

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

May 6, 2019

7:00 PM

City Council

*Bruce Jarvis – President
Mike Walker – Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Mike Coolman
Patrick Lynch*

- A. **Call To Order** *Jarvis called the meeting to order @ 7:01p.m.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance - Coolman**
- C. **Roll Call** *Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*

D. **Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-19-019](#) 4-15-19 Work Session Minutes ([Work Session Minutes](#))

[MIN-19-020](#) 4-15-19 Public Hearing Minutes ([Public Hearing Minutes](#))

[MIN-19-021](#) 4-15-19 City Council Minutes ([Council Minutes](#))

A motion was made by Lynch to approve MIN-19-019, MIN-19-020, and MIN-19-021, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Jarvis, Walker

E. **Communications & Petitions - NONE**

F. **Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**

Allison Circle, Chief Customer Experience Officer, CML: With me is Lauren Hagen, our CFO, and Larry Corbus, who is a library consultant, and has been working with us on many of our projects; I'm here today to talk to you a little bit about our location here in Canal Winchester, which has been open for 4 years now; it is going Gangbuster's – here is something I bet you all know, I bet you know that Canal Winchester is a reading community; we have a lot of our branches that are really focused on social service needs, job help needs, or early literacy needs – what's really a big piece of Canal is the reading community here; our reserves at our location just around the corner here are actually one of our busiest of any of our locations at all; we started this as an experiment, because we didn't have a presence here, and the mayor and others had suggested we might want to work at getting presence; with you all, and with the mayor, we took over the location in the school; we have what we call is an express branch – the hours are shorter, and the services are minimal, to kind of test the waters, and see what the response would be; the response is great, between 2017 and 2018, circulation in the branch grew by 6%; this is at a time when in general, people are reading less; we have seen diminishment in our other locations, so that is a really impressive number; our visits grew by 3%; our homework help center grew by 46% in the last year – awesome, don't you think? Reading buddies, which is a program that prepares kids for the 3rd grade reading guarantee, grew by 28%; our computer use grew by 2% - our wireless usage, because our library offers free wireless, grew by 16%; Canal Winchester is our only location out of 23 which has seen growth in all of these categories; in our other locations, some have been up, and some have been down, but Canal Winchester is the only one that has grown in all of those; we have been exploring what it would take for us to expand our hours; that's probably the biggest question we are ever asked; we are exploring that, it would require us to add some staff so that we are open for more hours, but we are

hoping to do that yet this year; I'm going to pass something out here that I think you'll enjoy – one of the things that we have learned about all of our locations is that they draw from all over Franklin County; what I'm going to give you is some dot maps, which show in a visual way the address of someone who uses the Canal Winchester location, for both computer use and for use of our materials; you'll see that they come largely from here, but also – 'why are those people in Dublin using the Canal Winchester branch?', because we pull people from all over; that is representative of economic boon to various communities as well; that's all I have for you today, just wanted to give you an update; I haven't been able to be here, and share that with you; it's our pleasure to do that for you today.

Amos: Could you go into a little detail about your 3rd grade guarantee program? Circle: Yes; do you remember when the 3rd grade reading guarantee was implemented – we had several schools come to us, saying 'oh my gosh, our kids are just so not ready'; we have a program that is after-school hours at all of our locations; volunteers work with kids, and it's important that the children actually read to an adult, it's not an adult reading to them; they practice their reading skills, they have little after-reading comprehension cards – looking at what the story was about, and all of that; this year, we are implementing a new program to drive that work even deeper; it's sometimes not enough to read fifteen minutes to an adult; we are starting to handle it a little more like case management – so we know that Lauren (for example) has trouble with saying the letter 'n', so we will note that, and when Lauren comes in, we will give her a book to read that really focuses on the letter 'n', write some homework for her to give to her parents, for them to practice at home; we are really trying to make this program much more robust, and more impactful to the lives of kids; Jarvis: First of all, thank you for extending what was probably an already long day for you, to come and share the good news with us; I felt that the library's success here is due in large part to the way you operate; I have a question – what do you think is behind the fact that Canal Winchester is one of the most utilized branches in your system? Circle: I think you have a great community here, there is a sense of community; it hadn't been here, there's not a long tradition of it being here; I don't think that it has a lot to do with the neighborhood and the community; we know that Hilliard just blows a lot of our reading out of the water, they are much bigger; some of the other statistics we have there might have gone down in one or two categories; i think it has a lot to do with what is attractive about your community; Walker: You have probably personally run into my father, Jack Walker – I know he probably takes 15-20 books out at a time, he will be 88 years old next month.

