

## December 5, 2023

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

On roll call, the following were present:

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

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of November 21, 2023 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott remarked on the downtown streetscape project, asked for the community to support all downtown businesses and spread the message it is possible to get downtown and that businesses are open.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **INDOFF- Storage Lockers-WFD Headquarters-CSF**

##### **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,479.00 WITH INDOFF OF WHEELING, WV FOR THE PURCHASE OF STORAGE LOCKERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

#### **INDOFF- Furniture-WFD Headquarters-CSF**

##### **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,081.00 WITH INDOFF OF WHEELING, WV FOR THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Ms. Ketchum that the ordinance be adopted. All in favor. Motion carried.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

#### **Breathing Air Systems-Air System-WFD Headquarters-CSF**

##### **The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,528.08 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. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate that

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the ordinance be adopted. All in favor. Motion carried.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**Precision Odor Control Vapor Cannon- Water Pollution Control- 2021 A Bond**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,300.00 WITH PRECISION ODOR CONTROL OF HINCKLEY, OH FOR THE PURCHASE OF VAPOR CANNON TO BE CHARGED TO 2021 A BOND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**Daman Industrial Services Inc.- Low service 3 motor- Water Treatment**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,320.00 WITH DAMAN INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC. OF EAST BRADY, PA FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOW SERVICE 3 MOTOR TO BE CHARGED TO WATER

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**LifeHub-ARPA funding Request**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE LIFEHUB REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 FOR BUILDING AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF SUCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ARPA ALLOCATION TO LIFEHUB AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to exit regular business to allow for public comment. All in favor. Motion Carried. Mr. George Smoulder spoke on the importance of funding the Life Hub. No others wished to speak on the matter. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to resume regular business, All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Thalman moved; Mr. Thorngate seconded that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -6  
NOES: Sklavounakis -1

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

**Dilapidated Structures Demolition liens**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING FIXING THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF RAZING DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE AND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING.

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: Elliott, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thorngate, Palmer, Thalman -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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Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to accept the Traffic Commission Minutes from October 12, 2023 which were held over, as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Seidler congratulated the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra on another successful year of Symphony on Ice, Mr. Seidler thanked the Viles family for their holiday display on Kentucky Street on Wheeling Island for helping spread holiday cheer.

Mr. Palmer thanked everyone who participated and helped for the first annual tree lighting event in Elm Grove, the event was a big success.

Mr. Thalman congratulated Mt. Zion church on their opening at the Nelson Jordan Center in East Wheeling. Ms. Ketchum remarked on the success of Small Business Saturday. Ms. Ketchum congratulated Ritchie town Renaissance on acquiring the former Kepner Funeral Home building in South Wheeling, which was donated by the Kepner family and thanked the Historic Landmark Commission for all their efforts in helping revitalize historic properties.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Sklavounakis moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer to accept the Finance Committee Minutes from November 21, 2023 as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Herron noted the disassembly of the crane working on the Market Street Parking Garage structure will be dismantled and a mobile crane will be enacted, Century Realty is working on the marketing for retail tenants in the new parking structure. January 7<sup>th</sup> is projected date for final pour of concrete to complete the top of the Market Street parking garage. Mr. Thalman asked for an update on yellow line painting on Mt. Wood Road, Mr. Herron stated the painting contractor did not get the work done, but Assistant City Manager is in contact to get the work completed as soon as possible. Ms. Ketchum asked about Centre Wheeling garage demolition time line, Mr. Herron stated work should begin late February to March, delays with new fire department headquarters have pushed back start dates for garage demolition.

**REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS**

**ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS**

**Duke's Root Control-Sewer Root Control- Water Pollution Control Division**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,966.40 WITH DUKES ROOT CONTROL OF ELGIN, IL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROOT CONTROL TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

**Temple Child Care- ARPA funding request**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE TEMPLE CHILD CARE CENTER REQUEST FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 FOR BUILDING AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF SUCH FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S ARPA ALLOCATION TO TEMPLE CHILD CARE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC.

**Transfer of funds OVADC-RCIP**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO OHIO VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OVADC) FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP

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**SWN Land Lease**

**The following was then read by title:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN OIL AND GAS LEASE WITH SWN PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC., FOR A PORTION OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY

**Resolution-Façade Grany- Constantine & Marie Kayafas- 2310 Chapline Street**

**The following was then read by title:**

RESOLUTION 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 A DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR, CONSTANTINE AND MARIE KAYAFAS, 2310 CHAPLINE STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,180.00

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**Resolution-Façade Grant- Matt & Nancy Quinet-723 Main Street**

**The following was then read by title:**

RESOLUTION 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 A DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR, MATT AND NANCY QUINET, 723 MAIN STREET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,400.00

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

**THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Tara Kobasko owner of the Belgian Waffle Shop located at 1209 Market Street spoke on getting support for downtown businesses during the streetscape project.

Mike Carl owner of the Bride Tavern & Grill located at 950 Main Street spoke on support and more communication during the downtown streetscape project.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to adjourn. Time 6:25pm

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City Clerk

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Mayor