

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

October 19, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

- A. Call To Order** *Walker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Coolman**
- C. Roll Call** *Present 6 – Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker
Absent 1 - Clark*
A motion was made by Walker to excuse Clark; seconded by Amos. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Walker, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken
- D. Approval of Minutes**
- MIN-20-43** October 5, 2020 Work Session Minutes ([Work Session Minutes](#))

A motion was made by Coolman to approve MIN-20-43; seconded by Milliken. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Coolman, Milliken, Amos, Bennett, Lynch, Walker
- MIN-20-44** October 5, 2020 City Council Minutes ([Council Minutes](#))

A motion was made by Coolman to approve MIN-20-44; seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Coolman, Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Millikan, Walker
- E. Communications & Petitions**
- 20-208** Aletha Mullins - Canal Winchester Human Services ([CWHS Letters](#))
Mullins- Thank you; it is great to be here tonight with you guys; for those who don't know who I am; my name is Aletha Mullins and I am the Director of Canal Winchester Human Services; this year is our 65th year serving this community in life changing ways; your partnership is vital to all that we do; this summer I had a wonderful opportunity to sit with one of our founders of our organization, Pat Hartman; we talked about how this organization came to be all that it is today, with its mission beginning in 1955 with Pat and the late Jo Weiser; the stories are numerous; and the list of contributors and partnerships along the ways is a testament to this gracious city; over the years our organization grew larger; as new programs were added; and today our organization has the privilege serving all age ranges and demographics within our three programs; the community food pantry, senior transportation, and community senior outreach; the lives that have been touched are countless; and we are so proud of everyone who has embraced our cause; for over ten years, the City of Canal Winchester specifically supported the senior transportation program; as you know, this vital service fulfills a variety of needs for our seniors sixty and older living in the Canal Winchester school district; these services are free due to grant funding, and your continued contractual support; this is unparalleled as no other city offers a free service of this kind; during 2020 we have seen firsthand how impactful this program is; it is a safety net to our most vulnerable population; the elderly; and we feel so blessed to offer dependable and safe transportation for essential doctor visits, and grocery trips; our drivers love providing this service; and our

recent client survey shows that our clients are grateful and satisfied for this service; due to COVID, we have had to temporarily suspend our "fun trips"; but our clients have found a way to get their social fix; and that is with our grocery trips; our grocery trips have gotten quite large and often; some stats of our transportation program; in 2019 we drove 33,284 miles, and provided 4,123 one way trips; in 2020 we provided through September 30th, we have driven 13,752 miles and provided 1,885 one way trips; in fiscal year 20, 79% of the residents using our transportation service live within city limits; it goes without saying; the need for this kind of service and continues to be, a life line for many families; I cannot tell you how many of our clients, old and new, have expressed their gratitude for what we do; I want to thank you for your support; and thank you, that together we can help our residents.

20-209

Chief Gary York - Madison Township Police Department ([MTPD Sept 2020 Stats](#))

York: Good evening; I am before you tonight, just to answer any of your questions you might have on the stats; since the first of the year I have been able to provide a better stat that we have done previously; the officers were able to, by geocoding, determine what area they are in, and then I can look at the amount of time that is spent within a specific geo area within the township; each month I look at these stats and go through those and prepare the reports sent to the Board of Trustee's; also the Mayor and Council for the City of Groveport and Canal Winchester; there is a lot of information I will be able to derive from the stats after getting a year in; that is going to help me get a better picture of what we do as a township; you could stand back and guess where your activity is; but once I get it on a pie chart I will define it even better; to get to the point; with the stats I am providing the City of Canal Winchester; to date, January first through September; the Madison Township Police Department has provided approximately 642 hours of additional activity or service here in town; we also had an additional 1,209 calls for services and with that there an additional 63 citations that has been issued by our officers in the City of Canal Winchester; in addition to that, our officers have also assisted Sargent Hendershot and the rest of the department several time with recent events with protest marches; we have also provided officers for special duty assignments as latest as last night; so our officers are here they are visible in the community; I hear feedback from residents that I know that live here; if there is something different that you folks want to see that you are currently are not; also know we are not getting the dispatched calls; when a resident calls for help; that call is sent to the sheriff's office in Lancaster and then rerouted; we have eleven radio's current where officers can hear Fairfield County; again these stats that we are providing, these are officer initiated activity not dispatch.

Walker: We have conversed before about if it would be easier if you were to take care of the store fronts and shop checks; if that was a possibility to relive the officers here for their dispatch calls; and maybe resident checks when they are on vacation. York: I have not been approached about that; I believe that was the previous Chief; and Susan was a part of those conversations; for us to be able to provide what you are wanting; we would have to provide an officer; which would leave us short on the street; I hate to go back and say again, minimum staffing; I have officers that earn vacation time, holiday time; so at times it's a juggling act when you're doing scheduling to maintain minimum staffing; it depends on the day of the week or the time of the month; so I think that would be something that would need to be discussed with someone above me.

Amos: Some of the things we hear from our residents is that they don't see you as much as they use too; they saw you parked along the road; we saw more visibility; we can see from your stats that you are taking care of calls and stuff in city limits; I think the concern was they liked seeing you around; that is some of the things we hear from our residents; seeing your stats will help. York: I also believe the relationship has improved since having Sargent Hendershot; and I mean that; we are here for each other; at the end of the day we are all here

for the same reason; to answer your question on people saying they are not seeing us, and I understand that; not seeing them doesn't mean they are not there.

Bennett: A resident approached me the other day; and I guess the question was, of your service area; what part of the pie is Canal Winchester making up. York: So for the activity. Bennett: Not activity; just like you know your total service boundary. York: I don't know the exact square miles of Canal Winchester; of Madison Township we are at approximately 40 and that is with the unincorporated areas and the two cities in that area; but that is a good question, and I am sorry I don't know the answer; and you have to remember to there are portions of Canal Winchester that are in Fairfield County; and we have no jurisdiction in that area.

Lynch: I think we are way ahead of where we were years ago; the communication is so much better; I do see you guys when I am in town, and I thank you for that; I am looking at the statistics here and I'm looking at it from a business standpoint I guess; you are on the right track, and I think you could answer this in the future; you said Madison Township is 40k people; and Canal Winchester is about 10k people; let's say 8k of those reside in Madison Township; that means we would represent 20% of the overall township we are getting 8% of the coverage; how can we raise that 8% up; and I think that is something you are working towards; how can we get some type of I guess not a written commitment; but a goal or something that you are trying to reach; do you think that is possible. York: I am a numbers guy; but to answer your question; it would be hard at times to be obligated to one area; we don't know what the day will bring us; it takes money and it takes staffing; you try to manage what you have; the financing aspect in townships is completely different than local government; it can be challenging at times.

Walker: That is why I said something about the shops; but you seem to not have the man power right now.

Bennett: On average how many officers do you have on a shift? York: Typically during the day we have the officer assigned to Groveport Madison School; six or seven during the day. Bennett: I guess on a patrol perspective. York: It would depend on the day of the week and who is off; night shift can fall to two or three; it will never go below two.

Milliken: You have mention the level of communication you have with Sergeant Hendershot; are you aware of the times we are down officers. York: Since we are two different agencies and different townships; it would be hard to know when they are short. York: If anyone member of Council has any questions, please get ahold of me; I will provide you my information; what I don't like is what happened; I read it in the paper; my goal is to provide community service.

<u>20-210</u>	September 6, 2020 A. Davis Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-211</u>	September 7, 2020 P. Klipa Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-212</u>	September 8, 2020 E. Jackson Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-213</u>	September 8, 2020 M. Hysell Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-214</u>	September 8, 2020 J. Acklin Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-221</u>	October 5, 2020 E. Jackson Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)
<u>20-222</u>	October 5, 2020 J. Acklin Public Comment Submission (Comment Form)

[20-223](#)October 5, 2020 K. Moore Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))[20-224](#)October 5, 2020 R. Stemen Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))[20-225](#)October 5, 2020 K. French Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))

F. Public Comments - *Due to COVID-19, City Council meetings will not be open to the public until further notice. Those wishing to address City Council are asked to submit written comments. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting will be acknowledged at that evening's meeting. Comments can be submitted using the form available on the City's website.*

G. RESOLUTIONS - *None*

H. ORDINANCES

Third Reading

[ORD-20-043](#)

Council

Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance To Amend The Rules Of The Canal Winchester City Council
([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos to adopt ORD-20-043; seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Coolman, Bennett, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

[ORD-20-044](#)

Finance

Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into An Amendment To The Contract With The Fairfield County Sheriff For Police Protection
([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Adoption

A motion made by Bennett to adopt ORD-20-044; seconded by Amos. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

Second Reading

[ORD-20-045](#)

Public Service

Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into Contracts With The Director Of Transportation Necessary To Replace Guardrail End Treatments
([Ordinance](#))

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

[ORD-20-046](#)

Finance

Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Health Services Contract With Franklin County Public Health ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-20-047](#)

An Ordinance To Amend The 2020 Appropriation Ordinance #19-069,

Finance
Sponsor: Bennett

Amendment #3 ([Ordinance](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-20-048](#)

Public Service
Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance #18-030 And Set Water User Fees Outside The Special Water Allocation District ([Ordinance](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-20-049](#)

Public Service
Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance #18-031 And Set Sanitary Sewer User Fees ([Ordinance](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-20-050](#)

Public Service
Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With Columbus Pool Management, Inc. For The Operation Of The Swimming Pool ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- First Reading Only

I. Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ebert - I just wanted to remind everyone that Thursday October 29th will be Trick or Treat from 5:30-7:30 rain or shine; Veterans day Ceremony will be November 7th at 10 a.m. this will not be the typical breakfast we are used to doing because of COVID and all the requirements we need to follow; we will have a tent set up in the green space and we will have the veterans and the ceremony in the tent; we are planning a short march from the Historical Complex to the Train Depot down High Street to the green space; like everything else, we had to cut back; Christmas in the Village like other events will be very minimal; there will be ice sculpting; but there will be no downtown activates; no trolley ride, no train rides, no hay rides, no popping of corn by the Queen's, a lot of things we will not be able to do, no Gingerbread Display; we will try to have Santa; it may be in the green space; or even a drive thru setting; no sitting on Santa's lap for pictures; it is going to be very, very cut back; that's about it.

Milliken: I heard some comments from the community about Trick or Treat; some say you have to set up tables.
Mayor Ebert: there are many websites you could go to that have tips; but I have seen nothing mandatory.

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[Mayor's Report](#)

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sergeant Hendershot: Just to note on the Veterans Day March; I have been working with Hannah Voss; and we will be making sure the roads are shut down.

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[September 2020 Stats](#)

Law Director

Thad Boggs: I do not have a written report this evening; just wanted to express my gratitude for your welcoming this evening; and to the Mayor and his staff for support as we transition to me being in the lead role for the city; and I hope you see me as a resource for you; I look forward to hopefully contributing to all the good things you have going here in Canal Winchester.

Finance Director

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Finance Director's Report

Public Service Director

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Public Service Director's Report

Peoples: Thank you Mr. Walker; just one item from Work Session; the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan; if there are no further comments I will be presenting a resolution at the next meeting for adoption; also, I have been in contact with Franklin County Public Health over the last month; trying to coordinate the discussion about racism; just wanted to know your desire for the presentation; they said they can do a twenty minute question and answer; first meeting in November and during Work Session.

Development Director

Haire: Last Thursday the US Census completed their count of all residents of every community in the country; we anticipate Canal Winchester will be around 9k residents; we have seen a lot of growth residentially; we just issued the last building permit for the Canal Cove Subdivision; we are working with the building to transition out; we have exceeded our number of permits we have issued from this time last year; the Evans Annexation is approve by the county commissioners; the last meeting of the year we will have more information on that. Bennett: As we talk about development; do you have an idea of how many residential development we have planned but is not under construction yet. Haire: It is around four hundred now; I don't know the exact number off the top of my head; we will probably end up with about 112 single family homes this year.

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (TENTATIVE)

CW Human Services - Mr. Milliken: Nothing else to really report this evening; they are gearing up for Thanksgiving and Adopt a Family right now.

CWICC - Mr. Clark: Excused.

CWJRD - Mr. Bennett: Next board meeting is November 19th that is a Thursday; currently looking to have basketball ready by the first of the year. Amos: I am thankful for the coaches that we have.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Mr. Walker: November 24th 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Location tentative.

Coolman: Saturday we have our Fall Festival down at the Depot; we will have different vendors; three food trucks; Train Depot will be open; the school will be open; and one caboos will be open for tours as well.

K. Old/New Business

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 8:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn; seconded by Lynch. The motion

carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Coolman, Milliken, Walker