Lynch: I've got a quick question – the one in Hilliard is out on Leap Road, the brand new one? It's kind of out in the middle of nowhere, it's not walk-able; that still gets a pretty good population; Circle: Yes, it's also more of a driving community; it's moms with kids – actually, Lauren is from Hilliard – it's just a different style of community; they don't have this walkability that is so attractive about Canal; Lynch: What seems to be more – drivability, walkability? Circle: I don't know that there's really a difference, it's just a number of factors altogether.

Allison Saffle, VP of Member Services, South Central: We wanted to come and give you guys more of a formal announcement before we made the announcement to everybody in the community; just a little history about South Central Power – we are an electric co-op, so we operate a little differently than other utilities; we serve and are owned by our members that we serve; they have a lot of input in how we do things, and how we drive our business model; South Central Power – we have 120,000 members that go almost all the way to Wheeling, West Virginia, down to Cincinnati; currently today we have 5 district offices, we operate one in Barnesville, which is kind of the eastern side of the state, we have one in Hillsboro, which is kind of outside of Cincinnati; within the central Ohio region, we have one in Lancaster, one here in Canal off of Diley and Busey Road, and then one in Circleville; our facilities, like a

lot of things, are aging, so we had to take an approach to look at what we were going to do; most in particular our Lancaster office – we have been there for a long time, we currently don't have water and sewage; we truck in water, and we have our own sewer operating plant, so we have outgrown it; as you guys have seen a lot of growth in the Canal Winchester area and Pickerington, we have too; we've had a lot of new employees, and growth at the co-op in general; when we were walking through our facilities, we decided to hire some consultants to help us with what our plans were going to be; in the last 3 years, we were looking at what would be in the best interest of South Central in the long run, and also in the case of the membership, to make sure that we are doing what is best to keep their rates affordable; with that, we looked at the 3 offices within central Ohio – they're about 45 minutes apart – that's Lancaster, Circleville, and Canal, and have decided to consolidate those offices; we'll be consolidating them all into Lancaster, and we'll be moving to right off of 33 and the bypass, to the Rockmill Industrial Park; it's almost there at 33 and 188; if you know where the state highway patrol office is, that's where our new facility will be; I can tell you this, it wasn't an easy decision, as we have been in this community for a long time; not only do we fill a lot of service to our members, but we fill a lot of service to the communities, so we wanted to make sure that we were making the best decision for everyone; we felt that in the long run, this would be the better decision; consolidating will allow us to pay for the facilities by the savings we'll get through that consolidation; part of that is that we will not be laying off any employees, so we will be moving all employees; no one will be losing their job; we will be getting some savings through attrition as we go on over the years, because we know we will have some duplicate jobs or rerouting some people, but we won't be laying off anyone; we wanted you guys to hear it first – we thought as good neighbors and a good member of the community, and we plan to be a good member of the community, that you guys would hear it from us; our plan is to sell all 3 of those facilities; our facility over on Coonpath will be up for sale in about 2 years, we are thinking it will take about 2 years to build a facility, and then the one in Canal off of Diley and Busey Road, and then the one in Circleville that's off of Chickasaw and Tarlton will be up for sale at that point in time; I don't know if anyone has any questions for us, but we just wanted you guys to hear it first; we have kind of lightly told some of our members at some of the member meetings we've had; we did just recently put it in our Ohio Cooperative Leading Magazine, so members will be getting it in the next day or 2; we plan to do a more public press release once we have the ability to tell everyone that we wanted to hear it from us personally; Jarvis: This feels a little bit like a breakup; we do appreciate you coming and letting us know before we read about it; you'll still continue to service this area, it's an internal decision, we understand; Saffle: Yes, our commitment to the community will not change; if anything, with us moving facilities out, we're going to make a stronger commitment to make sure that you guys know we have a big presence here; this community is very important to us.

Clark: I would just like to say that we look forward to working with you to repurpose the facility down the road, and hopefully bring a nice employer for us in; Saffle: As we work through this over the next 2 years, we would definitely like some input in making sure that we are picking a good asset for you guys in the community; it's roughly about 30 employees that would be leaving this office.

