

February 18th, 2025

Council of the City of Wheeling met, on the above date, at 5:30pm, at 1500 Chapline Street Wheeling, WV with Mayor Magruder presiding.

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Assaro, Cain, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
Absent: -0

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that the minutes of February 4, 2025 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Magruder acknowledged Councilor Thorngate and all those involved in the success of the West Virginia High School State Hockey Championship that was held over the weekend at Wesbanco Arena.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In-Synch- Support & Maintenance RMS-WPD

Communications Maintenance

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 WITH INSYNCH SYSTEMS, OF ZELIENOPE, PA FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE CHARGED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
NOES: -0

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

Breathing Air Sytems- Air System- WFD HQ- City Service Fee

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,226.60 WITH BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS OF REYNOLDSBURG, OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIR SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
NOES: -0

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

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Witmer Inc. -Station 2 Fire Dept. Gear- CDBG

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,414.00 WITH WITMER INC., OF COATESVILLE, PA, FOR FIRE GEAR FOR STATION 2 TO BE CHARGED TO CDBG

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

Verdantas Yearly Flow Monitoring Agreement- WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO EXTEND THE SERVICE OF VERDANTAS FOR TWELVE MONTHS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FLOW MONITORING, DATA MANAGEMENT, EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IN ACCORD WITH THE CITY'S PHASE II STATUS & PHASE III WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7

NOES: -0

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

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Palmer moved to accept the held over Hall of Fame Minutes from November 12, 2024, GWSEA Minutes from November 26, 2024 and Recreation Commission Minutes from November 21, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Assaro reminded of the Grow Warwood Pride meeting on Wednesday February 19th at 7pm, and the Ward 1 Crime Watch Meeting Thursday March 13th.

Mr. Seidler noted neighborhood clean up events for Ward 2 will begin in March. Mr. Seidler respectfully asked for upgrades to streetlights to LED lights in North Wheeling, Island and Fulton areas. Mr. Seidler noted he hopes to bring a proposal from Northwood Health Systems for Opioid Settlement Funds before Council at its next meeting.

Ms. Cain noted on Saturday February 22nd at the Macedonia Baptist Church there will be a Ward 3 meeting, residents are encouraged to attend.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Sklavounakis seconded, by Ms. Cain moved to accept the Development Committee Minutes from February 4, 2025, as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron noted City administrative offices are scheduled to move back to the third floor on Thursday February 20th, 2025. Mr. Herron distributed to Council, Ohio County Solid Waste Authority schedules for Spring Clean ups. Mr. Herron respectfully requested two reads on Original Propositions number 3 regarding vehicles for the police Crisis Response Team to meet a thirty-day price hold. Mr. Herron updated that the Gaewood Sewer separation project is moving along, and that all materials have been received prior to the project beginning in order to finish in a timely manner.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved to hold over the Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes from November 7, 2024 and the Arts and Cultural Commission Minutes from January 22, 2025. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Lane Abandonment- Mull Avenue

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VACATING AND ABANDONING A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PARTIALLY OPENED STREET NAMED MULL AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ABANDONMENT

Amending and Reenacting Article 363- Parking Meters

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 363 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF WHEELING ENTITLED PARKING METERS TO PROVIDE FOR METER REMOVAL IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND CREATION OF REGULATED PARKING SPACES IN LIEU THEREOF

Shorkey Auto Group

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,693.00 WITH JIM SHORKEY AUTO GROUP OF IRWIN, PA, FOR THREE POLICE VEHICLES TO BE CHARGED TO WV FIRST FOUNDATION GRANT

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Cain moved for a second read to expediate payment. All in favor. Motion Carried. The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer, seconded by Ms. Cain moved that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler

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NOES:

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

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Motorola Solutions- Portable Radios- WV First Foundation

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,094.00 WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OF CORAOPOLIS, PA FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS TO BE CHARGED TO WV FIRST FOUNDATION GRANT

ERB Electric- C Deck Sump Pump Panels- WPCD

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,936.26 WITH ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY OF WHEELING, WV, FOR C DECK SUMP PUMP CONTROL PANELS TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to consolidate readings of Façade Resolutions. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

Resolution- Facades

The following was then read by title:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT AND EMPOWER THE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE FOR DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- JUSTUS, INC. 1165 MARKET STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,800.00
- CORNER 30 LLC 2153 MAIN STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,428.00
- ROGER EDWARDS 642 MAIN STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500.00

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to adopt the resolutions. The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
NOES: -0

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

Resolution- Environmental Standards- Cleanup & Remediation

19th Street

The following was then read by title:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION OF 58 19TH STREET PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF

Mr. Seidler, seconded by Mr. Assaro moved to adopt the resolution. The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Cain, Assaro, Palmer, Magruder, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Seidler -7
NOES: -0

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

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THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Ted Dodd of Wheeling, WV spoke on issues regarding road and hill slips on Guilford Drive.

Greg Eaton of Wheeling, WV spoke on marketing of the bike trail.

Julia Sheets of Wheeling WV spoke on condition of city steps located near her home.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis, moved to adjourn. Time:
5:50pm

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