



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 04, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Koudela Called the Eleventh Meeting to Order at 7:30pm

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

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

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Director Benedict, Chief Malovrh, Chief Daubenmire, Director Shannon, Chief Brennan, Engineer McLaughlin, Clerk Morgan

ABSENT

Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee

Also Absent: Director Kless, Director Landgraf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the May 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. A Proclamation Recognizing Cole Phares
Proclamation Read by Mayor Vanni and Presented to David Phares

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor began by announcing the passing of former Willowick Fire Fighter and EMT, William Malovrh, Sr.

The latest and final Local Government Fund report were forwarded to the Count Auditor and required two minor revisions; the first does not affect the city. The second was discussed during a meeting to keep the Metroparks in at \$100,000.00 for five years (or approximately \$.43/Willowick resident). There will be a cap on it and in five years, they can return to the budget commission to ask to keep it in place. This should be ready for consideration on the June 18 agenda. There is an urgency to get this passed by the end of July and Mayor asked for anyone who has questions, to please give him a call.

Corey Boling passed his CDL course through LakeTran and Mayor thanked Director Shannon again for making the program happen.

Mayor commended every department for their assistance with the festival and reported minimal incidents after the changes were implemented last year.

Finally, Mayor announced the "Fill the Cruiser" event at Pie Café on Saturday from 8am-4pm to accept donations of non-perishable items in addition to monetary collection.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

President Koudela commended the event and reported positive feedback from residents and soccer parent for the parade.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Director Shannon reported the road program is ahead of schedule in addition to the Vine Street project.

Councilman Phares inquired about Shoreland Crossing and email response from resident. Director Shannon mentioned he had not but reported the topsoil work. Councilman Phares noted the resident is expecting a response. He also reported the light in front of USA Installation has turned again.

Councilman Malta report large cracks on Gilcrest and the light at Northshore Mall is red for an extended period of time with cars going through that intersection because of the wait.

President Koudela asked who is responsible for the stop lines in the mall parking lot and Director Shannon mention it was the city as the city controls that light. This particular light is connected to a camera and the issue may be the lens being dirty.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Absent

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin announced the bids are out for the generator and should take place on Friday, June 13.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

May financial reports were emailed and Director Benedict is requesting a tax budget hearing at 8:15 during June 18 council meeting.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

Absent

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

No Report

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

No Report

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Written Report Submitted; Nothing further

Councilman McFarland inquired about the rodent complaints. He asked if these are the same areas or new reports. Chief Brennan noted these were new reports. Councilman McFarland also requested a status of these reports compared to last year. Chief Brennan mentioned the reports are down from last year and his department is keeping track of the areas of concern from last year.

WARD MATTERS

Councilman Phares reported a call from Ward 3 resident Joan Benlinger (sp) inquiring about the sewer discount and commended the Mayor/Council for voting on the break for seniors.

Councilwoman Antosh reported the dates of July 25-28 for the citywide garage sale.

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)

Mike Bowen 472 E. 319th St. commented on the festival's success. He also invited everyone over for a get together. In addition, he noted he found a concrete disk with a hole in the middle plus six bolts he suspects is an old well cover from early Willowick in addition to a brick he believes is from the old Willoughbeach amusement park, which reads *Cleveland Block 1910*. He will display these with the other Willowick collectibles at his home.

President Koudela thanked Mr. Bowen for his comments.

Debbie Komyati on behalf of her brother Ron Milan 825 Debra Drive to discuss the sewer rate and the discount for senior citizens. Her brother is disabled and she read on Willowick Facebook page (not city page) that the rates will increase another 45%. The family built this home and she is afraid with the new rates, he will not be able to afford to live in his home. She commended all of council for their jobs but she feels the people need a voice about these issues.

