Thorngate moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Wheeling Police Department- Dodge Chargers- Shorkey Auto Group- General Fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,693.50 WITH JIM SHORKEY AUTO GROUP OF IRWIN, PA, FOR FIVE 2023 DODGE CHARGERS POLICE PACKAGE TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Glessner Wharton, Andrews Insurance- Cyber Insurance-General Fund-Water-WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,125.92 WITH GLESSNER WHARTON & ANDREWS INSURANCE LLC OF WHEELING, WV, FOR CYBER INSURANCE TO BE CHARGED AS FOLLOWS \$16,151.25 TO GENERAL FUND, \$3,761.75 TO WATER AND \$2,212.92 TO WPCD

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thalman seconded by Ms. Ketchum moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Seidler that the Planning Commission minutes from 5-8-23 which were held over be accepted as received.

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REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Sklavounakis congratulated City staff for successful Italian and Grecian Festivals.

Mr. Seidler thanked the City of Wheeling on the successful festivals and Police and Fire Departments for keeping traffic safe.

Ms. Ketchum thanked Oglebay for hosting the West Virginia Municipal League. Ms. Ketchum stated Office hours will be on August 8th at 11am in Centre Market, dine to donate event to benefit the Ritchietown Renaissance at Undo's Benwood on August 8th from 5-9pm.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thalman to accept the Finance Committee Minutes dated July 18, 2023, as received. For the Record they are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July 18, 2023

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Thorngate, and Member Thalman. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Ketchum, Seidler, City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, and members of the public and press.

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 4:45pm:

The following matters were discussed:

A. June Financial Report and B. End of Year Fiscal Review

Mr. Herron presented the June Report and End of Year Financials for the committee to review. Mr. Herron stated that the City ended at 92% of expenditure budget, noting the Police Department was under due to staffing issues coming in at only 87% of budget. B&O under budget, and after revenue stabilization the city was right at 98.5% of budget. Mr. Palmer had previously requested revenue amounts generated by building permits; Mr. Herron stated the building permits came out to be just under \$200,000 for the year. There is a carryover amount of \$1,060,000.00 that will need to be appropriated by council, Mr. Herron suggested the money be used on equipment, pay raises and paving. Mr. Herron recommended a 3% pay raise for city employees, using the remaining \$800,000 for paving projects. Mr. Thalman asked for at least half of the paving be on alleys. Mr. Thalman requested a list from Mr. Lanham of priority alleys to be paved. Mr. Elliott asked City Manager for a list of all ARPA funding spent so far and to whom and what was funded. Mr. Palmer congratulated Mr. Herron and City Management on being fiscally responsible, and asked for Operations department to be involved in paving lists before going out to bid. Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to forward a 3% raise for city employees and the rest of the cash carryover be spent on paving projects. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:02 p.m.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron congratulated the city on the success of the recent festivals, specifically the Police, Fire and Operations teams on a job well done.

Mr. Herron stated the Market Street Parking Garage structure will have concrete being poured that may lead to some closure of Market Street for brief periods of time this week.

Mr. Herron reminded of the Guns and Hoses Charity Basketball game scheduled for Thursday August 3rd at 7pm and of the rescheduled Heritage Port Car Show on Saturday August 5th.

Mr. Herron recognized Mr. Blair Taylor as a member of the Municipal Pension oversight board for being in attendance and for his work on the board.

Ms. Ketchum asked for City Management to streamline a film permit process, Mr. Herron agreed stating current process uses Right of Way permits, but will update as projects become more

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complex.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to hold over Wheeling Municipal Building Commission Minutes from July 5, 2023. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

USI Insurance Services LLC- Workers Comp-Workers Compensation Fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149,451.48 WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC, OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, FOR EXCESS LIABILITY WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY TO BE CHARGED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

James White Construction Co.- Bank Street Water Main Improvements-2021A Bonds

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820,806.00 TO THE JAMES WHITE CONSTRUCTION CO. OF WEIRTON WV FOR BANK STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO 2021- A BONDS

Bearcom- Police Vehicle Equipment- General Fund

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,676.35 WITH BEARCOM OF DALLAS, TX, FOR EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT POLICE VEHICLES TO BE CHARGED TO GENERAL FUND

RED- MOU for WesBanco Arena Lodge Suite Project

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ANY AND ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, OF WHEELING, WV, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, REMODEL, RELOCATION OF THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION OF A "LOGE SUITE" PROJECT TO ENHANCE THE WESBANCO ARENA FACILITY

Resolution- Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley Grant Services- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE OHIO VALLEY INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO ARPA GRANT REVIEW

The resolution was read by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer, Sklavounakis -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution- Municipal Police Pension Payments

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The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING PURSUANT TO WV CODE §8-22-27A(D) TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES REGARDING CERTAIN PENSION PAYMENTS AT ISSUE AND PROVIDING THAT GOING FORWARD MONTHLY PENSION PAYMENTS SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE POLICE PENSION FUND, TO THE CORRECT AMOUNT AS DETERMINED BY THE AUDIT AS DETAILED HEREIN

The resolution was read by title. Ms. Ketchum seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer, Sklavounakis -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution Budget Resolution No.1
The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING BUDGET REVISION NUMBER ONE

The resolution was read by title. Ms. Ketchum seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer, Sklavounakis -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution Chuck Howley- Field at Garden Park
The following was then read by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING RENAMING OF THE BALL FIELD AT GARDEN PARK TO “CHUCK HOWLEY FIELD AT GARDEN PARK”

The resolution was read by title. Ms. Ketchum seconded by Mr. Seidler, moved that the resolution be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Thalman, Ketchum, Thorngate, Seidler, Palmer, Sklavounakis -7
NOES: -0

A majority of all those elected to Council having voted in favor, the mayor thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

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THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Mr. Doug Huff spoke in support of renaming the field at Garden Park to the “Chuck Howley Field at Garden Park”

Ms. Julia Chaplin spoke in opposition of the proposed RED-MOU agreement with Wesbanco Arena.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:02 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor

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