



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Sixth Meeting of Council was Called to Order by President Koudela at 7:30pm

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 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Director Benedict, Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Malovrh, Police Chief Daubenmire, Building Chief Brennan, Director Todd Shannon, Engineer McLaughlin, Coordinator Nevulis and Clerk Morgan

Absent: Director Kless

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Remove the Minutes of February 20, 2024 from the Table

Motion to remove the minutes from the table made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the February 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Larry Koudela

Proclamation read by Mayor Vanni and Presented to President Koudela on his behalf

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor met with the mayors of Willoughby and Eastlake regarding the Vine Street Corridor Project. Things are progressing and toward the middle of April, a scope will be assembled and a draft budget. CT Consultants is utilized by all three cities. Mayor noted he would like to use the grant money for street lighting and all agreed.

Mayor met with the Local Government Fund Committee and progress has been slow. They agreed on the layout that will carry over during a seven-year period and limit the damage for the cities, especially on the western side of Lake County that will be hit with the re-allocation. No current agreed upon formula, but there is a framework. Mayor will be meeting with the western Lake County Mayors on April 1 where guardrails and other items within the framework will be placed to protect our side of the county. On April 5, Mayor will meet with the county budget commission.

Regarding the house next door, the gas company was on the property last week to shut off service.

Charter Review Commission is set with first meeting on March 28 at 6:30pm and the meetings are open to the public.

Kimble's contract is up this year, and the city has the option to extend it for five more years. In discussions with the finance and service directors, it is in the best interest of the residents to go out to bid and the resolution should come out at the next council meeting. Kimble's contract is expected to go up four percent.

The city began leasing nine trucks from Enterprise to replace the fleet of 25–30 year-old trucks for minimal cost several years ago. The city is purchasing five of those vehicles that are in good shape and have low mileage, splitting the money between the general fund and SCMR. This will save money as lease prices have doubled with the years extended. The remaining four the city

will continue to lease, and their future will be revisited at the end of the year. The caveat to all this is the need for a new fire truck sooner rather than later due to rotting frames.

Mayor to meet with LakeTran. They along with RTA are looking to put in a permanent facility with better lighting, ticket machine and real time information at Shoregate Shopping Center.

Mayor commended the fire department for their actions at a fire scene near his home. All family members and pets got out safe and no firefighters were injured. Other cities responded and Mayor reached out to their mayors as well.

Willowick Police Sgt. Jacob Cook received an award for his actions in a car chase where he was hit head-on, and injured, but still managed to get out and chase the man until apprehended. The city will honor him at the next council meeting.

Nik Janek, liaison with the Board of Health Board, discussed the resident complaint of close to 100 lights being out on Route 2.

He discussed the potential issues that may take place during the solar eclipse on April 8 including increased traffic, gas and food shortages, possible strains on emergency response resources and cell towers all due to the increase in visitors speculated to be two to three times the population. Solar glasses are to be certified by ISO with #12312-2 and worn at all times minus the three minutes of totality. The Lake County EOC will be partially activated, schools and senior center closed, Meals on Wheels will deliver Friday, LakeTran scaling back, Metroparks are condensing to Farmpark for parking and staffing, Headlands capping off at 2,600 cars or 11,000 people and all road construction will be paused. Mayor will be closing the city hall parking lot to employees only to allow police to get out for runs.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilman Mohorcic mentioned he supported the idea with Kimble due to numerous complaints.

Councilman Malta noted that Wickliffe has weekly recycling. He asked if the contract will be public knowledge so no price gouging. Wickliffe pays the same as Willowick currently for weekly recycling and waste yard pickup begins March 1 instead of April 1. This will be in the bid contract.

Councilman Phares asked if Kimble was the only company to bid and Director Shannon confirmed.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Electronic report submitted. Director Shannon praised Larry Koudela as a great employee and great guy. Kimble will begin picking up yard waste April 1. Two operators in CDL training at LakeTran.

Councilwoman Bisbee asked if the trashcans at Dudley have been addressed. Director Shannon replied they are now out and they generally do not have many out in winter but there are one-two cans that do remain out in the parking lot.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Dorren Nevulis was in for Director Kless and had no report.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin discussed the items on the agenda.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Director Benedict noted the Sewer Rate Consumption charge Ordinance (2024-14) was amended and includes the discount program for seniors previously discussed.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

None

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

None

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

None

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

None

WARD MATTERS

Councilman McFarland mentioned a resident complaint regarding their neighbors storing their garbage cans in front of the picture windows. No ordinance dictating where to store but did mention to council to consider future legislation on this matter.

President Koudela noted past discussion but with yards being so different it could be difficult to say exactly where to put the cans but can be brought up to charter review.

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 Oakdale Rd complimented Director Kless and the Recreation Department. He also supported the renaming of the pool and asked to remember Mr. Manry.

To Mr. Savoca, Mr. Dreyer and Mr. Guzauskas, President Koudela thanked him for his comment and explained the procedure the ordinance will go through before council approval.

Tom Dreyer, 5430 Nan Linn Drive, Willoughby, suggested that the buildings and the pool remain as Manry and possibly renaming Arnold Drive or some other edifice for Mr. Guzauskas.

Jan Nye 29322 Oakdale Rd. noted her concerns about the proposed increase in sewer rates and inquired about something for senior citizen such as a 35% increase in addition to asking how much of the increase the city gets to keep.

