



**City of Willowick**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 07, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Ninth Meeting of Council was Called to Order by President Koudela at 7:32pm

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT**

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

**Also Present:** Mayor Vanni, Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Malovrh, Police Chief Daubenmire, Director Shannon, Building Chief Brennan, Director Kless, Engineer McLaughlin and Clerk Morgan

**Absent:** Director Benedict

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

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

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

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

**APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

None

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

### 2. Administrative Appeals Order No. 2024-3 (Earley)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 6' High Solid Fencing on the Left Property Line in the Application of Section 1165.02(c) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Earley addressed council of his previous fencing and the reason for his request for additional fencing on his property. Presented video of neighbor's dog.

Councilwoman Bisbee asked if there was a specific reason for solid fencing over the standard board on board.

Mr. Earley noted that the neighbor's dog would be still be able to through and he previously had solid fencing on the other side of his property.

Councilwoman Antosh inquired if it was solid fencing, or does it have a little gap.

Mr. Earley answered it would be solid just like the other side

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

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

**No Further Discussion; Motion Carried; Variance Granted**

## REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Update on the Local Government Fund, the budget committee met last Thursday. There are still items to iron out and at the next meeting this Friday the plan will need to be voted upon as the 16<sup>th</sup> will be the budget hearings at Auburn Career Center at 6pm. Hopeful the framework of the plan will be unveiled. All elected officials will be invited via email to attend. The plan will need voted on by every municipality in the county.

The Lake County Next Gen 911 program is coming to the State from House Bill 33 (see attached). A committee needs formed containing one councilperson who will be voted upon to be the representative for the program. Robert Carr from Willoughby can be the representative and will be on the agenda next meeting. Five of the seven municipalities are needed for Mr. Carr to serve.

Grants for the City: Chief Malovrh was successful for receiving a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to purchase hoods and gloves. Director Shannon and Engineer McLaughlin were also successful in receiving a grant that is on the agenda for a liquid brine distributor in the amount of \$11,275.00.

The bid is in for the demolition of the house next door. The cost will be \$15,000.00 with the city portion being \$7,500.00 to complete.

Mayor Vanni announced giving the oath of office to seven new firefighters and in two weeks will swear in two new police officers.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

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

Written report submitted and Director Shannon reported Vine Street now under construction with the surface portion of one lane completed with the center lane completion on Wednesday. Road program tentatively to begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Hadley and Barjode. The Veterans' Memorial at 305<sup>th</sup> and Route 2 has been hit twice so it has since been removed and will review to replace in better spot.

Councilman Mohorcic asked about the salt program legislation on the agenda and how it works with such mild winters. Director Shannon explained the consortium through the state and state bids on behalf of the municipalities to get the better pricing. Salt can be stored and used for years if it remains dry.

Councilwoman Bisbee reported that the flashing stop signs were not working. President Koudela noted the same.

**Recreation Director – Julie Kless**

Director Kless reported the rec department has full lifeguard staff and camp counselors.

Baseball opening day Saturday May 18 and the parade will be held June 2.

Director Kless thanked and commended all that helped with clean up the parks.

**City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin**

Engineer McLaughlin reminded it is OPWC pre-app month for the next fiscal year is due by May 26.

SS4A application deadline is May 16 which is the USDOT grant application (80/20 split).

CT Consultants will merge with Verdantas later this year. This change will not affect the Engineer's job for the city.

**Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict**

No Report-Absent

**Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf**

None

**Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire**

Written report submitted; Nothing further

**Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh**

None

**Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan**

Written report submitted; Nothing further

**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, Mohorcic, Antosh

None

**Safety** – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Councilman Phares reported a Safety Committee meeting for 5/21/2021 @ 6:30pm

**Service, Utilities & Public Lands** – Malta, Phares, McFarland

None

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers** – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Malta

None

**Tax Compliance** – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

**Moral Claims** – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Councilwoman Antosh reported claim and will get with committee to see when available to meet.

**Budget** – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

None

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

None

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

None

**Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board** – Antosh, Phares

None

**Recreation Board** – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

None

**Plan Review Board – Antosh**

None

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**CONTRACT APPROVALS**

None

**INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION****3. Resolution No. 2024-26**

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Willowick to Participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Contract (2024) for the Purchase of Road Salt, and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

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

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

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

**4. Resolution No. 2024-27-ADD ON**

A Resolution Authorizing the Application to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the Amount of \$11,275.00 for the Purchase of a Liquid Brine Distributor for Use by the Willowick Service Department, Execute Necessary Agreements, and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion for add on made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.**

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

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, 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 Councilwoman Antosh.**

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

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

5. Ordinance No. 2024-24

An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) Fleet Vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., through Sourcewell, A Cooperative Purchasing Company, in the Amount of \$114,090.52, and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any and All Necessary Documents, and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.**

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

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

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

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

6. Ordinance No. 2024-25

An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of Part-Time Police Office and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.**

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

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

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

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

## MISCELLANEOUS

7. Motion to Vacate the July 2, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Scheduled

Councilman McFarland inquired as to why the two meetings are vacated. President Koudela explained the charter only notes one meeting per month in July and August.

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

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

**No Further Discussion; Motion Carried**

8. Motion to Vacate the August 6, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

**Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

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

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Frank McCarty 468 E. 328<sup>th</sup> St.** discussed the letter he wrote to the wife of Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Johnson in Washington, D.C. regarding the Griffith. Copies of the letter was distributed and Council thanked him.

**Phil Dettering 469 Bayridge Blvd.** inquired about the leased vehicles the city is going to purchase per Ord 2024-24 on the agenda and their purpose.

President Koudela mentioned the vehicles the city still has in its fleet and are being leased as part of the lease program. With the changes in the market, the city decided to purchase these vehicles. Mayor Vanni added the city was considering leasing again, but the payments have nearly doubled. After conversing with Service Director, it was decided to own the vehicles with the lowest mileage ranging from 10k miles and under. With the four remaining vehicles currently leased, it will be reviewed in the fall on how to handle.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman Malta commended the football team, the coaches, parents, city workers recreation staff for clean up the parks.

He went on the compliment all who participated in the Gold Star Memorial fundraiser at BarForno, which was overwhelming and fun.

In addition, Councilman Malta noted awarding scholarships to two students on his radio show Mondays with Malta.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

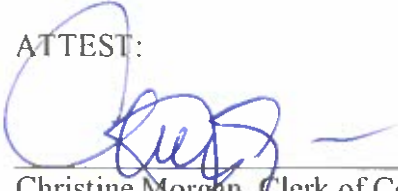
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm**



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council