

**CITY OF WILLOWICK
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL**

DATE: February 2, 2010
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Wells asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former Fire Chief Rupena.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Patton, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council of January 19, 2010. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve minutes of Special Meeting of Council of January 27, 2010. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Oath of Office administered by State Representative Lorraine Fende to Dan Salesky as Ward 2 Councilman for the City of Willowick.

Special Resolution (Chief Lazor) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending **Christopher Olup** as being recognized as the Willowick Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2009.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Patton, to adopt Special Resolution. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Chief Lazor) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending **Dispatcher Melissa Holder** as being recognized as the Willowick Police Department's Dispatcher of the Year for 2009.

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Patton, to adopt Special Resolution. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports & Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Bonde provided Council with a handout/worksheet to aid with the Budget reduction process. The worksheet is provided to the Directors and Chiefs to assist them. In addition, supplied a handout of the 2010 Road Program with cost estimates and streets intended for work in 2010. The streets included were Forestgrove, North Marginal, E. 330th, E. 322nd from Vine Street to Lakeshore), Oakdale (Fairway (to 300th), Fairway (from High Tee to E. 305th, including Eagle), Oakdale (from 300th to 302). Maplewood had been on the list but has since been taken off, as the street needs a water line replaced. The total estimated cost is \$856,000. and explained the account will have a balance left to carryover to next year. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact him.

Discussion of Mayor's Report:

Mr. Malta asked about Maplewood, Mayor stated it is on the list for waterline. Ms. Moran asked that E. 329th be placed on the list for waterline as that street has had 3 water main breaks. Mr. Vanni asked about E. 330th, Mayor Bonde stated it is also on the list for waterline as well and cannot be overlaid before that happens. Mr. Vanni asked about Glen Arden, Mayor Bonde stated it would be done.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Joe Dominick written report submitted.

Discussion: None.

Recreation Director Julie Kless written report submitted, added the Senior Bus has been delivered.

Discussion: None.

City Engineer Craig Juday no written report, updated Council on Glen Arden stated is scheduled for construction this summer. Work should begin on the outfall in the spring, which will complete the project. The main line on Thomas Street was completed and work on the laterals will begin soon. Still waiting on information for mitigation regarding the Outfall Project. Bid opening for the Signalization project should occur in March.

Discussion: Mr. Vanni asked about E. 330th. Mr. Juday responded the street requires funding, which it does not have at this time. Mr. Juday explained this street will be a very large, involved project, similar to the Royalview Project and will remain on the list. Hopes to get the project moved to the high priority list with the County. The Mayor estimates it is a \$2 million dollar project. Mr. Wells agrees with Mr. Vanni that E. 330th needs to be done and should be a high priority. The Mayor explained the funding that needs to be in placed before a large project like this can begin and agrees that it is in very poor condition.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict no formal report, provided Council with a comparison of the sewer rates for the surrounding communities.

Discussion: None.

Law Director John O'Donnell no report, reviewed legislation on the agenda this evening. Updated Council on vicious dog ordinance explaining all cities have "restrictions" when owning a vicious dog, Garfield Heights actually "bans" vicious dogs from the city.

Discussion: For clarification, Mr. Patton asked if the current ordinance is breed specific. Law Director O'Donnell stated the ordinance addresses the Staffordshire terrier, and three different types of pit bulls. Mr. Patton asked if the Garfield Hts. ordinance included more breeds. Mr. O'Donnell stated the city does not include any more breeds but have banned vicious dogs from the city. Mr. Vanni asked if there were a possibility of adding the "banned" language to the city ordinance and if there were some sort of clause needed for those presently owning these breeds.

Police Chief Michael Lazor –written report submitted; annual report posted on city website.

Discussion: Mr. Malta asked if there were any arrests made on the recent car break ins. Chief Lazor stated there was an arrest made for another incident and the department feels this is the same person who has been committing the car break ins. The department is unable to charge him with those offenses as there is not enough information at this time and the department is still collecting evidence and information.

Fire Chief Robert Posipanka –no written report, annual report completed and submitted. For the record, Chief Posipanka stated that Retired Chief George Rupena passed this past Sunday. Calling hours will be held at Monreal Funeral Home on Curtis Blvd, Weds. February 3, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Last Alarm Ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm, Wednesday. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 10:00 am at Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

Discussion: Mr. Wells asked if Euclid was appreciative of Willowick's assistance. Chief Posipanka stated they are always very appreciative whenever assistance from the City is provided. For public record, Mr. Wells stated that the News Herald reported Euclid is required to have 16 men and if there were only 14 or 15 men on duty, they need mutual aid. Asked the Chief to encourage Euclid to schedule 16 men at all times, and ask the surrounding communities to encourage Euclid to do the same. Mayor stated he and the Chief had discussed this issue before, Chief Posipanka explained the manner in which assistance is given. Chief Posipanka explained that run totals to the City of Euclid for 2009 are down significantly over previous years.

Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick no written report.

Discussion: Mr. Vanni asked if there were an update on the home with the pit bulls. Mr. Dominick stated he visited the home and the homeowner has three of them. He was invited into the home and the dogs were calm, there appeared to be the mom and her two pups only, it does not appear the home is used for breeding purposes.

WARD MATTERS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Angie Lewis of High Tee stated her car was one of the vehicles broken into and asked if there were serious concerns about the increase in crime.

Response to Public Portion:

Chief Lazor explained to Mrs. Lewis that it has been a difficult year not only for Willowick but also for most of the cities throughout the area. The auto thefts in the city occurred all in one night and an arrest has been made. Regarding the car break-ins, the suspects appear to take whatever they can from the vehicle. Further explained the arrest made for car theft. Suggested to Mrs. Lewis and all residents to make sure all doors are locked, cars are locked, and dogs are also a good deterrent. Reminded everyone that the car thefts occurred at night, which tells the department they do not want confrontation, robbers and burglars are two different kinds of criminals, burglars do not want to see people and a robber will confront a person without disregard for them. The burglars in the city appear to have been looking for electronics or whatever they could find of value. Stressed to Mrs. Lewis and all the residents if something does not appear quite right or suspicious in your neighborhood call the police; that is what the department is there for, a resident should not worry about making a mistake, call immediately.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance Committee – Committee met last week to discuss rate increase for sewer charge, remains on the table, the Committee will continue to explore several other options and would like to keep the matter open at this time.

Safety Committee – No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands Committee – No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – No report.

Tax Compliance Committee – No report.

Moral Claims Committee – Committee will meet February 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Budget Committee – Mr. Patton reminded Council, Directors and Chiefs that the Budget Hearings are Saturday February 6, 2010 beginning at 8:30 am. Added a change to the Budget Agenda, the Police Chief and Fire Chief will exchange time slots

Sewer & Storm water Task Force- No report.

Fire Department Development Committee - No report.

City Development Committee - No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Hearts and Hammers: Mr. Malta read an email from a gentleman regarding the Hearts and Hammers fundraiser and what a positive experience it was. The fundraiser at Frankie's Pub and Pasta was a huge success, there were approximately 275 people there including many city employees. Thanked all that attended. Mr. Malta stated they estimate to have raised \$4,200. for the program.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Resolution No. 2010-4 (Law Director) A Resolution submitting the question of a one and five-tenths mill tax levy for the purpose of providing funds to purchase equipment and capital improvements for the safety forces of the City pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19 and 5705.191 and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Malta 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 Resolution No. 2010-4. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Malta, to adjourn. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL