Canal Winchester

Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

May 21, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

Mike Walker – Chair
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Mike Coolman
Bruce Jarvis
Patrick Lynch
A. Call To Order  
Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call  
Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

B. Also In Attendance  
Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Bill Sims, Dick Miller, Steve Smith, Shawn Starcher, Rick Brown, Joe Taylor, Sargent Cassel, Shane Spencer

C. Reports

Bill Sims – Underground utility work has begun on Gender Road Phase IV; they’re currently installing water main on the west side of the road from Walnut Street to Groveport Road; there will be some work day lane closures out there at this point in south bound lanes; the electrical contractor was in this week as well, starting to install temporary signal measures; they will have to start removing some of the traffic signal poles that are in conflict with the widening; lots of activity out there, lots of folks, but the job is started and moving along, things are going smoothly at this point; the railroad work is scheduled June 28-July 2nd; that will necessitate closure of gender road; that will begin on a Thursday, June 28th in the evening, at 6pm; it will remain closed until Sunday, the 2nd until 6pm; we’ve been communicating with businesses in the area that will be impacted the most by that; we’ll also have message boards going up a couple of weeks in advance warning those that use that as their primary way up to 33 and back of that impending closure as well; fortunately, most of it is over the weekend, so hopefully it will affect as little of the commuters as possible; the detour route will be basically 33 to Hamilton Road; 317 down to Pontius and over to Rohr at Richardson and back over to Lithopolis Road, Groveport Road, Gender Road area; for trucks that’s pretty much mandatory; because there’s really no way to get through town here with a semi; tight turns, narrow roads; obviously locals might find their own routes most likely; there’s other ways of you’re in a vehicle to get around; these days I think people rely rely more on their GPS quite frankly than they do paying attention to signs; which is fine but not for truck traffic; we’re trying to impart that as much as we can on the businesses that the trucks really have to follow this detour; if they think they’re going to try to skip it and run through town here it is not going to work out; as well as with Groveport, there are no trucks through town on Groveport Road, their Main Street; they will ne enforcing that closely as well; the street program is also underway; Shelly Sand has been working primarily on sidewalk replacement in Ashbrook Village; in fact today they’ve poured their last concrete in there; they started the restoration as well; they’ll be back on concrete work here later next week to start on the sidewalk program stuff; they’ve been doing a nice job, pleased with the quality of the work they’re doing and things they are accomplishing; later this week they’ll have a crew coming in to start working on asphalt pavement repairs; we have a number of miscellaneous ones that are outside the overlay areas so they’ll be getting started on those first and then continue working on the roadways; we had a pre-construction meeting for the new COTA park and ride over there off of Gender; that is scheduled to start work the second week of June; a fair amount of utility work there including a bore under Gender Road for the sanitary sewer; so that’s a pretty significant effort for that; they’re basically pretty much ready to go; you might see a little bit of clearing of trees and stuff like that; they’re basically pretty much ready to go out there; you might see a little clearing in advance of that; there’s still a little more clearing on the park and ride site; work continues in Canal Cove section V; curbs were
installed a week ago and they will probably start working on the roadway as soon as the weather allows; unfortunately it looks like a little more rain yet this week; probably delay it three or four days before it’s in shape for road base; also Westchester 10-2 and 9-1 they’ve done the bulk of earth work in there but it is quite wet as well; when I talked to the contractor this morning he felt that it would be three days after it stops raining before they can return on that site; Winchester Ridge phase III, all the utilities are in including the water main extension from Diley Road back to Winchester III; they did some pressure testing on that last week; we’re pretty much wrapping up with the public portion of the improvements there; I do see that they have a couple building pads poured so they’re starting in on some of the apartments themselves; I’d like to personally thank you folks all again for helping out at the Relay for Life dinner; everyone that was there really appreciated you working that; a lot of people were pleasant and happy; it was a good time; I enjoyed myself; I know a lot of people came; I really had a great time with that; we were very successful; we raised just over $2000.00 at the dinner; money wise it was very good and people wise it was a good one as well; thanks again and I appreciate it very much; Relay for Life was this last Saturday; it was a little damp; I had to go home once to change and come back; unfortunately that kind of hampered the crowd a little bit but it was still fun; once things cleared out we had a good time; thank you all again, I appreciate it very much; Walker: I still haven’t had the chance to report to Sergeant Cassel that there’s two table tents missing with Mike Walker’s name on it from the dinner; I never go to wait on anyone at all; so I had to sing for tips; Mayor: I gave him a tip though; Sims: it might need some investigation I suspect; there may have been some cahoots there; people are a little bit suspicious; Walker: somebody will fess up eventually.

Dick Miller – Recently, at Washington Knolls, 11 trees were removed for a tree replacement project; those were trees planted approximately in 1975 by the Lions Club; they had just simply outgrown their narrow tree lawn; tree giveaway was a success, we gave away probably more trees than we have ever given away before, 125 trees; those included some seedlings; Potting Day, also a success; we potted 113 hanging baskets; we’ll be hanging 90, and then we’ll have back-ups for when things go downhill; we also – all the new sidewalk containers and refurbished containers are in place and planted; those – you’ll notice a big change in those in the next couple of weeks with the heat and humidity; we begin the design of the Fall street tree planting, that usually begins in August; if you have suggestions, just email me; mulching is 80% complete, herbicide spraying is 10% complete; we are presently working on the Towing Path parking landscape; that’s at Washington and Groveport Road.

Steve Smith – Just got a couple of quick slides to show you about the results about our odor control methodology; what we’re doing – you might recall, that’s at the North Gender tower site; hydrogen sulfide, you might recall, is a gas created by decayed organics; we’ve already spent over a quarter of a million dollars on repairs to our infrastructure because of damage done to that; we’re also having premature damage to our influent infrastructure; it’s been literally eating away the city for a long time; it’s referred to as ‘rotten egg’ gas typically, you can see the smell is first noticeable on 1.5; it creates an acid that destroys the concrete structures in our area; right now, we’re going to have to do another lining project in the Sycamore area, the Canal Pointe area; we’re going to have to line about 30 or 40 manholes, that cost about probably the better part of $100,000, because these manholes are literally falling apart because of this gas this does not cover that area; (next slide) this is what we had prior to our effort to control hydrogen sulfide; quickly,
you can see that the indicator maxes out at 400 parts per million; it just doesn’t go any higher than that, so basically what you’re seeing is the average day; in a few weeks time, you’ll see that it goes down here and there; (next slide) after our control, you can see just a market difference; we had an 86.5% reduction in hydrogen sulfide; it’s really good, it’s living up to all of its expectations; (next slide) we also had some residual effect of that chemical, as it mixes with the other pump stations at Old Creek and Gender after that, there’s a 7 reduction of 44% still; our total reduction at the end level on Buckner Court is at 94%, we’re very happy with that; people are going to notice it, our infrastructure will be able to prosper because of that; things are going well, and we’re also seeing some benefit with regard to exposure to our employees.

Shawn Starcher – As you can imagine, crews are extremely busy with parks and roadside mowing; we have a mower – some type of mower, tractor out every day of the week, we’re trying to keep up with that; we also started installing American flags, gearing up for the weekend, we’ll finish that up tomorrow; pool work is almost complete, we’ll be installing the aqua climb wall this week; have a few things left there in the bathrooms to finish up; we’ll be finishing that up probably by midweek; lastly, as Dick mentioned, we’re going to start our herbicide roadside spraying Thursday or Friday if weather permits, and that’ll help out with weed eating, hopefully; Coolman: I’d like to say thanks for this past weekend with the bicycle tour, your team stepped in, put up signs on the parking lots; that was very, very helpful at the last minute, so thank you; Amos: Additionally, our baseball fields look fantastic, so thank you.

Rick Brown – Real quickly, we continue to work on the server architecture, that’s my life for the rest of the year; that’s what I’m working on; Jarvis: Is the rollout going the way you expected it to? Brown: Absolutely, it’s working well; just have 3 servers left to really do, 3 big ones; Jarvis: When will the first opportunity to do a failover test be? Brown: Next year, when we get the software, the backup software to finish everything; we’ll be able to do the tests now, we’re running that now; that’s where we’re getting measurements for the network and everything, so fun times.

Joe Taylor – After the last meeting, we completed some core sampling from 3 filters and 2 softeners; check on the media efficiency, those samples have been shipped off to a lab through the manufacturer, I’m still waiting on results from those samples; we replaced a affluent meter on softener number 2 that we were having an issue with, but that went well; the distribution – the AMI metering installs are still ongoing, we have around 1,035 installed at this time; we have some issues with one of the handhelds, so it kind of slowed us down for a couple of weeks; we’ve got a new one on order, here in about another week or so, we’ll be having 2 crews back at it again; on High Street, where we’ve been doing the street paving, we went through there and went through all the valve bolts, the main line valves, and the watch valves for the hydrants, and replaced any of them that were in need; there were 11 valves total that we dug up and inspected, and replaced; a few of those bolts were not stainless; this past billing cycle we had approximately 43 that we physically had to shut off; we’ve been working with Woodward Excavating, doing the testing for the 12-inch main for Greengate Boulevard, as Bill was explaining; we did pull the bacteria samples for those today; once the lab brings those back, we can put that into service; we also did the fountain start-up; other than that, not really any customer calls – we did have one call concerning our hardness, and desirable for softener or not, so I spoke with a lady about that; she lives on Dietz, in the new section, she was the last house in the old section, so I explained how that process
works; Walker: Only one customer complaint, that’s it? Taylor: Yeah, it really wasn’t even a complaint; it was just inquiring about hardness; I told her it was more of a personal preference for her; I actually have a chart, where you can see over the last few years that we’ve actually brought the hardness down quite a bit; we’re removing about 72-73% of the hardness; Jarvis: Just out of curiosity, is that person a long-time resident? Taylor: No, the house is only a couple years old I believe; Clark: I don’t have a question, I just wanted to thank you; I had the AMI installed in my house today, and your staff was very courteous, very efficient, very professional, clean and I just appreciate that very much; Taylor: Thank you.

Sargent Cassel – Good evening, if you’ve noticed, I didn’t give you any paperwork today; there’s a reason for that, lieutenant is changing the format in how we do our stats; the way it’s going to be is it will be broken down per shift, and the down time will be broken down per shift; I talked to Mayor Ebert last week, and there was some concern over the down time being kind of high; me and the Mayor are both under the assumption that that’s because Deputy D’Amore’s stats are entered into that also; he’s going to have more down time with transports, tickets, and things of that nature; what I have to do is figure out, with the new format, how to take his numbers away from the whole number, as a whole; he’s working 4 hours on first shift, and 4 hours on second shift; so I’ve got to figure out how to do that – to separate that, to figure out the down time, with his numbers not inflating the down time, does that make sense? So that’s my goal – next time we meet, I’ll have the reports broken down like I told you I would for every month; we’ll do that once a month there; again, I apologize for being empty handed as far as the stats go; as far as what we’re doing – starting today until the 31st, we’re doing increased traffic patrol for click it or ticket, OVI and speed, because of the holiday weekend coming up; we’ll be hitting those areas in the city and on 33 pretty hard; Deputy Reed may be getting promoted to Sargent; he is our school resource officer in Canal Winchester; if he gets promoted – which it pretty much looks like he is going to – if he gets promoted, we will have to find a new school resource officer for him, which he was awesome at his job; hopefully the next school resource office that we get will be just as good as him, but that’s a high bar to hold, because he was really good at what he did; our new cruiser is all striped out and ready to go; we are just waiting on getting a new repeater put into it, I guess the repeater that was put in didn’t function properly, so hopefully we’ll see that within a week or two; Walker: Sargent Cassel, big thank you to one of your deputies that stopped by Jackie Marion’s – I don’t know if that was you, or which deputy; we were told they stopped by to check on her; Cassel: What’s her address? Oh – is that the female that wasn’t home, and they thought she was home? Jackson: No, it’s a different one; Cassel: I’ll look into it and let them know; Walker: I heard from the Lloyds that one of the deputies had stopped by to make sure everything was okay, that she was okay; we just wanted to thank that deputy – a special thank you; Cassel: I will, we’ve got a lot going on; I apologize for not knowing exactly; Walker: That’s fine.

Shane Spencer – I think as the weather has turned here, a lot of the engineering efforts have turned into construction efforts, as Mr. Sims report kind of highlighted with Gender Road Phase IV, and the 2018 Street Program well into construction now; with that being said, just a few quick updates; one of which, I actually do not have any new news relative to our approach with the railroad, to partner with possibly upgrading the High Street crossing; this year, we have been in contact with them numerous times, as recently as Friday with the local office; the local office has been very supportive of the concept, they need to bring additional funding in; they’re still trying to
bring funding in at the corporate level; we’re getting down in time to be able to that accomplished this year, and we have certainly conveyed that urgency, and we hope to have a response one way or the other here in the short time, so we are still pursuing that; as I mentioned last month, I was working on a summary of a timeline for finding consideration of developments for potential improvements to US 33 and Gender Road; I did finish the summary, and distributed it to staff for consideration; just outlining possible funding sources and a realistic timeline approach to that; the last thing – it’s that time of year now, in the summer we start considering potential OPWC potential funded projects; something we’ll continue to think about as we move into summer with those applications due in September; if we identify a good opportunity, it’s something we would bring forward; Clark: I noticed in the paper, there was mention with the extra road – 3 lanes going from Hamilton, that they were going to do something on Gender Road – the bridge on Gender Road was part of that package, what are they doing there? Spencer: There is some maintenance activity, Mr. Sims has seen those actual improvement plans; I think most of that is to do with maintenance, with some degradation of the barrier wall; Sims: Last year, the Gender Road bridge was hit; damaged part of the beam and bridge deck; ODOT has hired a contractor; they’ve had preconstruction for that project as well; it will necessitate some lane closures, some at night, and some closure at Gender and 33 when they set the beam in place so we’ve been in communication; haven’t gotten their schedule yet to know days and impact; trying to coordinate signage; they will have detour signage associated with their project and we will have detour signage associated with ours; won’t want that to be confusing

D. Request for Council Action

**RES-18-006**
Mayor
A Resolution Authorizing Destination: Canal Winchester To Operate The “Canal Winchester Farmers’ Market” In And On Various Property Owned By The City Of Canal Winchester

- Request to move to full Council

Mayor: We do this every year, so they can operate; like it says, within the various limits of the City of Canal Winchester; Lynch: this is just a resolution to operate on city property – it doesn’t include any additional funding or anything? Mayor: No.

*A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Coolman to move this resolution to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

**RES-18-007**
Development
A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Apply For An Ohio Department Of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks Grant For Improvements To Westchester Park

- Request to move to full Council

Haire: This would be a resolution that would allow us to apply for a NatureWorks grant that would fund potential improvements to Westchester Park; as a result of completing the parks plan, there are a number of improvements listed; Westchester Park – there’s an opportunity now for us to do some improvements; we had budgeted this year to put a shelter house in the park; what we would
like to do is use that money that we had budgeted, and also leverage that with some additional funding – and potentially some grant funding to do a bigger project; that’s what we would like to do; I had them pull up the plan, that obviously didn’t show up real well on there, but it gives you an idea; I’ll go through some of the proposed improvements that we have there; if you’ll scroll down to the bottom, most of the activity is taking place down there; this was a plan that took place back in the early 2000’s, where it was kind of laid out on what the park would ultimately be; what we have done here is revise that plan – what this plan includes is adding 14 additional parking spaces, there are currently 10 parking spaces at that park; a lot of times, there are busy periods, weekends, you’ll see a lot of people park along the street there as well; the street is fairly safe, but in parks there are little kids and things like that, so to be safe we would like to get those to parking space, and still have overflow parking if needed; right now, that trail that loops to the side of the parking lot, that currently dead ends into the parking lot, so we would have to remove a portion of that trail and relocate it, and what we would like to do is bring that all the way out to the street; the trail that’s along the north side of Dietz Drive – it would connect directly to that; that trail would also – the asphalt path would also continue from the parking lot over to the playground, and then also out to the street; the idea behind that is to make that entire area handicap accessible; all those trails would be ADA accessible, and right now the playground is elevated, so it’s a mulch playground and it’s elevated; they manufacture ramps that would allow that area to become ADA accessible as well; we would be proposing to install one of those ramps that would allow someone that’s in a wheelchair, or has any mobility issues to be able to go up those ramps and access those playground structures; we’re also proposing a small addition to the playground, with some new structures there; those we’re looking at some inclusive options; those would also be some playground items that would be accessible to all children; that would be the goal with those, we haven’t picked out anything yet, we’ve just kind of budgeted for a number - we will get more specific on equipment in the coming weeks; we are proposing a 24x36 shelter house that would be located just to the north; that’s the big white block you see on there; it’s just kind of southeast of where the large shade tree is, adjacent to the playground; between the parking lot, and the playground structure; 11 new shade trees, 3 new benches, and then upgrading the mulch path that goes through the wooded area; right now, that’s paved until you get up to about where it starts being woooded; at one point, it was mulched, there’s not really a lot of mulch left – it’s mostly just a dirt trail at this point; it’s really scenic if you walk back in there, it’s a really high tree canopy, it’s really quiet, it’s a nice feature to have in the park; we want to make it more accessible and to make people feel more comfortable utilizing that area of the park; what we are proposing is a more compacted gravel, to upgrade that portion of the park; all of those improvements right now – the preliminary estimate for a budget for that $208,362; we’re still working on potentially refining that budget a little bit, it may come down a little bit from that number with some changes that we’re looking at, but that’s the approximate amount that we’re looking at for the improvements; the grant will fund up to 75% of the improvements, the NatureWorks grant; our commitment would be 25%, potentially a little more than that is what we’re looking at contributing; we haven’t discussed internally what that number would be, we just got the estimate late last week on what the improvements would be, so we’re trying to work that down a little.

Jarvis: Mr. Haire, would it be premature to talk about the HOA’s? Jackson: I don’t know that Luke knows that; Haire: I do know that – Jackson: Luke was out last week when we got that news; Haire:
We met with the Westchester Homeowners Association to seek their approval for this; part of the conditions for this park is that the Homeowners Association and the golf course have any approval rights over any improvements that we make there; we met with them to share the plans, do you guys want to discuss that – one of you that was actually at the meeting? Mayor: When we did – Amanda, Matt and I met with the Homeowners Association a week and a half ago, whenever it was; we did present this to them, we told them the full scope of the project, we’d like to have their support, the golf course’s support, and support letters, so on and so forth – just everything that we would like to have to make it for a good grant application; a couple of days later they came back to us and said that they were going to donate $20,000 to the project, so that was probably more support than we were expecting, but it’s good support; Amos: Did they ask for anything in return? Mayor: No, to build the park; Jackson: They were very excited by the presentation that Matt made; I think that we got some good feedback from them on some things; they were concerned a little bit about safety and lighting, and we took all of that back, and we are working on integrating that; they were very, very pleased with what we presented them; Lynch: Is there any lighting part of this first phase plan; is there any out there currently – I’ve not driven by at night; Haire: There’s street lights along Dietz that light up the area; I think that if we incorporated lighting, it would probably just be on the shelter house itself; there would probably be some wall-packs or something like that that would shine off of the shelter house, but no other trail lighting or anything; Jackson: It would be more for security purposes; Amos: Would this shelter house be a part of the rentals that we offer? Jackson: Yes; Haire: The idea is that what we would be doing here would set the standard for what we are doing in the rest of the parks; it would have one theme for benches, trash cans, the shelter house itself; we’d want that to tie in to any of the future improvements that we do; Lynch: The $200,000 – is that all contracting everything out, or does that include doing any kind of work in house, and do we have any capacity to do it in house? Jackson: We talked about that a little bit last week while you were gone last week, Luke, about what we might be able to do in house; to use as part of a match in this grant in kind labor, and materials would be counted as part of our minimum 25% match; we just haven’t figured out exactly what that would be yet; Haire: It would most likely be some of our landscaping, and some of those items that we could do in house that could save us, and also contribute to our match; the higher you score on applications, the more match you put in; 25% is the minimum required, there’s minimum points for that – if you go up to 33%, you get more points; Amos: Mr. Haire, during the parks plan meeting that we went to; it was mentioned about using recycled materials for things like the shelter house – is that something that you’re looking into on the material, or are we going with more wood products? Haire: We haven’t looked at that, but typically what that’s used for is benches and things like that, that are more readily available; a lot of suppliers making them, so it would probably be used for that rather than the building itself; Walker: You mentioned maybe lighting the shelter, but any at all for the entrance, or the parking area at all – do we need anything at all? Haire: I think we could serve that purpose by putting some wall packs on the walls, that shine towards the playground and the parking lot, I think that would serve that purpose; the streetlights are just adjacent to the parking lot now, so you kind of get some light in there already.

Bennett: Mr. Haire, I see in our parks plan we had 2 full-sized basketball courts – any thought into A: where it fits into this plan – I mean if we’re going to talk about the expense that we’re talking, it’s listed here as a $30,000 investment; Haire: We looked at options for laying that out there; you
start getting pretty crowded with what you have in here; if we were to put basketball courts in, it
would take up that green space kind of west to where the playground is; that would be the only
spot that it would fit and be appropriate; you get into issues with the residents in the area with
basketballs bouncing; what we’re looking at is McGill Park would have basketball; I think we’ve got
4 basketball courts laid out there, and that would be the priority area to put that in; if it’s
necessary in the future, we could reconsider it here; Mayor: When we met with the HOA, they did
not want basketball courts; Jackson: They did not, and as Luke mentioned we have to get approval
from the HOA and the golf course, and I don’t know that the golf course would approve basketball
courts out there either; Walker: Mayor Ebert, at one of the meetings also Mr. Bennett, had
mentioned even flipping the basketball courts with the pickleball just to keep the noise even
more off the road of the balls bouncing – isn’t that correct? Jackson: At McGill Park? Yes;
Walker: Yes, McGill Park; I think it was 2-4; Mayor: We don’t have a final determination; Walker:
Talked about it, in consideration of the houses across the street; Bennett: I guess with that piece of
information then, is there any consideration into if we don’t want to use that space for basketball
courts – soccer fields, or any other type of athletic use? Haire: It could be striped for something,
dimension wise; right now it’s kind of an informal green space, kids play frisbee and things like that
right now; Peoples: Parking would be an issue as well, if you have 2 teams of 10-11 kids in soccer;
Bennett: Is there no street parking? Peoples: It would be very limited, because we have median
islands in through there; Jackson: If I could, I just want to speak to the financial end of this real
fast; this is a reimbursement grant, meaning we would have to pay for the entire project and then
get reimbursed for it from ODNR; right now, all we have budgeted for it is the shelter house, but
we will not hear from this on whether or not we are successful with our application maybe until
November this year, so we wouldn’t even be talking about starting the project until 2019; the
resolution does indicate that we would come back for approval of the appropriation of the money
to do the project, should we be successful with the grant application; Haire: The application is due
on June 1st; Coolman: Mr. Haire, how long would the project take from start to finish? Haire: We
would just do it in one season; if we are awarded I would try to – Coolman: So next year; Haire:
Yeah, I think we would probably try to bid it out pretty early in the year, and get it done quickly; it
shouldn’t take long to complete the project, the parking would be the biggest portion of
construction that would take place – parking and the trail; the playground equipment and the
shelter house can go in pretty quickly.

Bennett: With the – I guess, surrounding the opportunity for the grant – I don’t know how much is
available, the size of the grants that they’re offering; also – the other thing is that we have long
term restrooms with water as a $200,000 expense; if there’s an opportunity to obviously do a
project like that, maybe it’s not this time, but it’s a future consideration; is that something that
could be folded into that grant? I mean I get the trails and the paths for the NatureWorks – I didn’t
know if restrooms were an acceptable grant; Haire: They are a fundable item; how they look at it is
whatever makes up the majority of the cost is what the grant is issued for; you rank based on what
you’re doing – playground equipment and things generally rank higher than amenities like
restrooms and parking lots; we wanted to make sure that we’re spending more on the playground
amenities, the trails and things like that with this application to make sure that we would score
higher; the grant is allocated by county, and that’s based on population; in this year’s round,
there’s $337,810 available in Franklin County; we would be applying for that Franklin County pool
of money with this application; Lynch: We have no idea – it’s just to fund up to 75% - Haire: Right, the applications are capped at $150,000, so we couldn’t seek more money than that; Lynch: So they could give us up to $150,000 or $10,000, we don’t know; Haire: Last year they funded 2 projects in Franklin County, a $94,000 project in Whitehall, and a $75,000 project in Columbus was the grant award portion; Jackson: Historically they fund 2-3 projects in Franklin County per year; Clark: Do you know how many applied? Haire: I don’t, I just look at the awards; Walker: Do you know what they look for to, you know – Haire: Yes, so we have the copies of the application and it plays out the scoring; we are tailoring the application to that; having the donation, leveraging that money helps; the more partners you have on board, that helps with scoring, having firm commitments from them; a letter of commitment helps as well; we’ve been successful with these in the past – we have funded Walnut Creek Park with the NatureWorks grant, and Hanners Park was funded with the NatureWorks grant.

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Coolman to move this resolution to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORD-18-018  An Ordinance Approving The Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Orders Of Canal Winchester, Ohio
Finance - Request to move to full Council

Jackson: This is something we do every year; we contract with a company called Walter H. Drane; they ask us for copies of all the ordinances passed by council in the preceding 12 months, and they go through and determined which ones need to be formally codified, which is the nice, large package that they used to print; I don’t know if anyone still has a copy of the printed ordinances or not; they also go through state code, and anything that we need to update in our code to mirror state code; that’s what this ordinance is doing this evening, is updating these particular sections of our code; most of them are traffic related; the tickets that our deputies would write under our code; Amos: Miss. Jackson, for us newbies, where would be able to see these? Jackson: It is online, there’s a link on our website that would take you to this; if you would just Google Walter Drane, you can find Canal Winchester listed as one of the many municipalities for whom they publish these; Amos: It will show the pending ones? Jackson: It will not show the pending ones; once this is formally approved by council, then they will get updated to the website.

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to move this ordinance to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORD-18-019  An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Accept And Execute The Plat For Canal Cove Section 5
Development - Request to move to full Council

Ordinance Attachments: Planning & Zoning Recommendation

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Haire: This is a plat for Canal Cove section 5; they have a number of homes under construction in section 4 currently; this would be the next section, which is the extension of Lane Street, and also Gundy Drive; it would be lots 129-168, so it’s a total of 40 lots of this section, and also a reserve, which is Reserve F, which is 1.972 acres; really just the next section of that – Planning & Zoning Commission heard this at their last meeting, they made a recommendation for council to approve the plat, with 3 conditions; the conditions being that the 8-foot multi-use path along Hill Road be completed for the final plat approval; prior to the final plat approval, the turn lane on Hill Road into Cannon Drive be completed prior to the final plat approval; the electric easements as noted in note D be submitted for review prior to final plat approval; the first 2 conditions were included on section 4, which they’re still constructing now; they’ve finished the infrastructure work with the exception of those 2 items, so that’s why those are included there; the electric easements – note D basically says that they’ll define where those are going to be; typically all easements need to be noted on a plat; we would want those noted on the plat prior to that final plat being signed, and have approval over where those easements are located.

A motion was made by Coolman, seconded by Bennett to move this resolution to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. Items for Discussion

18-052 Rules Committee Meeting – June 4, 2018

Jackson: Would you like me to take this, Mr. Walker? This is more just for your information; a rules committee meeting has been scheduled for June 4th, that will start at 5pm; all of council is invited to that, however there are only 3 official members of the Rules Committee – Mr. Lynch, Mr. Coolman, and Mrs. Amos, so they would be the only 3 with the power to vote during said meeting; I would encourage all of council to look through all of the rules, I will send those out to you tomorrow morning, so that you have a copy, and if there’s anything you would like to change or update, note those; either bring them to the meeting, or get them to one of the members for discussion; also on this agenda will be the invocation topic; again that will be at 5pm on June 4th;

Walker: If that – after that is put into the rules, how soon would the invocation – would this be another month away before that would go to a vote by council? Jackson: Typically, what would happen is rules committee would make the determination on what they want to recommend to full council, and then we would bring an ordinance – I don’t know if it’s a resolution or an ordinance, I’d have to look, it’s been awhile since we’ve done an update to the rules; they would bring that to council, and it would go through the same process that every other piece of legislation goes through.

Jarvis: Mr. Haire, I think you were probably appointed in on organizing the discussion about the residential standards, and I realize you’ve been out of town – out of country for a while, so I understand that it probably hasn’t gelled yet; do you have a notion of an idea of when it might take place? Haire: I do not, I have not thought about it; when would you like it to take place, and we’ll try to get it setup; Jarvis: The only sense of urgency is the fact that there are proposed developments that are somewhere in the pipeline, and things may or may not have a bearing on
those; having it done would be a good thing sooner, rather than later; it’s not, obviously something that has to happen by tomorrow; I realize that there’s a lot of coordination.

Lynch: A couple of plots that we have proposed up in Canal Cove that we will be looking at in Old Town – the standards we have already in place, we looked at a couple weeks ago; those areas will be based on those standards, correct? So any new standards that come up would not apply to either of those developments? Haire: Right, so what they’re building currently is in planned districts; those planned districts were approved long ago, so prior to 2006; I think Canal Cove was approved in 2001, Westchester was approved in 1992; we’re working off standards that were adopted at that time for the planned district, which included the entire development; Lynch: Got it, okay; Haire: So until those are built out, they’ll build off those standards; Lynch: The areas that are being proposed are under those standards? Haire: Yeah, so that’s section 5 of Canal Cove, there will also be a section 6 and a section 7 in the future that are planned; at Westchester, we’ll have plats coming up for sections 10-1 and 2, section 9, and also 12-3 will be coming here in the next 2 months; Lynch: How many outstanding areas have been pre-approved that are out there right now under old standards? Haire: In terms of number of homes, or sections? Lynch: Let’s just say sections, it will make it easier; Haire: There’s 3 sections of Canal Cove remaining, there are 9 sections of the Villages of Westchester; Lynch: So any changes that get made will make some impact, but not a lot; it sounds like a lot of the areas has already been – Haire: There’s still a couple hundred homes that are in approved subdivisions at this point that are not yet built out, I can get you the number here in just a moment; Clark: Are those – are some of them minor, like one or 2 lots or something in some of those sections? You’re saying there’s 9 to still be built out at Westchester? Haire: Yes; Clark: How many total homes would that be, if 9 are built out then? Jarvis: Do they all average about 40; Clark: Yeah – Haire: No, they’re smaller than that, Westchester is typically around 20; Haire: In Westchester, there are still 220 houses to be built; in Canal Cove, there are 124. Lynch: So less than 350 altogether under the old codes; Bennett: Mr. Haire, those are all planned districts, and any changes that we make won’t affect any of the current development that’s been approved? Haire: Correct; Clark: Lucas, what’s the development out on Oregon Road and Hayes Road – out that way, around the circle, what’s that being called? Haire: Middletown Farms; Clark: At this point, that has not been approved, so they would be under these standards if we adopted them, right? Haire: Yeah, it was referred from Planning & Zoning Commission, so that will be set for a public hearing later this evening; Clark: It was referred from Planning & Zoning on – Jackson: It’s on your council agenda this evening to set the public hearing for that; actual Planning & Zoning recommendation is included in your council packet; Clark: Was it 1-4 or 1-5; the vote from the Planning & Zoning?

F. Old/New Business

Bennett: Mr. Peoples, question about the speed tubes – have we, again with the weather turning – Peoples: They haven’t been back out for a while, we had the speed trailer out for quite some time, we haven’t done any studies in a while; Bennett: I thought we talked at one point about the speed tubes; were they damaged, or – I don’t remember if it was software – Peoples: We upgraded them, the ones we had – we have smaller units that hook to the tubes, and one of the ones that we had completely went; they’re $400 units, so they’re not super expensive things, they’re relatively rugged; the battery life on them was 3 years, and I think we got 5 years out of it; in the long run
we’re doing pretty good; we replaced one of them, I expect we’ll have to replace another one here before long; Bennett: With making an effort to get those back out into different sections of the community, then we’ll be able to help and form our officers, especially the midshift on potential speed enforcements? Peoples: based on some of the numbers I’ve seen, I don’t think he needs a whole lot of information on where he needs to go; he seems to be doing pretty well; that’s the goal, is to try to help along with that with seeing some things; there are very typical spots of where there are speed problems – Washington, Dietz, Waterloo, High Street; Lynch: Columbus Street; People: It’s getting better, though; I actually noticed going out seems to be worse than coming in, I don’t know if it’s if you have to navigate to Coroner out there, then Trine Street helps slow them down a little bit; that does help coming in, but going out – Lynch: Yeah, leaving Canal and heading out towards old town, they pick up speed before they hit Trine Street, that’s been bad; Peoples: There’s been a truck that’s down there at that white house that’s under construction, it’s a larger truck; right before you get to Trine Street, it sits out a little ways, that helps; Amos: Mr. Peoples, would we consider Groveport Road – after sitting on there for the TOSRV event, we watched people go past so fast you couldn’t even see the lights of their eyes; Peoples: The deputy has gotten quite a few people out there; all he has to do is drive – he said that he got one the other day, where he passed him and the guy sped up, and he turned around and got them because they have radars in the back; he knows that spot, he sits at the church or the retirement center over there; Amos: It was absolutely unbelievable, people were blowing past us; Clark: People get going 55-60; Mayor: He caught one on I think it was Groveport Road, I think he was going 62 (mph) in a 25 (mph); he was on his way to lunch with his daughter, he was in a hurry; Coolman: Must’ve been pretty hungry; Walker: Mayor Ebert, I was with Deputy Walker the evening – the day we rode together, we were stopped by a gentleman at the light over by the Kroger store, coming out onto – that light, it’s real quick; have we talked – Mayor: Which light, where at? Peoples: Over by Prentiss School; Walker: Is there any – I apologize if we talked about this before, I don’t remember that we did; is there any way of making that a little bit longer? Mayor: The thing is, which most people don’t take into consideration, that light changes twice as often as the one at Gender Road does; it’s shorter, but it changes twice as often; you can’t stack too many people there at one time, if you do, it would be a really big mess; Walker: So we’ve done all that we can with it? Mayor: We’ve had – who’s our company? Peoples: EMH&T – we were going to have them look at it again – the whole corridor is synchronized together, and once we do the Gender 4 Groveport intersection project, we’re going to have them take a look at that, and do a resynchronization; I don’t expect Prentiss School to get any better; we’ve tried to steal 2 seconds from it, and it messes up the timing with Gender Road; it may end up cycling just a little bit faster, but it’ll still be that 2 cycles per one at Gender Road; Walker: Okay, at least I have an answer for folks for when they ask; Mayor: It’s a short light – no doubt it’s a short light, but it’s done that way intentionally.

Coolman: Mr. Haire, welcome back from the Far East; question – since we’ve passed the ordinance for the farm animals and the acreage a few months ago, just curious, has anybody applied for any variances? Haire: We’ve not had a single inquiry or application that I know of.

Lynch: Mr. Peoples, we talked several months back about maybe some short term parking downtown, maybe 10 minute for pick up – maybe do 3 spots in different areas, people want to run in and run out; has that been looked into at all, is that something we can do? Peoples: We got a little bit of feedback; some of the business owners are not in favor of that – now it depends on who
it is, a Shade’s type of thing, it depends on if it’s a longer situation or not, the coffee place I think they were okay with it during the day, or in the mornings, but on their night, they want people to stay longer; it is not been taken a whole lot farther, it was just I guess some feedback that we had heard informally.

Jarvis: I just wanted to make a reference to an ordinance that will be coming up this evening for a third reading – all of us received in our packets a red-lined, kind of a cleaned up version of the last version of the admissions tax ordinance; I think, in looking at it – and that was not an intent to be kind of a final touch, it was just another step in the direction that we were discussing; the only reasonable for us to do, because it is coming up for a final reading, would be to table that ordinance, and then maybe we can discuss it in more detail during the general session; just wanted to make sure that everybody was on the same sheet as far as that.

G. Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

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

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