President Koudela explained in detail the situation with the sewer rate increase. The information regarding an additional rate increase is incorrect. It is unclear what Euclid may increase to in the coming year. The items such as sewer repairs, EPA mandates, water treatment supplies in addition to Euclid building the plant all affect in the rate increase. Engineer McLaughlin explained the rate is still below average for the region. Mayor Vanni also noted the city took the burden of the increased rates for seven years without passing on to residents. Ms. Komyati inquired about the city discount since her brother inherited this property with the homestead exemption he should qualify and will need to complete the application. Councilwoman Antosh addressed the Facebook post by adding the legislation was on three readings, the Mayor plus council members made mention in their courier articles and it made the headlines in the News Herald. Extensive discussions continued with Director Benedict and members of council emphasizing the previous information.

Frank McCarty 468 E. 328 St. read and presented a letter he wrote to council regarding a maple tree he feels may be a safety hazard in the future (see attached letter).

Director Shannon will look at the tree and see if there is anything that to be done.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

None

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

None

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

None

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

None

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Councilwoman Antosh discussed the moral claim meeting that held prior to council meeting. Claim presented by Makenzie Harding at 29143 Forestgrove Rd. for her driveway sewer to be cleared and connected with the sewer since the city previously passed the POS inspection. The request approved by committee, was presented to council for a vote.

Motion to approve made by President Koudela, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

Councilwoman Antosh to contact Ms. Harding for further instructions

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**CONTRACT APPROVALS****INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

3. Resolution No. 2024-28

A Resolution Appointing Willoughby City Council President Robert E. Carr to the Lake County 911 Program Review Committee Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5) and Declaring an Emergency

TABLED 5/21/2024

4. Ordinance No. 2024-27

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 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

5. Ordinance No. 2024-28

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-13 to Provide for Additional Appropriations from the Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Polce & Fire Capital Improvement Levy Fund (207); OneOhio Opioid Fund (229); Fire Loss Claims Fund (241); for the Current Expenses and Other

Expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, During the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2024, and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

6. Motion to Authorize the Law Director to Prepare Legislation Amendment for City Charter Article III, Section 3.1 (see attached minutes for continuous discussions)

TABLED 6/4/2024

7. Motion to Authorize the Law Director to Prepare Legislation Amendment for City Charter Article III, Section 3.15 (see attached minutes dated May 2, 2024)

Tabled 6/4/2024

8. Motion Authorizing Rob Gross to Execute Purchase Orders in the Absence of the Director of Public Service Effective June 14, 2024, through June 28, 2024

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MISCELLANEOUS

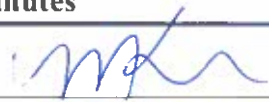
Councilman Malta informed all of the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument 5K at Eastlake North set for Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 8am with registration beginning at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT

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

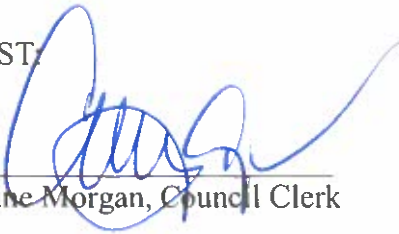
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned @ 8:22pm



Monica Koudela, President

ATTEST



Christine Morgan, Council Clerk

From: Frank McCarty
468 E. 328 St.
Resident Homeowner
To: Willowick City Council
June 4, 2024

Dear Mayor Vanni & Council;

I'm writing again from the above address in regard to an as yet surviving maple tree on city-owned property that has several dead branches through-out which are in need of removal from its lower to upper limbs.

Although the tree may seem partially diseased from a large hole facing our house, my sister who resides with me feel that the tree itself may have several seasons of growth left to it if treated accordingly but represents a safety threat to pedestrian and vehicular traffic beneath it. May I suggest (if inexpensive) an application of tar to the hole might prove remedial. The tree serves as a good windbreak which we would like to see saved for the years' colder climates.

In closing, could the city again hire a sub-contractor without cost to us two homeowners like it did a few years ago on a former tree removed from city property. Should you wish to call me with questions or concerns I can be reached at 440-537-7767. Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Frank McCarty