G. RESOLUTIONS - NONE

H. ORDINANCES

Tabled

ORD-18-046

Development
Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance To Amend Part 11 Of The Codified Ordinances And The Zoning Map Of The City Of Canal Winchester, Rezoning An Approximately 69.237 Acre Tract Of Exceptional Use (EU) To Limited Manufacturing (LM), Owned By Gender/Thirty Three, Located On The North Side Of Winchester Boulevard (PID 184-000532 And 184-000871) ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Tabled at Third Reading

Third Reading - NONE

Second Reading**ORD-19-025**

Development
Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance To Accept The Dedication Of Real Property From Phele Investment Properties, LLC ([Ordinance Exhibits A B](#))

- Second Reading Only

ORD-19-026

Development
Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance To Amend Part 11 Of The Codified Ordinances And The Zoning Map Of The City Of Canal Winchester, Rezoning An Approximately 110.244 Acres Of Land From A Combination Of Exceptional Use (EU), Limited Manufacturing (LM), And General Commercial (GC) To Entirely Limited Manufacturing (LM), Owned By Willis M Alspach, Joan A Alspach, And David B Alspach, Trustees Of The Willis M Alspach Revocable Living Trust, Located On The Southeast Corner Of The Intersection Of Bixby Road And Rager Road (Parcel ID 181-000159, 181-000026, 184-000828, 184-000879, And 184-000954) ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Second Reading Only

First Reading**ORD-19-027**

Finance

An Ordinance To Amend The 2019 Appropriations Ordinance 18-040, Amendment #3 ([Ordinance](#))

- Request waiver of second and/or third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Jarvis to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for ORD-19-027, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Jarvis, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Lynch, Walker

A motion was made by Jarvis to adopt ORD-19-027, seconded by Walker. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Jarvis, Walker, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch

[ORD-19-028](#)

Finance

Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Acquiring Approximately 110.244 Acres Of Land And Interests In Land At The Corner Of Bixby And Rager Roads And All Necessary Appurtenances And Improvements Thereto; And Declaring An Emergency ([Ordinance](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-19-029](#)

Development

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Accept An Easement For Water Line From HD Development Of Maryland, Inc. And Declaring An Emergency ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Request waiver of second and/or third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Clark to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for ORD-19-029, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

A motion was made by Clark to adopt ORD-19-029, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

[ORD-19-030](#)

Public Service

An Ordinance To Accept Hill Road Right-Of-Way ([Ordinance, Exhibits A B](#))

- First Reading Only

I. Reports

Mayor's Report

[19-039](#)[Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor: Thank you Mr. Jarvis, I really don't have a whole lot in addition to my written report – I would like to emphasize that last Saturday, a few of the employees of the city and the community watch, and Deputy D'Amore were at Diley Ridge for the Prescription Drug Takeback Day; we took in 103 pounds of drugs – not a record, but that's probably a good thing; I want to remind you that May 15th is our Relay for Life dinner.

Fairfield County Sheriff - Thank you, I do not have a written report for the night, I will have that for you on the 20th; as far as the speed complaints on East Waterloo Street, I do have the community watch doing speed surveys on that; I should have the data sometime this week; I've been having them do it for the last 2 weeks; I did assign Deputy Vaughn in that area on 2nd shifts, and Deputy D'Amore to do traffic control in that area on first shift; Bennett: As they have been doing the speed studies out there, or patrol, how many tickets have been issued over the last – Cassel: That I don't know, we talked about previously that we don't keep those stats per street; that's something that the sheriff's office has never

kept; Bennett: Thank you; Jarvis: Speaking of the sheriff's office, I saw the results of the county-wide survey that was done; your department received high marks in just about everything; congratulations on that; Cassel: Thank you.

Law Director - Thank you Mr. Jarvis and members of council; a couple of things this evening – did distribute the memo that was requested with regard to texting while driving; read through that, obviously we are going to need to do something, because we at least need to get that ordinance updated; something usually our codifier would do, and I'll have to see why that was not tracked by the codifier; we need to get it up to snuff with regard to state law; state law it's still a secondary offense – the other approach with respect to hands-free makes that a primary offense, and that will be the only legal issue, the rest would be policy issues; you'll see in the memo it's just – it's not good, bad, or indifferent, it's just not been tested in the court as to whether under home-rule we would have the ability to make something that's state law specifically designated a secondary offense into a primary offense; it's a little bit of a gray area, but obviously read through the memo, maybe we can go into a little more detail the next meeting; I do request an executive session, even though the Blue Jackets are playing, at the end of the regular meeting; as you know, we can – it's up to council's discretion to invite into executive session anybody they so choose – this evening, since they're here, and they didn't bring any books to read, we would like to invite the library representatives into the executive session; it is for purposes of purchase or sale of real estate.

