



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

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AMENDED MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The First Meeting of Council was called to Order by President Koudela

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Devon McFarland
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

ABSENT

Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Fire Chief Malovrh, Police Chief Daubenmire, Chief Building Inspector Brennan, Service Director Shannon, Recreation Director Kless, Engineer McLaughlin and Clerk Morgan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2023, regular Council meeting.

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Voting to Abstain: Ward 3 Councilman Malta

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Each Commission and Oath was Administered by Mayor Vanni

1. Peace Officer Commission and Oath of Office-Police Officer Alex Bednar
2. Peace Office Commission and Oath of Office-Sergeant Gregory Williams
3. Peace Office Commission and Oath of Office-Lieutenant Mark Guerrieri

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

The sale of the Lakeland Boulevard property was closed on Friday (12/29/2023) for \$465,000. The City will be reimbursed almost \$7,900.00 for the survey, deed recording and the lot split that was paid to CT Consultants.

Shoregate Towers jury trial was set for Monday and includes the counts from back in 2020. They have done some repairs but this will include balcony guards, trash, rat infestation. This does not include the 45 new counts that the building department filed nor the 5 counts that will be filed by fire department.

Rich Hunter passed on Friday. Rich and his wife Pat managed the butterfly garden for years. Thoughts and prayers with the family.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilman Malta inquired about the judge overseeing the Shoregate trial and Mayor Vanni answered it was Judge Cornachio.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials**Service Director – Todd Shannon**

Director Shannon mentioned Christmas tree pick is in progress, the snow fence was placed across the street. Due to unexpected undermining happened on Fairway Sewer Project causing the closure of Oakdale from Fairway to E. 300th Street.

Councilman Malta congratulated and commended Director Shannon for 8 years as coach for North Rangers.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

None

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

None

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

None

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

None

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Monthly submitted. No formal report

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Monthly submitted. No formal report

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

None

WARD MATTERS

Councilwoman Bisbee discussed setting up a Ward 2 open house at the Legion and Mayor Vanni acknowledged this was a great idea.

Councilman Malta noted notifications of the streetlights being out and mentioned the light E. 305th entrance to the freeway is not functioning. Director Shannon mentioned anyone can call to report whether city or resident and it is posted on the website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

b) Council response to the public

c) Public clarification (30 seconds to 1 minute for the purpose of restating or rearticulating an original question, concern, suggestion or idea)

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Presiden Koudela wanted to mention she will be reviewing boards and committees to fill the current vacancies by next meeting.

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic

Councilwoman Bisbee will be getting with Finance Director to review reports and numbers to put together and schedule a finance meeting after the budgets are completed.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

None

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares

Councilman Malta reminded of the committee meeting January 4 at 6:30. The Gold Star Family Memorial Monument committee continues to move forward with recent visits to businesses in Shoregate for support. Amount needed for monument is \$75,000.00 and currently \$4,000.00 has been raised.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

Councilman Malta discussed the meeting held earlier regarding the renaming of E. 321st Street and thanked Director Landgraf for her input, help and expertise.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

None

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

Councilman Mohorcic would like to meet Saturday, February 3 for budget meeting at 8:00am with a second meeting on February 6, at 6:30pm prior to council meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

None

Board of Zoning Appeals – /Alternate Koudela

None

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

None

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

None

Plan Review Board – Antosh

None

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Councilman Malta reminded of the fundraiser on January 27 and tickets are still available. Contact Charlie at (440) 488-1757.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

4. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a 1-Year Maintenance Contract with Maximum Elevator

Motion to approve made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

5. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with TruGreen for Weed Control at Manry Park LaForge Football Field in the Amount of \$3,689.21

Motion to approve made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

6. Ordinance No. 2024-1

An Ordinance Approving and Confirming the Appointment of Christine Morgan as Clerk of Council and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

7. Ordinance No. 2024-2

An Ordinance Approving and Confirming the Appointment of Cheryl Benedict as Director of Finance, Providing for the Compensation of the Director of Finance, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

8. Ordinance No. 2024-3

An Ordinance Approving and Confirmation the Appointment of Stephanie Landgraf as Director of Law, Providing for the Compensation of the Director of Law of the City, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

9. Ordinance No. 2024-4

An Ordinance Approving and Confirmation the Appointment of Julie Kless as Director of Recreation, Providing for the Compensation of the Director of Recreation, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

10. Ordinance No. 2024-5

An Ordinance Approving and Confirmation the Appointment of Todd Shannon as Director of Public Service, Providing for the Compensation of the Director of Public Service, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

11. Ordinance No. 2024-6

An Ordinance Approving and Confirming the Appointment of Sean Brennan to the Position of Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector, Providing for the Compensation of the Inspector, Repealing Certain Ordinances, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Councilman McFarland notified that he will be abstaining from the vote to adopt as he noted residents have the biggest concern with the building department. He has not had time to figure out the problems/solutions to their concerns.

Motion to adopt made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
Voting to Abstain: Ward 1 Councilman McFarland

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried

12. Ordinance No. 2024-7

An Ordinance Providing for Compensation of the Position of Secretary to the Mayor, Establishing Certain Duties of the Position and Declaring an Emergency

Amended

Motion to waive three-day rule made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion made to adopt by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

13. Ordinance No. 2024-8

An Ordinance Approving and Confirming the Appointment of Christine Morgan as Secretary to the Civil Service Commission and Declaring an Emergency

Amended

Motion to waive the three day rule made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Councilman Malta expressed his appreciation for all the work Clerk Morgan has done when called upon to do so.

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried

14. Resolution No. 2024-1

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Mak Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Amended

Motion to waive three-day rule made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Mohorcic addressed Ordinance 2024-6 and the comments previously made. He noted he understood complaints, but he did not see it as a reflection on Chief Brennan. Addressing Chief, Councilman Mohorcic complimented the great job, and he understands he has to play the "bad guy". A portion has to do with outdated ordinances, which should be addressed by Council and the State Fire Code.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to reconvene made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Meeting Reconvened at 8:40pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

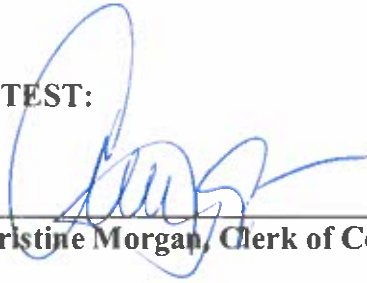
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:42pm



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council