



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

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Council President Koudela.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

All members in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2024.

**MOTION:** Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2024. Mr. Malta second.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.

**Motion carried. Minutes approved.**

**APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

**REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mayor Vanni says there was an email that came over late last month. Cheryl and her team received another clean audit and did a great job. Cheryl, Dawn, and Joe did a great job. The last year and a half it has been difficult because they have been shorthanded. He jokes it is fitting that they have a County Commissioner in the audience tonight. They received a little over \$125,000 for their Senior Center which was even more than last year. He assumes everyone saw the police chase on the news. Police did a great job. They caught two people that were on a massive crime spree throughout Lake County. It was done textbook and no one was hurt. Wickliffe and Willoughby helped as well. He feels that we are being known to not come into the City if you're going to break the law. He asked the Law Director to prepare legislation for Civil Service for the Ballot to get the Fire Chief out of Civil Service. It will come soon in order to be on the ballot in May. They continue to meet with Lake Metroparks and hope to announce something early next quarter or sooner. As you may know, Zeppes opened up. He is local and he met

with the gentleman who is very kind. He also owns one in Geneva on the Lake. Most of the employees have come from that one while the season out there is done. There is only one unit left. Last weekend they had to reschedule Winter Wonderland and it'll take place this Saturday with much better weather. It's been a busy year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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

### **GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials**

#### **Service Director – Todd Shannon**

Service Director Todd Shannon submitted his report electronically. Started back on leaf cleanup today. Residents put up a lot of stuff that is not a City responsibility but they are still picking it up.

Ms. Koudela says Fire Department and lights look great.

#### **Recreation Director – Julie Kless**

Recreation Director Julie Kless was ill but sent someone from the department to remind everyone about Winter Wonderland on Saturday from 1-5.

#### **City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin**

City Engineer Tim McLaughlin has an update on one of the projects, E 305 Sewer Rehabilitation project. They are still on task to be completed mid-March.

#### **Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict**

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict has no formal report. There are several items on the agenda, she is happy to answer any questions.

#### **Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf**

Law Director Stephanie Landgraf no report, but open for questions.

#### **Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire**

Police Chief Rob Daubenmire has no formal report, but open for questions.

#### **Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh**

Fire Chief Bill Malovrh no report, but open for questions. They have a lot on the agenda regarding Fire Department.

Mr. Malta has two things. One, he believes the fire department was on call for the Cardinal Sports Bar fire. He is close with the owners. It's too early to know what happened. If it was faulty wiring upstairs, how do you find that out?

Chief Malovrh says they will bring in electrical experts and recreate the scene if they can. The biggest thing is to rule out arson and then see how deep the insurance company wants to go on finding out the cause.

Mr. Malta says he appreciates him coming to the Christmas Concert yesterday.

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

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan has no formal report, but open for questions.

## **WARD MATTERS**



Ms. Antosh asks who we tell people to call regarding parking at Starbucks? Residents are calling. There are possible accidents.

Law Director says the property owner.

Mr. Brennan has the contact. FYI, himself and the Mayor have met with management over there for a few things... left turn going out onto Lakeshore Blvd. They just submitted a plan for that. Also, maybe putting up extra signs over at Shoregate and parking lot paving. Maybe posting some signage. He will give Ms. Antosh the phone number.

### **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)*

Commissioner Regovich comes to address Council. He wants to come say thank you for everything you do. He comments on the job that everyone in the City is doing. He says Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

No additional public speakers.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance** – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

**Safety** – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

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

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

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

Ms. Antosh reports on tonight's Moral Claims Committee meeting. There is a resident asking for a credit on her sewer bill. Her spigot was leaking and she was collecting the water and putting it on her lawn. Her children saw her 4 months of bills. The committee voted on giving her 75% credit. They need Council to vote to see if they approve that amount.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the credit. Mr. Phares second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Budget** – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

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

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

**Recreation Board** – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

**Plan Review Board** – Antosh

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS****CONTRACT APPROVALS****INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

## 2. Ordinance 2024-54:

An Ordinance establishing the Compensation of the Position of Full-Time Captain in the Division of Fire, and declaring an emergency.

**First Reading 11/19, Second Reading 12/3, Item is on Third Reading.**

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

## 3. Ordinance No. 2024-55:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Division of Fire;" specifically, Section 141.01 titled "Composition; Rank".

**First Reading 11/19, Second Reading 12/3, Item is on Third Reading.**

**Ms. Koudela acknowledges a typo on the agenda. The legislation is correct and the Clerk will make the correction on the agenda.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

## 4. Ordinance No. 2024-56 (Amended):

An Ordinance enacting and establishing Section 141.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick to be captioned "Full-Time Captain" in the Division of Fire, and declaring an emergency.

**First Reading 11/19, Second Reading 12/3, Item is on Third Reading.**

**Mayor Vanni wants to get information out on the amended part. He passes an item around. It explains what they had to add to the legislation.**

**Ms. Benedict says they calculated the amount of hours and Full Time Fire Captains will be working more than the previous calculation. It comes up to 4.4 holidays (24 hour) and they rounded it up to 5 and then did the same for personal. It will be 36 hours.**

**Mayor Vanni says the thought was that they work 24 and are off 48. Other full time employees are not working as many hours and this seemed like the fairest way to do it. They also compared to other departments.**

**No questions.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Mohorcic second.**



**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

5. Ordinance No. 2024-58 (Amended):

An Ordinance amending Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code;" specifically, Section 921.08, titled "Sanitary Sewer Rental Rates," to provide a use charge rate based upon \$10.5285 per 100 cubic feet of water, establish a minimum quarterly billing for such use charge rate of \$84.23 per 800 cubic feet of water, or part thereof.

**First Reading 12/3, Item is on Second Reading.**

6. Ordinance No. 2024-59:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Council;" specifically, Section 121.01 titled "Meetings," and declaring an emergency.

**First Reading 12/3, Item is on Second Reading.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Malta second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

7. Resolution No. 2024-61:

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Comfort Control Systems in the amount of \$3,178.00 for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

8. Resolution No. 2024-62:

A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make Advance Payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

9. Resolution No. 2024-63:

A Resolution authorizing the Transfer and Partial Return of Advanced Funds from the Community Development Block Grant Fund to the General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

10. Ordinance No. 2024 - 61:

An Ordinance establishing the Lakeshore Blvd. Sewer Improvement Fund, Under Fund Number 434, and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Mohorcic second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Mr. Mohorcic motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

11. Ordinance No. 2024 - 62:

An Ordinance establishing the Forestgrove Sewer Improvement Fund, under Fund Number 435, and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**



**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

12. Ordinance No. 2024- 63:

An Ordinance authorizing the approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Willowick and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 116 (Sergeants and Above), and declaring an emergency.

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Mr. McFarland motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

13. Ordinance No: 2024-64:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-13 to provide for additional appropriations from the General Fund (101); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Senior Citizens Center Fund (220); Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Grant Fund (228); Law Enforcement Continuing Training Fund (232); E. 305th Sewer Improvement Fund (433); for 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: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Malta second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

14. Ordinance No 2024-65:

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the first quarter ending March 31, 2025.

**MOTION: Mr. Mohorcic motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**MOTION: Mr. Mohorcic motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion passed. Legislation approved.**

15. Ordinance No. 2024-66:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 1167 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Air Conditioning Units," and declaring an emergency.

**This item was placed on First Reading.**

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Phares things the double fencing does more harm than good. The purpose of looking at the Ordinances was to look at ones that were causing residents to come to BZA regularly. There are less now. Another reason, is there is an option to get a survey or signatures from neighbors. If you get your neighbor's signature but he moves in 6 months, it can cause a rift. What this might do is take responsibility away from BZA and put it on Zoning. He feels leaving it prohibited is the best option.**

**Ms. Koudela agrees with the double fencing. Specifically, it says not more than 6 inches. How will you maintain that? It might be more of an issue than helping. She doesn't think double fencing is heard by BZA often.**

**Mr. Mohorcic echoes Mr. Phares's concerns as well.**

**Ms. Koudela says that's why it is on first reading only. So they can continue to discuss it. Reach out to Sean as well with questions and concerns.**

**Mr. Mohorcic says this is coming through Planning?**

**Law Director says this is an amendment to all of 165?? Should they be split?**

16. Ordinance No. 2024-67:

A Ordinance amending Chapter 1165 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Fences," and declaring an emergency.

**This item was placed on First Reading.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

17. Motion to correct a clerical error and renumber Ordinance 2024-56 passed on 12/3/24 to Ordinance Number 2024-60.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Mr. Malta second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

18. Motion authorizing the expenditure to Willoughby Eastlake School District for the 1st and 2nd half CY24 PILOT reimbursements in the amount of \$205,871.11.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**



**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

19. Motion authorizing a payment to Fire Manufacturing Innovations for tools and equipment in the amount of \$33,263.62 on behalf of the Willowick Fire Department.

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

20. Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign and accept a quote from Cargill for liquid brine on behalf of the City of Willowick.

**Ms. Antosh asks how long this typically lasts? Was advised it lasts for a very long time and they store it.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

21. Motion authorizing an expenditure to Wichert Insurance in the amount of \$160,744 for the 2025 General Liability and Property Insurance Program.

**Finance Director Benedict says they changed the deductible and it saved quite a bit on the premium. They would have to have several vehicles involved in a crash before it made sense to do it the other way.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Mr. Mohorcic second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

22. Motion to approve the purchase of radios for the Fire Department from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$109,637.06 in accordance with the Letter of Intent.

**MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve. Mr. Malta second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

23. Motion to approve the business operation of CLE Electric, LLC at 31222 Vine Street.

**Mr. Mohorcic asks if this is what is going into the hardware store?**

**MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Motion carried. Motion approved.**

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

**Phil Deitering, 469 Bayride, addresses Council. Who initiated the tearing up of Lakeshore Blvd, what's the purpose?**

**Ms. Koudela says it is the water department replacing the water line. They have been doing it in sections.**

**Mr. Shannon says it does not involve the City.**

**No one else wishes to speak.**

**Mr. Malta speaks to say he has raffle tickets for Hearts and Hammers. He always has them at the meeting or can call any time.**

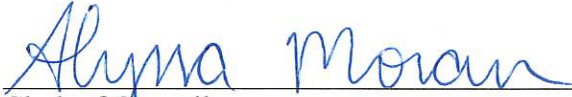
**ADJOURNMENT**


**Ms. Koudela calls for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to Adjourn. Mr. Phares second.**

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.**

  
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