



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 07, 2022 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(Total meetings to date - 10)

The eleventh meeting of Council was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Council President Patton.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

Council President Robert Patton
Ward 1 Councilwoman Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Michael Vanni
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Regovich, Finance Director Benedict, Law Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Tennyson, Police Chief Turner, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, City Engineer McLaughlin, Economic Manager Drake and Council Clerk Trend.

ABSENT

Recreation Director Kless

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 17, 2022.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve the minutes of the Emergency Special City Council Meeting of June 2, 2022.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Regovich thanked the surrounding Police Departments for their assistance with the dispersing of the large crowds that occurred Sunday night at the St. Mary Magdalene Homecoming Festival. The city will need to meet with the church to assess and discuss the incident to determine what changes will need to be made if the church decides to move forward with the festival next year. The Fire Department was on scene and did not treat anyone for injuries due to the incident.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

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

Written report submitted electronically. The Road Program is still moving along smoothly. Mr. Vanni stated he received a call about the front end of Knobel Rd. being rough and Mr. Malta stated 28415 Gilchrist Rd. has a sizable crack in the apron. Mr. Shannon will follow up on both complaints.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

No report - absent.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Written report submitted electronically. Mr. McLaughlin stated Resolution No. 2022-14 is on the agenda for the E. 328 St. Sewer Rehab. The city has requested funding from Lake County Stormwater to fund \$100,000 of the improvements. The Resolution is to allow the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the county in order to obtain the funds prior to the award of the project.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No report. The May financial reports have been sent out to Council.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No report. The fireworks legislation has been sent back down to the Safety Committee for their review.

Police Chief – Brian Turner

Written report submitted electronically. Chief Turner addressed concerns about the number of officer's working the festival. He stated that in addition to his officers working the festival he also had officers from the City of Willoughby and Wickliffe working. On Thursday there were seven (7) officers, Friday nine (9), Saturday ten (10) and Sunday there were eight (8) officers working. On Sunday night when the incident occurred all on-duty road officers from Willowick as well as Wickliffe, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Eastlake and Kirtland were dispatched to the scene to aid in dispersing the crowds. The number of officers working the festival should have been more than enough for a church function however this was an unprecedented incident.

Fire Chief – Joe Tennyson

Written report submitted electronically. Chief Tennyson commended the Police Department for their handling of the incident at the festival on Sunday night. There were eight (8) Fire Department calls to the festival over the entire weekend.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Report submitted electronically.

Economic Development Manager – Monica Drake

Written report submitted electronically. Starbucks is hoping to open around July 11th. There are two national tenants looking to rent the space at the old Pat Catan's and the space next to Subway at Shoregate. There are two spaces available in between Be Smoothie and Chipolte. Create a Space and Beaute Boutique is moving through the process to open. The Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Timber Kitchen and Social on June 1st.

WARD MATTERS

Council President Patton commended the leadership of the Police Chief and his department for the difficult situation they faced during the festival on Sunday night.

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)*

Bill Savoca, 30412 Oakdale Rd., voiced his support for the police response at the St. Mary Magdalene Festival and also that maybe an admission fee should be charged in the future.

Matt D'Arcy, 32433 Vine St., the owner of CP'S Cooler, voiced his support for the police response at the St. Mary Magdalene Festival.

Patty Sluga, 32306 Glen Arden, voiced her support for the police response at the St. Mary Magdalene Festival and inquired about a video going around where a female was roughed up and possibly injured.

Samuel Nicholson, 31510 Willowick Dr., is concerned about how much the police can really do to prevent so many kids from gathering. Also could the Police Department monitor social media in the future to gain knowledge of any potential problems?

Deatra (Jill) Bailey, 31900 Willowick Dr., voiced her support for the police response at the St. Mary Magdalene Festival and thought maybe the Homecoming Festival could be more of a private event in the future

Jean Bowen, 472 E. 319 St., voiced her support for the police response at the St. Mary Magdalene Festival. She does not want to see the church stop the festival and suggested possibly requiring an ID before entry. Also she requested for next year that E. 319 St. be made one-way traffic during the festival.

Michael Kopp, 32309 Knobel Rd., stated he does not wish to see the festival go away however he would like to see no parking on Knobel Rd. during the festival.

Rebecca Gumm, 30112 Forestgrove Rd., expressed concern that her son was fearful while he was at work due to people being so angry about not being able to park in front of the business.

Marissa Beller, 2232 Larchmont Dr., isn't sure how feasible it would be to possibly make anyone under the age of eighteen (18) be accompanied by an adult but is something to consider. She is uncomfortable with the term "riff-raff" and feels that it is some type of code.

Dan Shelby, 394 E. 317 St., feels the festival is great for the city and would like to see it continue however changes will need to be made. He would like to see the church and the safety forces work together to come up with some resolutions.

In response; Council President Patton stated that St. Mary Magdalene will have to decide how they want to proceed for the next year. Once that is determined then ideas can be taken to the Safety Committee for review well in advance of the next festival. The incident that occurred has nothing to do with what somebody looks like, where they are from or how they got there. The only consideration is how people behave when they are in the city.

Ms. Koudela stated Kristina, the manager of CP's, kept her employees safe but also took in anyone else that was looking for safe place.

Mayor Regovich added that several residences in the area took kids in for safety. He commended all of the resident's for coming together and helping people as well as Kristina and Matt from CP's. The video incident where a female was roughed up is being investigated by the Police Department.

Chief Turner stated the Police Department will be taking a deliberate and methodical approach to different options should the church move forward with the festival next year but they have to be realistic and legal solutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Vanni, Bisbee, Koudela

Mr. Vanni requested a meeting to be set up for Thursday, June 16 at 4:45 p.m.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

Mr. Phares stated during the Safety Committee meeting the fireworks Ordinance was reviewed and no changes were made. It will be on the agenda for the next Regular City Council meeting. The committee is discussing nuisance mitigation and looking at what other cities have in place. The restructuring of the Fire Department was also discussed. Mayor Regovich will be looking into having a study done of the Fire Department to see what would be most cost effective.

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

No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Vanni, Malta, Antosh

Future and current projects were discussed at tonight's meeting. The E. 327 St. Sewer Rehab Project already has funding in place. The OPWC pre-application will be done for the Fairway project. The Lateral Program is doing well and more was able to be done than originally planned. The Road Program will go through July and there is a drainage issue at Wellner and E. 310 St. that will need to be handled. HVAC for the Senior Center is out for bid. Smoke testing will be done July through August throughout the city. Discussion was also on the Vine St. project scheduled for 2024.

Mr. Phares inquired about the section of Lakeshore Blvd. from Vine St. to the Eastlake border. Mr. McLaughlin stated they are looking into resurfacing or reconstructing this section however it is not on the schedule until 2029 with ODOT due to it being state route. Mr. Shannon spoke with a contact at ODOT

and they will be sending someone out to reanalyze the pavement to see if it could be put on the schedule sooner.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Patton

No report.

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Patton

No report.

Budget – Vanni, Koudela, Patton

No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Koudela

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Koudela/Alternate Vanni

No report.

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

No report.

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

Ms. Bisbee stated that this coming weekend is opening weekend for the Mini's and T-Ball.

Plan Review Board – Antosh

No report.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Mr. Malta stated Tuesday nights are project nights and if anyone would like to volunteer he can be reached at 440-488-1757.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

3. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Malta authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for summer camp field event at Dudley Park on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 for a fee of \$465.05.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for summer camp field event at Manry Park on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 for a fee of \$465.05.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Bisbee authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for summer camp field event at Manry Park on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 for a fee of \$711.07.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for summer camp field event at Dudley Park on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 for a fee of \$744.84.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

7. Ordinance No. 2022-26 (Law Director)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) Energized Community Grant Program Funds, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to waive the three readings on Ordinance No. 2022-26.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-26.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance No. 2022-27 (Finance Director)

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 made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings on Ordinance No. 2022-27.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-27.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Resolution No. 2022-14 (Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Lake County Commissioners through the Lake County Department of Utilities, Stormwater Management Division, for funding to rehabilitate a portion of the City’s stormwater system, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings on Resolution No. 2022-14.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve Resolution No. 2022-14.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Resolution No. 2022-15 (Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to enter into an Equipment Transfer Agreement with SprintCom, LLC, as successor in interest to SprintCom, Inc., for acquisition of a custom shelter/enclosure at 31230 Vine Street, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings on Resolution No. 2022-15.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve Resolution No. 2022-15.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni authorizing a liquor permit to AZA Investment Group LLC DBA Create A Space, 30482 Lakeshore Blvd., Willowick, Ohio 44095.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year agreement with Cigna Healthcare for healthcare coverage for eligible employees for the period of July, 1 2022 through June 30, 2023. The renewal represents a 5% increase over current rates.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year agreement with TruAssure Dental for dental coverage for eligible employees for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The renewal represents a 10% increase over current rates.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$147,719.02 to Best Equipment Company for the purchase and installation of a new sewer mainline camera. The purchase will be provided from ARPA funds.

Discussion:

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to declare a 2013 Ford Police Utility Vehicle, VIN – 1FM5K8ARXDGA33995, as surplus, obsolete, unneeded, unfit for public use, and authorizing its sale or subsequent disposal.

Discussion: None.

Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

16. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Vanni authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ABC Fire Inc. in the amount of \$42,804.00 to upgrade the Fire Alarm System for City Hall and Fire Department.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

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Patty Sluga, 32306 Glen Arden, thanked Hearts & Hammers for helping to fix an issue she had in her home. Ms. Sluga also inquired as to what the fireworks Ordinance will be.

Mike Bowen, 472 E. 319 St., stated during the festival there was a parking issue in front of his house and a male walked up his driveway yelling obscenities at his daughter.

Mary Mink, 573 E. 315 St., inquired if the church had a right to establish a code of conduct.

Mr. Phares stated the State of Ohio's new law is allowing fireworks to be blown off during twenty-one (21) different holidays during the year. Willowick currently prohibits fireworks however the committee decided to follow the State Law and allow fireworks during the designated holidays. The committee has proposed to ban the sale of fireworks within the city in the same Ordinance.

Law Director Langraf stated that the church could adopt their own code of conduct and if someone were to violate this they would then be trespassing on the property as the church is private property.

Chief Turner stated that he is flattered and humbled by the overwhelming amount of support he was shown tonight from the Mayor, Council and the Community. He also wanted to make sure that this support also goes back to his officer's and dispatcher's who all did an excellent job on Sunday night.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL