



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 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 President Koudela.

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 3 Councilman David Phares

ABSENT:

Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Law Director Landgraf, Police Chief Daubenmire, Chief Brennan, Engineer McLaughlin, Finance Director Benedict, Fire Chief Malovrh, and Service Director Shannon.

Absent: Recreation Director Kless

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2024. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of October 8, 2024.

Council President Koudela references a typo on the first page and specifies that the minutes Council is voting to approve will be the corrected ones (without the typo).

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 8, 2024. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2024. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni says the lights on Route 2 were working, but then the storm that happened in August blew a transformer. He was told the parts are in and they are basically waiting for someone to come flip a switch. Hopefully in the next week or two. Shoregate Shopping Center is also underway. They are doing crosswalks and the median. Hopefully the no left hand turn will alleviate some of the problems they are having there. He also had a chance to stop in at the Halloween Dance and he credits Julie and her team with another successful event. Lastly, American Legion is having their annual pancake breakfast on Monday 9-12 for Veteran's Day.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Service Director Shannon emailed his report yesterday. He is happy to answer any questions. He says all lights on Vine are upgraded to LEDs and it looks great, much brighter. There are also new LED school crossings installed. It is also leaf season, they are out there picking them up.

No questions.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

No report. No questions.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

City Engineer McLaughlin talks about the sewer work on 305 which will start next week or so. They had a pre-con last week. They will start with cleaning and then some digs at certain spots. Should carry through the winter.

No questions.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Ms. Benedict says October Financials were sent via email.

No questions.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

Ms. Landgraf was not present.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Chief Daubenmire says he submitted half his report, the other will be sent soon when his detective is back from vacation.

No questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Malovrh has no formal report, but is open for questions.

No questions.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Mr. Brennan has no formal report, but is open for questions.

No questions.

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)

No one wishes to speak.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**Finance** – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Mr. Mohorcic says there was a joint Budget/Finance meeting and they recommended Council move to a hybrid form of Fire Department. He thought that was supposed to be on the agenda this evening and is curious where it is?

Mayor Vanni says the recommendation was to be made tonight and then the first reading would be next meeting, November 19. The way he understands it.

Mr. Mohorcic says then it is recommended.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

No report.

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

No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Malta

No report.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

No report.

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

No report.

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

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.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

CONTRACT APPROVALS

4. Motion for the Mayor to accept and sign the quote from Ram Jack in the amount of \$12,100 for repairs to the foundation of the Manry storage building.

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

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

Motion passed. Approved.

5. Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000

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

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

Motion passed. Approved.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

6. Resolution No.: 2024-52:

A Resolution approving the updated Solid Waste Management Plan of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

No discussion.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. Resolution No. 2024-53:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Five (5) Year Contract with Major Waste Disposal Services, Inc., for the curbside collection of solid waste, recycling, and yard waste, commencing February 1, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

No discussion.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. Ordinance No.: 2024-46:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2024-09 providing for the compensation of appointed officials and certain other employees of the City, repealing certain Ordinances.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

9. Ordinance No.: 2024-47:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-7 providing for the compensation of the position of Secretary to the Mayor, establishing certain duties of the position, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

No discussion.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

10. Ordinance No.: 2024-48:

An Ordinance approving and confirming the Appointment of Molly Henderson as Secretary to the Civil Service Commission, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

No discussion.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Motion for Council to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$12,100 for Ram Jack for foundation repairs to the storage building at Manry Park.

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

No discussion.

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

12. Motion authorizing an expenditure to Donald Thompson in the amount of \$16,596.58 for the refund of escrowed insurance proceeds for the fire at 233 E. 305th Street.

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

No discussion.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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No one wished to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. To Discuss Collective Bargaining

Ms. Koudela asks for a motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Compensation and Employment of a Public Employee. They are inviting the Finance Director to join them.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to adjourn into Executive Session. Mr. Mohorcic second.

No discussion.

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

Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to return from Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Ms. Koudela calls for a Motion to approve the tentative agreement with the FOP Lodge 116 Dispatcher Union.

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

Mr. Malta clarifies that she said 116.

Ms. Koudela, yes 116.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Koudela calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phares second.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.