Finance Director

[19-035](#)

[Finance Director's Report](#)

Jackson: Thank you Mr. Jarvis, I just have one thing in addition to my report from earlier; I received an email last Tuesday that I have not yet forwarded to council, but will do so, regarding text messages being public records, even on private cell phones; I just wanted to make you aware of this, I am going to forward this to you, this does stem from an issue out of Cincinnati with their council members sending text messages back and forth, basically doing official business; I just wanted to give you a heads up that this is going on, and that they are public record; look for that in your email tomorrow.

Public Service Director

[19-037](#)

[Public Service Project Updates, Construction Services Update](#)

Peoples: Thank you Mr. Jarvis, I don't have anything to add to my written report, and report at work session; Walker: For the Kris Sims that's going to be happening on the 15th, just wanted to remind – do you want council still to bring a dessert to that? Peoples: Bill Sims sent out to an email, and has a sign up along with that; he asked staff as well, I'm not sure who all he sent it out to; Bennett: I think he sent it to us; Mayor: I think it went out to all of council, and all city employees.

Development Director

[19-036](#)

[Development Report](#)

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Mr. Lynch: Thank you Mr. Jarvis, there is an event coming up on May 21st at 11:30am, which is the goodbye party for Ms. Penny Miller.

CWICC - Mr. Clark: We met April 24th, we discussed the 16 West Waterloo project, and also the Busey/Rager Road land acquisition; the next meeting is May 29th, 11:30 at the Interurban Building.

CWJRD - Mr. Bennett/Mrs. Amos: We met April 24th, we discussed the 16 West Waterloo project, and also the Busey/Rager Road land acquisition; the next meeting is May 29th, 11:30 at the Interurban Building.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Mr. Walker: The Art Stroll meeting will be 6:30 tomorrow at the Interurban.

K. Old/New Business

Lynch: I just wanted to add – the 27th we had the cleanup on 33, Mr. Jarvis helped out and Ms. Amos did; I want to thank the city, Matt Peoples, and Shawn Starcher for their assistance as far as getting trucks for us to load stuff in; it was a very successful event, we had 35 people pick up over a ton of trash; it went very well; Lynch: We were able to cover all the way from Diley to Gender Road, including all of the ramps; we got most of that area – I will say 90% of it; it wasn't perfect, but it was a good start; next time we do it, we hope to grow beyond those boundaries; Walker: I'm sorry I missed that, I had a funeral to go to, or I would have been there.

Walker: TOSSR is also May 18th – sign up will be on the 17th, and the event will be on the 18th; Amos: There is a signup sheet for volunteers that are looking to help undo the luggage, help load the truck and unload the truck for the TOSSR event, for the riders; if any of you are interested, just message me; there is a couple of opportunities, and the one on Sunday is at BrewDog; Clark: When do they unload? Amos: They need help Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the event – Saturday and Sunday are mid-afternoon shifts, and Friday is the evening; I would be more than happy to share the signup; Jarvis: Could you do that anyway? Amos: Absolutely, I'll share it out; they need 4-5 volunteers; we do have a couple of the Indians Club kiddos that have volunteered, and a few scouts; still it's nice to have some adults in the picture, just in case; Coolman: Most of it is going to be Saturday, loading it up; the riders that come in that ride from here go down to Portsmouth and stay the night, and it's their luggage; they come in from all over the country; we will put them back behind High Street; Jarvis: So this is coming off of cars? Amos: Their personal day bags; Coolman: They bring in 3 moving trucks, and they tag them, they have a system; the trucks hold them overnight, so when the riders come back from Portsmouth on Sunday, they'll need help unloading them.

Amos: If we are still on old or new business, just putting a bug in your ear – as the kids explore the recycling program that we are doing, they would like to look into more advertising on Facebook, and potentially post cards, and walking around to pass them out; doing some PR work, basically; we may come and find out about the unencumbered funds in the city's Bed Tax Grant that we have not used yet; Jarvis: I spoke with Kevin McCarty, and he had several ideas – I don't know whether there was any price tag associated with them, but he was thinking up a storm; I think there's something – I think that is the key, is awareness; right now, they're just getting some motion; Amos: I think the good part is that they have a strong advisor that is helping them, plus there have been several of us that have volunteered, and

Mr. Peoples has been a huge help; these kids have done an amazing job in pulling this together; the community has been very receiving of it – on Facebook the comments have been wonderful, the drivers have been wonderful.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker

Council returned from Executive Session @ 7:54 pm.

M. Adjournment @ 7:54 p.m

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker