



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 06, 2023 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Eleventh Meeting of Council called to order at 7:30 by Council Clerk Morgan

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

Ward 1 Councilwoman Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also Present:

Mayor Vanni, Law Director Landgraf; Finance Director Benedict; Fire Chief Malovhr; Police Chief Turner; Service Director Shannon; Recreation Director Kless; Engineer McLaughlin.

Not in Attendance: Building Chief Brennan

Council President Robert Patton submitted his resignation effective May 31, 2023, as Council at Large/President due to his appointment as Judge for the 11th District Court of Appeals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Nominations for the Position of Council Person at Large/Council President

Councilwoman Monica Koudela nominated by Councilman Charles Malta; Councilman David Phares nominated himself.

No other nominations. Law Director Landgraf explained procedure. Councilwoman Antosh inquired of questions toward the nominees and the answer was yes. Councilwoman Bisbee began the questioning and each candidate responded. Roll call vote:

Mr. Phares-David Phares
Mr. Malta-Monica Koudela
Ms. Koudela-Monica Koudela
Ms. Antosh-David Phares
Mr. Mohorcic-Monica Koudela
Ms. Bisbee-David Phares

The vote ended in a tie and Law Director Landgraf informed council they have 30 days to come up with a new president. Nomination for Councilwoman Koudela to be Council President Pro Tempore by Councilman Malta; Seconded by Councilwoman Bisbee. Mayor Vanni reminded council of the deadline for filing for November election is August 9, 2023 and stressed the importance of the newest councilmember to have enough time to be able to run. If council president remains tied, Mayor Vanni will break the tie.

No other discussion; All aye; Motion carried. Gavel passed to Council President Pro Tempore, Monica Koudela to continue with the meeting.

Proclamation Recognizing Joey Tomsick's Service to Seniors

Read and presented by Councilman Malta with comments from Mr. Tomsick.

Proclamation Recognizing the Honorable Robert J. Patton

Proclamation presented to Judge Robert Patton by Mayor Vanni with comments from Judge Patton.

Proclamation Honoring Mayor Richard Regovich

Proclamation presented to Lake County Commissioner Richard Regovich, comments from Commissioner Regovich and the unveiling of his portrait displayed with all the former Mayors of Willowick.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor reported the festival and parade was a great weekend. Cleveland Pizza lost its funding for the new restaurant. Mayor reached out regarding potential funding through NOPEC and will check back in a couple weeks regarding their status.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilman Phares noted he is in favor of keeping Cleveland Pizza and turning around Vine Street.

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

Emailed report to Council. The a/c unit behind the senior center to be connected and tested by the end of the week. Lots of road construction with the gas companies are working on Vine St. in the 324th/326th area along with the railroad repairs.

Councilwoman Bisbee inquired about the process of the street repair and Director Shannon explained. Councilwoman Bisbee also inquired about a preventive maintenance program for parking lots due to Manry looking 'chippy' after just being recently completed. Director Shannon and Engineer McLaughlin will look at the area as a part of their final walkthrough.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Camp started this week with 148 campers this year from 119 last year. Learn to swim program beginning June 12, 2023 with over 250 kids for session one, which is the biggest the program has been and thankful for none of the issues with lifeguard shortages the other areas are experiencing. In addition, Saturday, June 10, 2023, t-ball begins with the minis at Manry at noon with games scheduled for 1pm.

Councilman Mohorcic wanted verification of both pools being open, fully staffed with lifeguards due to the news reporting pools not opening in other areas due to lack of help and complimented Direct Kless for this.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin went over all the items on the agenda for approval.

Mayor Vanni added that the Professional Land Surveying contract approval is to split the pond off on Lakeland Boulevard to remain with the city.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Director Benedict went over the items on the agenda, which included transferring funds and moving advanced funds previously discussed and appropriated at the budget hearing along with new funds received including a settlement and the Fairway sewer project. She requested a tax budget meeting to be set at the next council meeting (6/20/23) at 8:15pm.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No Report

Police Chief – Brian Turner

Emailed report to Council. No other report

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Emailed report to Council. No other report

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Absent

WARD MATTERS

None

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**Finance – Bisbee, Koudela, Mohorcic**

No Report

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

Meeting requested for 6/20/2023 at 6:30pm to discuss open burning and have that ordinance finalized. A pamphlet is in the works by the fire department with simple guidelines for residents for the website. Also noted the digital board out front notifying that fireworks are illegal in the city.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares, Bisbee

No Report

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

Councilman Malta addressed Ordinance 2023-22 on the agenda for consideration.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh

No Report

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares

No Report

Budget – Koudela, Bisbee, Mohorcic

No Report

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

No Report

Board of Zoning Appeals – Koudela/Alternate Mohorcic

No Report

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

No Report

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

No Report

Plan Review Board – Antosh

Councilwoman Antosh discussed the premature reporting of the News Herald regarding a new restaurant, Chop Sticks Cuisine, scheduled before the Plan Review Board June 8, 2023. This business is not approved to date. The original business for the old Taco Bell space was to be Winners Paradise but they will be located across from Willow Praise Church and upon approval, Chop Sticks will instead take over the old Taco Bell.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Tuesday night is project night and Councilman Malta provided number for anyone who wants to sign up.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with CT Consultants for Professional Land Surveying Services for a Lot Split of PPN 28-A-040-0-00-001-0 Lakeland Boulevard, in the amount of \$8,200.

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIONOrdinance No. 2023-18

An Ordinance Directing the Director of Finance to Certify Delinquent Accounts to the Lake County Auditor and Lake County Treasurer for Collection as Property Tax and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, 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 Antosh.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Ordinance No. 2023-19

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2005-65 Establishing the Salary of the Councilperson-at-Large (President of Council) of the City of Willowick, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

Voting Yea: Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 3 Councilman Malta

Voting Nay: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion Failed; Moved to 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 2023-20

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-66 Establishing the Salary of the Members of Council of the City of Willowick, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 3 Councilman Malta

Voting Nay: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion Failed; Move to 2nd Reading

Ordinance No. 2023-21

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 139 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Division of Police;" Specifically, Section 139.10, titled "Acting Chief," and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions CarriedOrdinance No. 2023-22

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio titled "Sewers Generally;" Specifically, Section 921.12 titled "Repair of Lateral Sewers or Connections within the Municipal Right of Way," and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions CarriedOrdinance No. 2023-23

An Ordinance Establishing the Fairway Storm Sewer Improvement Fund, Under Fund Number 432, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions CarriedOrdinance No. 2023-24

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-5 to Provide for Additional Appropriations from the Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Fund (228); Fairway Storm Sewer Improvement Fund (432); for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, During the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Malta.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Ordinance No. 2023-25

An Ordinance Authorizing the Return of Advanced Funds from the NOPEC Grant Fund (227) to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$217,841.00, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Mohorcic; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Ordinance No. 2023-26

An Ordinance Establishing a Special Revenue Fund titled The Monsanto Company Settlement Fund, Fund No. 242, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2023-24

A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the East 327 Street Sewer Phase 2 Improvement Fund (429) to the Sewer Revenue Fund (205), and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2023-25

A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund (101) to the Police Pension Fund (801) and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2023-26

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Board of Lake County Commissioners to Receive American Rescue

Program Act ("ARPA") Funds for the Construction of the E. 327th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II Wastewater Facilities, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2023-27

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Lake County Commissioners through the Lake County Department of Utilities Storm Water Management Division, for Funding to Rehabilitate a Portion of the City's Storm Water System, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion Authorizing CT Consultants to Prepare Specifications, Details and Bid Documents, Advertise and Obtain Bids, and Provide Construction Administration Services for the Fairway Storm Sewer Repair Project for a Fee of \$75,000 in Accordance with the Agreement for Engineering Service

Tabled Since 3/31/2023

Motion to remove from table made by Ward 3 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilman Phares.

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

Motion to approve made by Ward 3 Councilman Mohorcic; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

No Discussion; Both Motions Carried

Motion to Declare Two Three-Piece Desk Sets as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded, Unfit for Public Use, and Authorizing the Sale or Subsequent Disposal of All

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jean Bowen 472 E. 319th St. commended Chief Turner and the officers for the festival activities. She asked about lack of lighting of Vine Street in the parking lot between E. 317th and E. 319th Streets. She also inquired about when the Pie Café will be open.

President Pro Tempore Koudela stated she would confer with Chief Brennan regarding the lighting in that area and Director Shannon stated he would look into the city streetlights.

Mayor Vanni noted that the Pie Café is getting close to opening. He believes the delay is with equipment. Mayor will try to have information by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

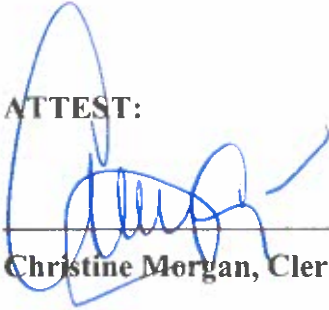
Voting Yea: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm.



President/President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council