

April 16, 2024

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

On roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Thalman, Thorngate, Palmer -6
Absent: Elliott -0

Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis that the minutes of April 5, 2024 meeting be accepted as received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Vice Mayor Thalman thanked City administration and staff for their continued support to those affected by flooding. Mr. Thalman noted the Summer Event Guide will be available online and printed copies available soon, also noted the City of Wheeling was named a Tree City USA. Mr. Thalman presented a proclamation to Ashley Carpenter of the Sexual Assault Help Center, proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mr. Thalman then presented a proclamation honoring Ohio Valley Medical Center formerly Ohio Valley General Hospital, Mary McKinley and Betty Jo Sprowll of the OVGH History group were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Arena RCIP transfer-GWSEA-Dehumidifier System Wesbanco Arena

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,847.00 FROM ARENA RCIP TO THE GREATER WHEELING SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY FOR DEHUMIDIFIER SYSTEM FOR WESBANCO ARENA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

Aster Oilfield Services Inc. Asbestos and Demolition- WV DEP DLAP Grant

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,975.00 WITH ASTER OILFIELD SERVICES, OF BELLAIRE, OH FOR ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION, TO BE CHARGED TO WV DEP DLAP GRANT

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

Top Notch Landscape and Supply LLC- Grass Cutting 2024

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The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TOP NOTCH LANDSCAPING AND SUPPLY TO PROVIDE GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER OF 2024 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS BI-WEEKLY UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$7,820.00

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

Russell Nesbitt- Lawn Care Services 2024

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSSELL NESBITT SERVICES INC. OF WHEELING WV FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES FOR 2024

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

CT Consultants- Valley View- Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvement- ARPA

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,900.00 WITH CT CONSULTANTS, OF WHEELING WV FOR VALLEY VIEW STORM AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CHARGED TO ARPA

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

The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

Estabrook-Membrane Filtration Pump-Water Treatment Plant

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,053.00 WITH ESTABROOK OF BEREA, OH, FOR MEMBRANE FILTRATION SYSTEM PUMP FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO BE CHARGED TO MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT CD 400.1128.08.00

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

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The vote on the motion resulted as follows

AYES: Thalman, Thorngate, Ketchum, Seidler, Sklavounakis, Palmer -6

NOES: -0

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

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Palmer remarked on the Monument Bridge closure in Elm Grove and the passing of the new traffic rule regarding a right turn only on the bottom of Junior Avenue. Mr. Palmer also shared heartfelt appreciation to Councilman Seidler, for his dedication and leadership helping the community, during the recent flooding. Mr. Sklavounakis echoed Mr. Palmer's remarks thanking Mr. Seidler for his leadership and also thanking the House of Carpenter for their continued resources and assistance. Mr. Sklavounakis thanked his fellow councilors for passing the Valley View storm and sewer project ordinance and is excited for that work to be completed. Ms. Ketchum recognized Wheeling Park High School Students for their help removing flood waste and litter, Ms. Ketchum thanked various agencies as well as City Manager for their work on the managed homeless encampment. Also noted the Ohio County Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day celebration on April 20th from 1-5pm at Wheeling University.

Mr. Seidler expressed gratitude to House of the Carpenter for their unwavering help during the flood and in supplying resources for residents to clean up. Mr. Seidler also thanked all city departments, specifically police, fire, sanitation, operations, administration, dispatchers and others for their help to keep our community safe and recover from the flooding, to show appreciation Councilman Seidler announced a luncheon to be held Friday honoring all the city employees. Mr. Seidler asked City Solicitor and Manager to look at amending trash ordinances in regards to scavenging of junk and trash, also asked for some way to credit or reduce costs associated with water and sewage bills for island residents. Lastly, he asked for the former Wheeling Inn building to be secured by code enforcement as it has been left to the elements and is victim to squatting and vandalism.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

There were no committee reports.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Herron noted crews will mobilize around May 27th for painting of the Heritage Trail Bride, the contractor is from North Carolina and the project is expected to last 30-40 days, expect some travel restrictions. Pulaski field/playground improvements will be complete within in the next week, demolition of the Clator, Elm Terrace and 36th Street Playgrounds as begun. Landscaping for the Streetscape project has begun on Main Street. Mr. Herron stated the storm sewer project between Market and Main streets is still on track with paving of Main Street to be complete by end of June. Ms. Ketchum asked City Manager for time line of 22nd Street Sewer project, roughly 30-45 days until completion. Mr. Thalman asked for details regarding the sidewalk assistance program, Mr. Herron stated applicants will soon be able to start applying for loans most likely through Wesbanco Bank.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Ms. Ketchum moved to hold over the Hall of Fame Board Minutes from March 12, 2024 and the Traffic Commission Minutes from March 14, 2024.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

CT Consultants- Geotechnical Investigation-City Service Fee

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE

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AMOUNT OF \$35,000 WITH CT CONSULTANTS, OF WHEELING WV FOR GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS TO BE CHARGED TO CITY SERVICE FEE

Opioid Settlement Funding- Wheeling Police Department

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE WV OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ASSIST THE WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

Opioid Settlement Funding- Wheeling Fire Department

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING WV AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE WV OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO ASSIST THE WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING OPIOID RELATED ABATEMENT

Home Owner Sidewalk Repair Assistance Program

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING REGARDING A PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD UTILIZE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF COLLATERAL TO ASSIST APPLICANTS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A LOCAL BANKING INSITUION IN THE FORM OF A LOAN TO THE APPLICANT TO AID RESIDENTS IN EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Northern Panhandle Conservation District FY 2025 Agreement

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 WITH NORTHERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, OF MCMECHEN, WV, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FY 2025 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR WHEELING CREEK STRUCTURE, \$15,000 TO BE CHARGED TO CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS – N.P.S.C.D 4414.50.5006 AND \$1,500 TO COAL SEVERANCE

Black Bear Fence Company- Fence Grandview St. Water Department

The following was then read by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 WITH BLACK BEAR FENCE COMPANY, OF TRIADELPHIA, WV, FOR FENCE ON GRANDVIEW STREET, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER 400-4011.01.0636.01

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

No members of the public signed up to speak.

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There being no further business to discuss Mr. Thorngate moved, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis to adjourn. Time 6:07 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor

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