



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 03, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. by Council Clerk Alyssa Moran.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

All members in attendance with the exception of Council President Monica Koudela.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. Nominations for President Pro Tempore for Tonight's Meeting (this item was handled prior to the approval of Minutes)

Council Clerk Moran asks if there are any nominations for President Pro Tempore for tonight's meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to appoint Councilman Mohorcic as tonight's President Pro Tempore. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2024. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni reports that since we have last met, there have been two major weather events. He thanks police, fire, service for all their work during these storms. The first storm was right before Thanksgiving on the 21st and we had more down tree branches than we did from the tornado breakthrough in August. He did not realize the damage until walking through the City the next morning. We couldn't get all the way through it before this big snow storm this past weekend. They are still digging out but have done a great job keeping roads clear. Getting to what they can. Leaf pickup was supposed to go to the 6th but cannot see leaves anymore. Weather should warm up next week, but it depends what hits tomorrow since we are looking at another big storm. Everyone should have gotten a letter from Major Waste explaining how the switch will take place. They have been getting calls at City Hall. Some were making sure this was not a scam. He posted his article from October on the Facebook page and added some additional information. If you did not get that letter, please have them reach out to Major Waste if they have questions. There are 3 ways to sign up for service, it is pretty easy. Lastly, we are in Christmas season. A resident reached out, who was actually his neighbor like 16-17 years ago. He rents Dudley out; he owns Encore Limousine. Monday December 9 from 5-9 they are having a Christmas party for all the needy families. Names came through WE School System. He is donating his limo bus and taking people downtown to see the lights as well. Santa will be there. They are asking anyone that comes to bring a Christmas gift for all the needy families. Kids range from 6 months to 18 years old. Looking for pjs, socks, underwear, hoodies, hats, gloves, etc. These families are in need of these items. Gift cards from Giant Eagle and Walmart would also be appreciated. Julie couldn't make it tonight, but December 15 from 1-5 at Manry there is Winter Wonderland.

Mr. Malta asks the man's name again.

Mayor Vanni says James Nemek. It's a great event.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT**GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials****Service Director – Todd Shannon**

Service Director Shannon: They have been picking up branches and plowing snow. It's been a long two weeks and they are doing the best they can. There are only so many resources to pick up branches and people are literally putting out full trees. Snow came through and guys did a great job. More snow coming tomorrow. In addition to what the Mayor said about Major, they are working on logistics for bags. Working it out with Major at the moment.

Ms. Antosh says the bags are at a cost, right? Not free?

Shannon says they are still working that out, but yes. Maybe stickers for the bag service? Working through it.

Mr. Malta says a resident reached out about not recycling. They don't want another can.

Shannon says he suggests reaching out to Major. The deal is between the resident and the company.

Mr. Malta says thank you for that as well as thank you for the tremendous job they are doing with everything right now. We are lucky to have the three of you.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless**City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin**

No report, but open for questions.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No report, but open for questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Police Chief Daubenmire submitted his report electronically today. December 13 around 2:00 they will have a Christmas program to pick up 10 children and take them via limo to go Christmas shopping. There will also be police cars, this should not be a concern to residents.

Mayor Vanni says that is a great event that they put on. The kids have a great time. Thank you for doing it.

Mr. Malta says what date?

Daubenmire says Friday the 13th.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Fire Chief Malovrh has no report but wants to bring up that at next Council meeting, they will be putting forth legislation for radios. They are in a situation where the County, as a group, is buying radios and it has to be in soon. It's an opportunity to replace radios now. They may be paperweights in a couple months. He went to Mayor Vanni and explained the options. They will be putting it to Council quickly, sorry for that, but it's a chance to get a discounted price.

Ms. Bisbee says thank you for the response when the lines came down in the first storm. She appreciated the quick response.

Mayor Vanni says he wants to pick up where Chief left out. Radios are basically obsolete. They were faced with a decision last year and we were able to get \$60,000 of ARPA money for it and financed the rest. Talking to Fire Chief, they have been able to flash them and buy them some time. The issue is that we don't have the money to take care of this from Police and Fire Capital Fund. They believe the best thing to do is get the radios with the County Bulk order but maybe take it out of the General Fund. They were approached on short notice. It looks like the best way to get this done and over with is to take it out of the General Fund. It'll be ready for the next meeting. Feel free to reach out to Mayor, Chief, or Cheryl before the next meeting.

Ms. Antosh asks if there is a minimum you have to buy?

Chief says right now we have about 30. They are looking to change the way they operate. He is looking to minimize what we have in stock and assign radios per shift. You sign them out per shift which will enable them to lessen what they have from 30 to 15.

No additional questions.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

No report, but open for questions.

WARD MATTERS

Mr. Malta says if you've said it once, you've said it ten times. If a street light goes out, it's the responsibility of residents to call CEI. He called for two recently and it worked. It took 3 days for the one and took 2 days for the other. The lights they put in now are really bright. The lady on one of the

two had a couple children and just to get to her car in the morning it was pitch black. He thanks Todd for the information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

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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)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Ms. Bisbee says there is legislation for the Finance Committee on the agenda for tonight.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Mr. Phares says next Planning meeting is Monday December 9.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

Ms. Antosh says as soon as they get the two names from Fire Department they will get the form together for January.

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

Plan Review Board – Antosh

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

CONTRACT APPROVALS

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

3. Resolution No. 2024-57:

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Gene Ptacek & Son Fire Equip. in the amount of \$4,506.90 for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

4. Resolution No: 2024-58:

A Resolution authorizing the return of Advanced Funds from the NOPEC Grant Fund (227) to the General Fund (101) in the amount of \$68,144.00, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

5. Resolution No. 2024-59:

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Johnson's Fire Equipment in the Amount of \$33,858.16 for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

6. Ordinance No. 2024-56:

An Ordinance authorizing the return of Advanced Funds from the Sewer Revenue Fund (205) to the General Fund (101) in the amount of \$280,000.00, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. Ordinance No. 2024-57:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-13 to provide for additional appropriations from the General Fund (10); Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund (202); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Street Improvement Levy Fund (213); Community Development Block Grant Fund (224); NOPEC Grant Fund (227); Law Enforcement Continuing Training Fund (232); Earned Benefits Fund (240); E. 305th St. Sewer Improvement Fund (433); Police Pension Fund (801); 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: Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. Ordinance No. 2024-58:

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.

This item was placed on First Reading.

9. Resolution No. 2024-60:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police Willowick Lodge No. 116, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

10. 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 "Compensation; Rank".

First Reading 11/19, Second Reading 12/3.

11. Ordinance No. 2024-56:

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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three days' notice. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Item is placed on First Reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Motion to declare a 2011 Crown Victoria with the VIN # 2FABP7BV9BX181857 as Surplus, Unneeded, Unfit for Public use, and authorizing its disposal.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

15. Motion to declare a 2003 Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAFP71W53X17934 as Surplus, Unneeded, Unfit for Public use, and authorizing its disposal.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

16. Motion to declare a 1999 International 5-ton dump truck VIN # IHTSDAARXYH264293 as Surplus, Unneeded, Unfit for Public use, and authorizing its disposal.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

17. Motion to appoint Nikolas Janek to the Lake County Board of Health for a 5 year term commencing January 2, 2025 and ending on January 1, 2030.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

18. Motion to approve a purchase order for \$14,924 to Osburn Associates to purchase a new plotter for the Traffic Department.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

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)

No public wishes to speak.

Mr. Malta wants to remind everyone about Hearts and Hammers fundraiser on February 1st. He has tickets at these meetings but there are always ways to get them. He is giving the Clerk a flyer about a Christmas party at the Croatia Lodge and asks her to invite Administration in both Eastlake and Willowick. There will be a barbershop quartet. He is happy to buy first round. December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mohorcic reminds everyone that the last meeting of the year on December 17th will be at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mohorcic calls for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.