

March 16, 2021

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

On roll call, the following were present:

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

Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, that the minutes of March 2, 2021 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott presented three separate proclamations: March, 2021, as Irish American Heritage Month; March, 2021 as Social Workers Month; and March 25, 2021 as Bicentennial of Greek Independence Day.

Mayor Elliott appointed the following individuals to the Arts and Cultural Commission: Russell Brown, Bethany Decker, Logan Schmitt, Matthew Harder, Jennifer Materoski, Natalie Cline, Jason Birch, Jenna Richardson, Micha Underwood, James Kiger, and William Wallace. Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Seidler, to confirm the appointments. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Elliott asks for an Executive Session at the conclusion of meeting to discuss Memorandum of Understanding with Bluefield State College.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stephens Auto Center- 2021 Dodge Pickup- WPCD

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,767 WITH STEPHENS AUTO CENTER, OF DANVILLE, WV FOR 2021 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK TO BE CHARGED TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL 401.114.0500

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Reclaim Co- Asbestos and Demo 58 19th St- Project Fund

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,888 WITH RECLAIM CO, OF FAIRMONT, WV FOR 58 19TH STREET ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED TO PROJECT FUND

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Lane Abandonment- Portion of Lane F Between 19th and Lane 16- Right of Way

The following was then read:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING VACATING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE LANE F RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF 19TH STREET (FORMERLY WATER STREET) TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF LANE 16, WHICH WERE UNNAMED ALLEYS ON THE PLAT OF EAST WHEELING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ABANDONMENT

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Metron Farnier- Smart Water Meters- Water Distribution

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,150.00 WITH METRON FARNIER OF BOULDER, CO FOR SMART WATER METERS & SYSTEMS, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER DISTRIBUTION – 400.1128.03.00

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

O'Brien's- Marshall Ave Waterline Project- Water Distribution

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$233,942 WITH O'BRIEN'S COMPANIES, OF WHEELING, WV, FOR MARSHALL AVE 6 INCH VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER DISTRIBUTION 4000.131.04.00

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer states there will be a recommendation at the next City Council meeting to rename Maple Lane to "Lydia Lane" and thanks City Staff for work and meetings with neighbors to make the change possible.

Mr. Sklavounakis encourages other members of Council to vote in favor of the Original Proposition to amend Part 13 of the Zoning Code.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Mr. Herron states there will be a public hearing on April 6th at 5:30 pm for the proposed water and sewer rate increases. Mr. Herron presents Council with draft CDBG budget.

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REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to holdover the following until the next meeting: Wheeling Housing Authority Minutes 2/10/21, City of Wheeling Financial Statement 2/21, Hall of Fame 2/9/21, Historic Landmarks Commission 2/4/21.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

Amending and Reenacting Part 13-Planning and Zoning Code

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING PART THIRTEEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER THREE – ARTICLES: 1327- DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 1343- INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; 1371- SPECIAL PERMITS AND 1373-USSES AND ACTIONS SUBJECT TO SITE PLAN APPROVAL, ALL OF WHICH CONCERN MINERAL AND EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, LAND DISTURBANCES, ETC.

Water Rate Increase Ordinance

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Sewer Project and Rate Increase Ordinance

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AND FIXING RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES THE CITY OF WHEELING'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION WILL CHARGE ITS CITIZENS AND ITS CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ITS CORPORATE LIMITS, FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF SANITARY SEWAGE.

Garbage, Rubbish, and Designated Recyclable- Rate Increase

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 925.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, ENTITLES RATES, BY INCREASING GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIAL COLLECTION RATE FROM FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS TO SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS

Resolution- Adopting of General Fund Budget FY 2021-2022

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Resolution- Adopting Coal Severance Budget FY 2021-2022

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING THE FY 2021-2022 COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET

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Resolution- Façade- St. Matthew's Episcopal Church- Exterior Paint

The following was then read:

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 ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1410 CHAPLINE ST., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,795.00

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

Dr. Dan Mosser, President of WVNCC, spoke in opposition of the MOU with Bluefield State College. Ms. Favede, President of Wheeling University, signed up to speak but yielded her time to Dr. Mosser. Mr. W. Franklin Evans, President of WLU, speaks briefly against the MOU with Bluefield and yields remaining time to Dr. Mosser. Dr. Mosser gives City Clerk a written statement for the record.

Chris Amie, Wheeling Island Resident, speaks in opposition to water and sewer rate increases.

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to exit regular order of business and enter executive session. All in favor. Motion carried. 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to exit executive session and resume regular order of business. All in favor. Motion carried. 7:07 p.m. Mayor Elliott confirms no decisions were made, but he wanted to clarify the MOU signed with Bluefield State College was non-binding. Mr. Herron states the associated costs presented by Dr. Moser are untrue and have not been presented to City staff; if and when there is a proposal it will be presented to City Council.

There being no further business, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 7:10 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor