



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. The Tenth Meeting of Council called to Order by President Patton

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

Council President Robert Patton
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: Service Director Shannon; Fire Chief Malovhr; Police Chief Turner; Housing Chief Brennan; Recreation Director Kless; Engineer McLaughlin; Law Director Landgraf; Finance Director Benedict; Mayor Vanni and Council Clerk Morgan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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

None

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**3. Administrative Appeals No. 2023-8 (WARD)**

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 46' to Extend a Fence from the Side of the House on a Corner Lot in the Application of Section 1165.07(c) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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

4. Administrative Appeals No. 2023-9 (WARD)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 2' Height for a Fence on a Corner Lot in the Application of Section 1165.07(c) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

The HVAC unit for the Senior Center pushed back to June 16, 2023 due to supply chain issues. A temporary unit to be placed and the costs to be shared with the center.

Willowick was the featured city two articles for the month of April: Business View Magazine and the Lake Views Commissioners spring edition.

Police Chief Exam took place on April 22, have been certified by the Civil Service Commission and Lt. Rob Daubenmire has accepted the position of police chief effective August 18, 2023.

Approval was received for the OPWC funds for Fairway Boulevard for \$437,500.00. We are expecting to hear from Lake County for another \$437,500.00, which will allow the City to pay nothing for the project.

Create A Space ribbon cutting May 17, 2023 at 11:30am.

The building next to city hall needs to come down and the Land Bank is going to pay for half of the demolition. Mayor has a meeting with NOPEC as there is a chance the City qualifies for a grant to pay for the other half.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None

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

Director Shannon reiterated the air condition issue and noted it will be \$1,200 for our share and hope it comes out of the contingency contract with CRS.

The road program is on track, Manry parking lot is almost done with spaces needing painted and parking bumps.

Aprons have been marked. There are certain criteria to determine which aprons will be marked and which are not. It does not have anything to do with cracks, but it is where the apron falls with the street.

Councilwoman Bisbee asked about the final asphaltting of the streets. Director Shannon noted they are in the casting phase and adjusting all the *inaudible-person coughed* and the inland bases have to be adjusted as well. Once all that is complete and they replace the curbs, then the aprons.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Clean up the parks was on May 6, 2023 and thanks for the help with special thanks to Director Shannon and the service department along with the North High football team. Opening night for baseball May 19 beginning at 6:30pm with Mayor Vanni throwing the first pitch and Saturday May 20 with inflatables, cookout and Chinese auction to begin at 12:00pm at Manry. Reminder of Heart Walk on June 3 at Lakeland Community College beginning at 8:00am. All are encouraged to join. Sunday, June 4 is the parade at 1:00pm. Monday, June 5, the pools will open and camp will begin.

Councilperson Malta inquired about the pickle ball courts and Director Kless noted they would be in the following week and will be located in the fun zone by the pool in Manry.

Councilwoman Koudela mentioned a complaint from a resident regarding the temperature of Dudley Pool was too hot. She asked that Director Kless and Director Shannon could discuss. It is unsure if any other complaints. Director Kless stated they would take care of that.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

No report

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Director Benedict discussed the changes to Amended Ordinance 2023-17 on the agenda which added \$8,200 to Engineering and increases the total in the general fund to \$41,375.00.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No report

Police Chief – Brian Turner

No report

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

No report

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

No report

WARD MATTERS

President Patton made mention of a PERS retirement seminar he attended. He believes in attending these seminars early. He noted that PERS changes the minimum amount of money that you have to make in order to have a full year credit under PERS per pay. Currently, council does not and obtaining time in PERS is an important part of the position. President Patton submits to council that they should consider raising their salaries so that no one is in a position of not earning enough for the full year credit for PERS. The discussions can be held, and it must happen 30 days prior to August 9 which petitions are due. Councilman Mohorcic asked if councilmembers get it how and President Patton verified they do, but not a full year. It is prorated. Councilwoman Koudela stated that the percentage decreases every year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robin Reeder from Painesville Township came before council to mention the Lake Views article about the City gave her praises to the Willowick community for its faith and focusing this article on its religion. Her faith is very important and the fact that the newsletter went all over the county. She provided a gift to each Mayor Vanni and Clerk Morgan with a towel that reads, 'when we support each other, incredible things happen.'

Francis McCarty 468 E 328th Street read and presented a letter to council he wrote to Neil Stein of the Lake County Visitors Bureau. (see attached)

Councilman Malta responded to Mrs. Reeder by saying how much council appreciated her coming from Painesville to give her sentiments to Willowick. Mayor Vanni and President Patton also thanked her for her words and praises.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Koudela, Mohorcic

No report

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

No report

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

No report

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

Councilman Malta reported on the two-committee meetings held on May 2 and May 16. Hoping there will be something at the next meeting to vote on that is positive.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Patton

No report

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Patton

Councilwoman Antosh had received a moral claims and will email the committee regarding a date a time to meet.

Budget – Koudela, Bisbee, Mohorcic

No report

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Koudela

Planning Councilman Phares mentioned the meeting on May 8 planning commission meeting to discuss the St. Mary Magdalene festival set for June 1-4 and the closing of 321st Street and the Oval. Verified with police department, Law Director noted the closing of Noble Road entirely except local traffic, 321st one way only for emergency vehicles and volunteer traffic only.

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

No report

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Hearts and hammers Councilman Malta wanted to thank Director Shannon for the staff and football players for the park clean up along with Director Kless. With so many helpers, the committee also accomplished their spring clean-up with Councilman Mohorcic.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

5. Ordinance No. 2023-13

An Amended Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2005-64 Establishing the Compensation for the Position of Mayor of the City of Willowick, Repealing Certain Ordinances

1st Reading 4/18/2023; 2nd Reading 5/2/2023; 3rd Reading 5/16/2023.

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman

Phares

Voting Nay: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela

Discussion: Councilwoman Koudela acknowledged the position of Mayor and Safety Director as one person but felt the combined salary is a bit too high for now. The position has been part time over the years and feels doubling the pay to make it a full-time position for the next 4 years would be more appropriate. Then, council can later review about an increase for the next 4-year term.

No Other Discussion; Motion Carried

6. Ordinance No. 2023-14

An Amended Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-3 Providing for the Compensation of the Appointed Officials and Certain Other Employees of the City, Repealing Certain Ordinances

1st Reading 4/18/2023; 2nd Reading 5/2/2023; 3rd Reading 5/16/2023.

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

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

Voting Nay: Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela

No Discussion; Motion Carried

7. Ordinance No. 2023-16

An Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Part of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; Approving, Adopting and Enacting New Matters in the Updated and Revised Codified Ordinances; and Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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; Motions Carried

8. Ordinance No. 2023-17 (As Amended)

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-5 to Provide for Additional Appropriations from the General Fund (101); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Police & Fire Capital Improvement Fund (207); Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Sanitary & Storm Lateral Levy Fund (211); Street Improvement Levy Fund (213); Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Fund (228); Municipal Tax Increment Equivalent Fund (302); E. 327th St. Sewer Improvement Phase 2 Fund (431);

Security Deposit Fun (802) 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 made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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 Councilwoman Antosh.

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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; Motions Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

9. 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

Remain Tabled

10. Motion Authorizing the Expenditure of \$103,757.00 to Valley Freightliner for the Purchase of a Single & Tandem Axel Cab and Chassis from the State Purchase Contract

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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

11. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement for Participation in the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Retro Group-Retrospective-Rating Program for 2024

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.
Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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 Carried; Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:08pm

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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 Carried; Meeting Reconvened at 8:14pm

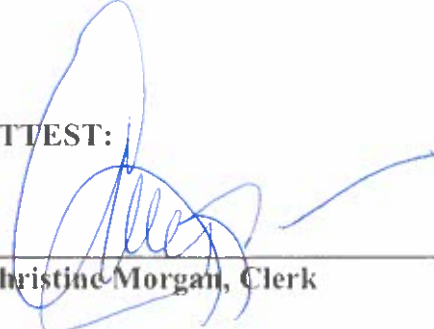
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.
Voting Yea: Council President Patton, 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 8:15pm



Council President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Christjnc Morgan, Clerk