President Koudela explained the sewer rate increase of 45%, which includes 14.9% to Euclid, how the remainder splits and the problems with delinquent bills. There is a potential discount for seniors if they already qualify for the Homestead Exemption with the water department.

Councilwoman Bisbee reemphasized the comments made by President Koudela.

Ms. Nye asked if there is a wage cap to receive the discount. President Koudela noted there is a cap but unsure what that is currently but suggest she contact the county.

Mayor Vanni mentioned there will be notice on Facebook and city website with information.

Coordinator Nevulis will get all the information for the seniors and asked Ms. Nye to give her a week or so to get it together.

George Guzauskas 1091 South Green Road, South Euclid his and Marty's history with the city. He fully supports naming the pool after his brother and asked council to consider it.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Councilwoman Bisbee noted all items have been previously discussed which included the Homestead Credit and the ordinance on the agenda.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Councilman Phares mentioned the committee meeting held prior to council meeting with the main issue being fire department staffing. The committee will recommend to the finance director to look at options for hiring and wages. Also, there was an incident with a splatball gun, and the committee is going to request a review about any play gun, review the ordinance and see if any changes are needed.

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

The GSFMM is going strong, and the first fundraiser is at all three Revolution Pizza locations on March 23. Twenty-five percent of sales for the entire day will go toward the monument. The following fundraiser will be May 1; a celebrity bartender fundraiser at BarForno with the Mayor, Police Chief and Judge O'Donnell as servers. Also, August 11, there will be a 5k run and 1-mile walk.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

None

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

None

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

Councilman Mohorcic mentioned the final reading of the 2024 budget being on the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

The April planning commission meeting that was scheduled on April 8, will take place. Check calendar for new date.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

None

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

None

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

Councilwoman Bisbee reminded of graduation day for fourth grade basketball. Easter Egg hunt on Saturday and summer camp sign ups continue.

Plan Review Board – Antosh

Councilwoman Antosh discussed the new company that submitted an application; Hair Line ReDesign, which is a permanent tattoo make-up artist to be located in Pat's Hair World.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

May 4 is the Clean Up the Parks begins 8am at Manry and will be in conjunction with the Eastlake North football team. All city directors will be available to help. Next meeting is scheduled for May 1.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming in the Amount of \$624.36 to Rent Equipment for the Eclipse Program on April 8, 2024

Motion to approve 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 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a One (1) Year Contract with Comfort Control System for Preventative Maintenance in the Amount of \$6,980.00

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIONResolution No. 2024-12

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Willowick Naming the City Swimming Pool at 30100 Arnold Drive, the Martin E. Guzauskas Pool at Manry Park

Moved to Second ReadingResolution No. 2024-13

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Aladtec, LLC in the Amount of \$5,099.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2024-14

A Resolution Terminating the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and Tax Abatement for Lucid Investments, Inc., DBA Cleveland Pizza, Co., and 31222 Vine, LLC., and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

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

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

Councilman Mohorcic the Tax Increment Review Committee met to discuss as Cleveland Pizza is no longer moving in the proposed building, so they no longer need the tax abatement.

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2024-15

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program through the United States Department of

Transportation, to Execute any Necessary Contracts or Documents Associated Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

Resolution No. 2024-16

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit a Funding Request to Participate in the Community Project Funding Grant Program through the United States House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee, to Execute any Necessary Contracts or Documents Associated Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

Ordinance No. 2024-13 (As Amended)

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, During the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024

1st Reading 2/20/2024; 2nd Reading 3/2/2024; 3rd Reading 3/19/2024

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Final Read-No Discussion; Motion Carried

Amended Ordinance No. 2024-14

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 \$9.8397 Per 100 Cubic Feet of Water, Establish a Minimum Quarterly Billing for Such Use Charge Rate of \$78.72 per 800 Cubic Feet of Water of Part Thereof

1st Reading 2/20/2024; 2nd Reading 3/2/2024; 3rd Reading 3/19/2024

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

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

Final Read-No Discussion; Motion Carried

Ordinance No. 2024-15

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 139 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Division of Police;" Specifically, Section 139.02 titled "Residency Requirement; Bond"

1st Reading 3/2/2024; 2nd Reading 3/19/2024

Moved to 3rd Reading

Ordinance No. 2024-16

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."

1st Reading 3/19/2024

Moved to 2nd Read

Ordinance No. 2024-17

An Ordinance Establishing the Compensation of the Director of Law of the City, Repealing Certain Ordinances, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

Ordinance No. 2024-18

An Ordinance Enacting Codified Ordinance 142.02 titled "Chief of the Division of Fire"

1st Reading 3/19/2024

Moved to 2nd Reading

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion to Implement Weekend Premium Pay in the Fire Department Commencing the Weekend of Memorial Day 2024 through Labor Day 2024, from Friday, 1800 Hours to Monday, 0600 Hours, at an Additional Rate of \$8.00 Per Hour, Excluding Holidays.

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Declare Zetron Dispatch Equipment with City Tag No. 01965 as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Disposal

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Declare Data Master Equipment with City Tag No. 01098 as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Disposal

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Declare a Typewriter with City Tag No. 00133 as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Disposal

Motion to approve made by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Declare an OKI Printer with Serial No. AK3B024069A0 as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Disposal

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of Funds to American Legal Publishing Not to Exceed \$10,700.00 for 2023 Updates to the City of Willowick Codified Ordinances

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm

Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:

Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council