

**CITY OF WILLOWICK
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL

DATE: February 19, 2008
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The fourth meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Moran followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

PRESENT WERE: Council Members Moran, Allan, Vanni, Malta, Hintz, Patton and Wells.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Richard Bonde, Law Director O'Donnell, Finance Director Benedict, City Engineer Juday, Recreation Director Kless, Service/Building Director Dominick, Police Chief Lazor, Fire Chief Posipanka and Council Clerk Russo.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Malta, to approve the minutes of regular meeting of Council of February 5, 2008. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Proclamation A Proclamation declaring the month of March as
(Mayor Bonde) Red Cross Month.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Wells to appoint Tony Vitolo as the City of Willowick representative to the Lake County General Health District Board. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports & Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Bonde reported he is completing the State of the City report and would like to hold a Town Hall meeting the first Wednesday in April. Stated he is serving on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. Shoregate Shopping Center is to transfer ownership in approximately 40 days, Mayor reported he does not know who the new owners are but would like to meet with them once the transfer is complete. The new Lake Hospital System facility should open within the next couple of months. Price-Waterhouse contacted the city regarding tax incentives for developments in the city, Mayor responded he would meet with them and outlined several businesses the city would not support. Two motions need to be placed on the agenda, one being a fund transfer and the second to terminate the sewer rebate program.

Discussion of Mayor's Report:

Finance Director Benedict stated the fund transfer would need to be passed by Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni to end the Homestead Exemption Sewer Rebate Program effective February 19, 2008. Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: Moran, Allan, Vanni, Malta, Patton, Hintz. Nays: Mr. Wells. Motion carried.

Mr. Patton requested the leaf pick up program be addressed at the Town Hall meeting. Mayor Bonde agreed it would benefit the residents to be informed. Mr. Patton offered several ideas for presentation. Mayor Bonde reminded Council the latest date to order a new leaf machine is June 1, 2008.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Joe Dominick submitted his written report.

Discussion: None.

Recreation Director Julie Kless submitted and reviewed written report.

Discussion: None.

City Engineer Craig Juday did not have a written report.

Discussion: None.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict submitted written report.

Discussion: None.

Law Director John O'Donnell: No report

Discussion: None.

Police Chief Michael Lazor: reported Department's Annual Report is posted online and will provide Council with copies.

Discussion: None.

Fire Chief Robert Posipanka submitted written report.

Discussion: None.

Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick no written report.

Discussion: None.

WARD MATTERS

Mr. Wells reiterated his displeasure with the condition of the recycling center. Mayor Bonde agreed with Mr. Wells and stated there were large pieces of metal left at the site. Mr. Hintz added that during the week the center is in good condition, and noted that the weekend becomes problematic and people leave large items. Mr. Wells asked if the Police Department could place

extra patrol around the site. Chief Lazor explained what his department is currently doing to patrol the area. Offered his opinion on locking the site during certain hours explaining people would leave the items at the gate, which would cause a greater problem to the city.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance Committee – No report.

Safety Committee - No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands Committee – No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers –No report.

Tax Compliance Committee – No report.

Moral Claims Committee – No report.

Budget Committee – Mr. Patton thanked everyone for the hard work on city budget.

Sewer & Storm water Task Force- No report.

Fire Department Development Committee - No report.

City Development Committee - No report.

LIASON REPORTS

Hearts and Hammers Committee: Mr. Malta reported the committee met and have planned a Murder Mystery Night for Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at Community Center. Anyone interested should see him for tickets. They will also have a booth at the city's Home Show.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Supplemental Fiscal Officer's Certificate was presented to the Clerk of Council prior to the introduction of the Ordinance No. 2008-11.

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to the introduction of the Ordinance No. 2008-13.

Ordinance No. 2008-9 (Finance Director)	An Ordinance providing for the compensation of appointed officials and certain other employees of the City, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.
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Ordinance No. 2008-9 was placed on second reading.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to amend Ordinance No. 2008-9 to read as follows: Housing Inspector Brennan to receive 5% raise, Prosecutor to receive 9% raise and Finance Director to receive 9% raise. Discussion: Mr. Allan explained he feels that while the employees do a very good job, these raises are irresponsible on the part of the city. Ms. Moran made clear her feelings regarding this discussion. Stated she knows the Finance Director does an impressive job with the city finances, but cannot condone a large salary increase. Stated 9%, while it is a large raise, should be given as a compromise. Mr. Allan suggested Council give the Mayor a lump sum to disburse as he sees fit for pay increases. Mr. Patton stated Council was elected to be responsible for the appropriations of salary increases, while it is an awkward position for all to be placed in. Added the Prosecutor and Finance Director are doing an excellent job. Further stated to compare these positions to those represented by a union is comparing apples to oranges. Mr. Hintz stated Council has a duty to its constituents, where a majority of people will not even be receiving 3% raises this year. Asked how he is to explain a 9% raise to those. Mr. Patton pointed out that even with a 9% increase; this position is still below other Finance Directors in Lake County. Ms. Moran added that the bottom line is the department does a good job and should be compensated for such. Mayor Bonde stated he agrees with Ms. Moran's opinion. Mr. Wells voiced his opposition to these high pay increases. Mr. Patton stated for clarification that aside from the Finance Director, Prosecutor and Housing Inspector, all other non-union employees are indeed receiving 3-3.5% pay increases. Mayor Bonde explained that union members also receive longevity pay as well as uniform allowances. Further explained Sean Brennan is receiving a larger raise because he has become a Certified Building Inspector. Ms. Moran stated that all salaries are comparable in their respective fields throughout the surrounding cities, aside from Finance and Prosecutor. Ms. Moran pointed out there has not been an increase in the Prosecutor salary since 1993. Mr. Wells asked, for clarification, if the Law Director and Prosecutor were contract workers. Mr. O'Donnell stated it is ultimately up to Council to decide on pay increases. Further responded to previous statement of lump-sum payment for the Mayor to distribute by explaining that the Mayor would take over Council's responsibility of appropriating the money and that Council has implicitly agreed to the disbursement of such funds. Mr. Vanni feels Council needs to support the salary increases, the city has an extremely qualified Finance Director and she should be compensated. Mr. Allan calls for a vote at this time. Ms. Moran clarified the salary increases of 9% Prosecutor, 9% Finance Director and 5% Housing Inspector Brennan. All others remain as recommended by Mayor Bonde.
Vote: Ayes: Moran, Vanni, Malta, Patton. Nays: Allan, Wells, Hintz. Motion to amend carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-10
(Finance Director) An Ordinance amending Section 133 of the
Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick by
establishing the Lakeshore Boulevard/Glen Arden
Drive Capital Improvement Fund, and declaring an
emergency.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to waive the rules requiring three separate readings. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-10.
Discussion: None. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-11
(Finance Director) An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale
of \$2,300,000. notes, in anticipation of the issuance
of bonds, for the purposes of opening public streets
to be known as Shoreland Circle and Lakewick
Lane and thereupon improving the entire length of
those public streets and an emergency access drive
related thereto by, as necessary, grading, draining,
paving, constructing curbs, gutters, water mains,
valves, fire hydrants, sanitary sewers, storm sewers,
manholes and water and sanitary sewer service
connections and installing street lighting and traffic
control signs and improving certain easements of
the City related thereto by constructing storm
sewers, tees, manholes and drains, all together with
the necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring
an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, to waive the rules requiring three separate readings. Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: Moran, Allan, Vanni, Malta, Wells and Hintz. Abstain: Mr. Patton. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-11.
Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: Moran, Allan, Vanni, Malta, Wells and Hintz.
Abstain: Mr. Patton. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-12
(Finance Director) An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale
of \$610,000. notes, in anticipation of the issuance of
bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of improving
the municipal sewerage system, and declaring an
emergency.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Hintz, to waive the rules requiring three separate readings. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-12.

Discussion: None. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-13
(Finance Director) An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$60,000. notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purposes of improving the aquatic facilities at Dudley Park by installing a splashpad and constructing a building to house equipment for that splashpad, all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Patton, to waive the rules requiring three separate readings. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr.Vanni, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-13.
Discussion: None. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-14 An Ordinance to make appropriations for current
(Finance Director) expenses and expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2008 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2008-14 was placed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to approve Purchase Order No. 33227 in the amount of \$3,517.03 to Lake County Treasurer for the first half Stormwater assessments on all city properties. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Mr. Patton, by seconded by Mr.Vanni, authorizing the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps to close Fund (210) Cable TV Commission Fund, a special revenue fund.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr.Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, authorizing the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps to close Fund (216) Litter Control/Recycling Fund, a special revenue fund.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr.Vanni, seconded by Mr. Patton, authorizing the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps to close Fund (410) Euclid Parallel Sewer Project Fund, a capital improvement fund. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr.Vanni, seconded by Mr. Hintz, authorizing the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps to close Fund (414) Vine Street Enhancement Fund, a capital improvement fund
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Hintz to adjourn. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL