

Council of the City of Wheeling met in Council Chambers, City-County Building on the above date with Mayor Andy McKenzie presiding.

The invocation was offered by Second Ward Councilor Ken Imer.

On roll call, the following were present:

McKenzie, Delbrugge, Imer, Miller, Atkinson and Fahey - 6

Mr. Henry was absent.

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mrs. Delbrugge, that the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McKenzie reported that the State of the City Address will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the Wheeling Island Casino and Racetrack.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPTING TRAFFIC RULE NO. 4550 - HANDICAPPED PARKING - 429 HAZLETT AVE.

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WHEELING ADOPTING TRAFFIC RULE NO. 4550.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mrs. Delbrugge moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: McKenzie, Delbrugge, Imer, Miller, Atkinson, Fahey - 6

NOES: - 0

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

LASH PAVING CO. - RESURFACING CITY STREETS 2015 - CONT. 2 - CO #1.

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,986.10 WITH
LASH PAVING CO., OF BRIDGEPORT, OH, FOR STREET
RESURFACING 2015 - CONTRACT 2, CHANGE ORDER NO.
1, TO BE CHARGED TO RCIP - INFRASTRUCTURE.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mrs. Delbrugge moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the ordinance be adopted.

City Manager Robert Herron updated Council on the status of the current contracts for resurfacing.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: McKenzie, Delbrugge, Imer, Miller, Atkinson, Fahey - 6

NOES:

- 0

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

THOMAS AUTO CENTER - CAB & CHASSIS - WATER DISTRIBUTION

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,439.00 WITH THOMAS AUTO CENTER OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1 TON GAS ENGINE SINGLE REAR WHEEL CAB & CHASSIS, PER BID SPECIFICATIONS, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER DISTRIBUTION - #400.1341.05.00.

The ordinance was read a second time by title. Mrs. Delbrugge moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the ordinance be adopted.

The vote on the motion resulted as follows:

AYES: McKenzie, Delbrugge, Imer, Miller, Atkinson, Fahey - 6

NOES: - 0

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

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mrs. Delbrugge, that the Historic Landmarks Commission Minutes - 12/4/15; Historic Landmarks Commission Report - 1/8/16; Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health Minutes - 11/10/15; Wheeling Municipal Parking System Financial Report - 11/30/15; Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Transportation Center Financial Report - 11/30/15; CDBG Program Status Report - 12/31/15; HOME Program Status Report - 12/31/15; Financial Statement - 12/31/15; Wheeling Housing Authority Minutes - 12/9/15; Human Rights Commission Minutes - 12/15/15; Greater Wheeling Sports & Entertainment Authority Minutes - 11/24/15; Greater Wheeling Sports & Entertainment Authority Income Statement-11/30 & 12/31/15; Wheeling Municipal Parking System Financial Report - 12/31/15; Robert C. Byrd Intermodal Transportation Center Financial Report - 12/31/15; that were held over, be approved as received.. Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Miller commented on the Home Show that was held last week-end at WesBanco Arena. He also asked that Mr. Herron, in his report to Council, update Council on the status of the projects at the arena.

Mrs. Delbrugge gave an update on Councilor Henry's recovery. She indicated that he is getting better every day and that he hopes to attend the State of the City next Tuesday.

Mr. Fahey commented that he and several Council members attended a donor reception for contributors to the statue of Governor Pierpont at WV Independence Hall. They were presented with a replica of the statute.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Finance Committee Minutes for 2/2/16 and accept them as received. Motion carried. For the record, they are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:45 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Committee Members present: Chair Gene Fahey, Vice Chair David Miller and Member Don Atkinson. Others present: Mayor Andy McKenzie, Councilors

Gloria Delbrugge, and Ken Imer; City Manager Robert Herron, City Solicitor Rosemary Humway-Warmuth; Finance Director Jill Willey, City Clerk Janice Jones and the media.

The following matters were discussed:

Financial Statement - December 31, 2015

City Manager Robert Herron reported that the General Fund Balance at the end of December is \$2,172,000.00, with \$504,000.00 in the budget stabilization fund. Mr. Herron indicated that January's balances more accurately reflect where we are at the present time as pass through payments were made to OVRTA and the Wheeling Park Commission. He commented that if you add the current balance of \$1,856,000 plus the \$504,000 balance in the budget stabilization fund, it would total approximately \$2,360,000 compared to last year's figures of \$1,800,000. From an expenditure perspective, we are at 47% of budget. From a revenue perspective, at the mid-year point, our B & O tax revenue is 4.8% behind of where we were at the same time last year due to the reduction of B & O rates to offset the Sales Tax increase. Mr. Herron added that we are on fairly solid financial footing at this point. Mr. Fahey complimented City Manager Herron on his fiscal management. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to accept the December 31, 2015 Financial Statement as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn. Time: 11:55 a.m.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

In response to Mr. Miller's request, City Manager Herron updated Council on the WesBanco Arena Project. He said that Phase I and II have been completed and Phase III is on schedule and is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Mr. Herron commented that last week we issued Tax Increment Finance Bonds and were very successful of obtaining a 2.78% interest rate from WesBanco for the entire term of the bond issue. As a result of the low interest rate, the total savings over a 17 year period is about \$976,000.00, which is well above the 5% threshold that you look at when you do refinancing. He stressed that the debt is not an obligation of the General Fund or the City but to the bondholders. Mr. Herron said that this lower interest rate increases the City's bond coverage to 142% and said that when additional tax revenue is generated by The Health Plan's move to the 1100 block and the future Boury Lofts apartment complex in years to come, that coverage is projected to jump to 175%, meaning the City, after it makes its annual debt payments of \$707,000, should have an additional \$511,000 left over for other projects in the downtown TIF district.

City Manager Herron announced that tonight is Finance Director Jill Willey's last meeting as she will be leaving her job and moving on. He praised her for doing an outstanding job and wished her much success in her new endeavor.

Mr. Fahey inquired about the status of equipment for sidewalk cleaning and Mr. Herron said that he would look into it.

Mayor McKenzie asked Mr. Herron to clarify a streetscape project that will be occurring in the downtown area. City Manager Herron explained that the City is partnering with the WV Department of Highways to address such things as curbs and sidewalks. This project will require a local match and will come from T.I.F. funds. That project will run from I-70 to 16th Street. In addition, acquisition, demolition, relocation, sewer lines and trees will also be part of the T.I. F. Project.

REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mrs. Delbrugge, that the CDBG Program Status Report, 1/31/16; HOME Program Status Report, 1/31/16; Financial Statement 1/31/16; be held over until the next meeting. Motion carried.

ORIGINAL PROPOSITIONS

BUCKEYE BODY & EQUIPMENT - ALUMINUM UTILITY SERVICE BODY (WATER)

The following was then read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,695.00 WITH BUCKEYE BODY & EQUIPMENT, OF COLUMBUS, OH, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALUMINUM UTILITY SERVICE BODY, PER BID SPECIFICATIONS, TO BE CHARGED TO WATER DISTRIBUTION - #400.1341.05.00.

RESOLUTION - APPLICATION FOR PREVENTION RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM GRANT (JAG)

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHEELING TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE WV DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE FY 2016 PREVENTION RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM GRANT (JAG) - FY2016.

Mrs. Delbrugge moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVING INVOICES - WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

The following was then read:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

Mrs. Delbrugge moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mrs. Delbrugge, to suspend the regular order of business to return to the Mayor's Report. Motion carried.

Mayor McKenzie presented a Proclamation to Lisa Werner proclaiming the week of February 22 through February 27, 2016 as "West Virginia Saves Week," in the City of Wheeling.

Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mrs. Delbrugge, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD

No one signed up to speak.

There being no further business, Mr. Fahey moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:55 p.m..

City Clerk

Mayor