

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

DATE: February 3, 2009  
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.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Bonde, Law Director O'Donnell, Finance Director Benedict, City Engineer Juday, Recreation Director Kless, Police Chief Lazor, Fire Chief Posipanka, Building and Service Director Dominick 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 20, 2009. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations**

Oath of Office to Stephen J. Bowser as a Firefighter for the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Bonde.

Oath of Office to Andrew E. Federer as a Firefighter for the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Bonde.

Oath of Office to Jeffrey N. Heintz as a Firefighter for the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Bonde.

Oath of Office to Justin L. Downing as a Firefighter for the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Bonde.

Oath of Office to Jeffrey M. Frank as a Firefighter for the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Bonde.

Special Resolution (Mayor Bonde)	A Special Resolution recognizing the successful completion of 30 years of service to the Willowick Fire Department and extending the appreciation of the Mayor and Council to <b><i>TIM BYNANE</i></b> on this occasion.
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Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Patton, to adopt Special Resolution. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor Bonde) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending **DISPATCHER LISA HUDSON** on being recognized as the Willowick Police Department's Dispatcher of the Year for 2008.

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

Special Resolution (Mayor Bonde) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending **JEFFREY PYLE** on being recognized as the Willowick Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2008.

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

\*Presentation of 911 simulator from State Farm Insurance representative Jay Neidermeyer to the Fire Marshall Terry Simonian.

\* Demonstration of 911 simulator by Firefighter Rob Clark and several child volunteers.

### **Administrative Appeals**

None.

### **Reports & Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director**

Mayor Bonde reported Congress would be passing a stimulus package. The Lake County Mayors, Managers and County officials met last week to discuss strategy to assure Lake County would receive funds. Stated a committee was put in place to oversee the progress of the stimulus package and funding. Willowick is applying for financial support for specific projects, stated there would be approximately \$12 million in applications. Is not clear how money would be distributed; money would be interest free loans, not grants as he had hoped. Named Lakeshore Blvd. Sewer Project at \$1.4 million and East 330<sup>th</sup> Waterline and Sanitary replacement at \$1.5 million as the projects city would for funding assistance. \$30-40 million has been requested for west Lake County. Reported there were 36 bank owned homes last year and 37 homes are currently in default and 28 slated for Sheriff's sale in the city. Mayor stated this would contribute to the decrease of water usage within the city. Asked Police Department to look into several lights along Lakeshore Blvd. he would like placed on flash in the evenings from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., added the system is very old and hoped it would be capable of sustaining the change. Complimented the Service Department on the job done during the snowstorm, has received numerous emails from residents throughout the city also complimenting the city on the roads. Mayor added the city has also spent \$50,000 on road salt so far.

### **Discussion of Mayor's Report:**

None.

## **General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials**

**Service Director Joe Dominick** submitted written report.

**Discussion:** Mr. Malta thanked Mr. Dominick and the department for handling a previously discussed matter.

**Recreation Director Julie Kless** submitted written report.

**Discussion:** None.

**City Engineer Craig Juday** no written report, provided Council with three handouts pertaining to the water issues in the city. Mr. Juday stated this is an initial assembly of data and highlighted several items, including information verifying the Euclid meter is running correctly. Will be meeting with Service Director Dominick to look at several areas throughout the city including Larimar and the E. 305 cross connection and they would be lifting manhole covers to investigate possible problems. Added the information that exists shows a direct correlation of flow rates going to Euclid in relationship to rainfall and volumes are not out of the range, nevertheless, Mr. Juday will be meeting with Mr. Dominick.

**Discussion:** Mr. Vanni inquired about the large spikes in flow when looking at the month-by-month flow chart. Mr. Juday responded you need to look at the big picture and it quite possibly may be due to snowfall not registering as water flow, with the arrival of spring, the ground becomes saturated therefore you would see an increase in flow during those months. Pointed out in 2000 when the city began a comprehensive rehabilitation program you will notice a change, in 2006 he pointed out flow going back to pattern before 2000. Gave several probabilities for change, added he will continue to look into.

**Finance Director Cheryl Benedict** had no written report, reviewed and asked for approval of a Purchase Order not on the agenda this evening.

**Discussion:** None.

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Wells to approved Purchase Order No. 34646 in the amount of \$3,496.58 to the Lake County Treasurer for first half Stormwater assessment for city properties. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Law Director John O'Donnell** no report.

**Discussion:** None.

**Police Chief Michael Lazor** – written report submitted.

**Discussion:** None.

**Fire Chief Robert Posipanka** – written report submitted.

**Discussion:** Mr. Wells complimented Chief Posipanka and his department on the outstanding job done with the fire at the Bethel Church, stating that it was a very wise decision not to use water on the fire. Chief Posipanka stated Rob Clark was in charge that evening for the first time and it was his decision to do such.

**Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick** written report submitted.

**Discussion:** None.

### **WARD MATTERS**

A resident interested in becoming involved with the city contacted Mr. Malta. Mr. Jef Hren would like to develop a Community Energy Awareness Program to educate the residents of Willowick on energy consumption and how their homes may become more energy efficient. Mayor Bonde stated he thinks this is a very good opportunity and would like to meet with Mr. Hren. Mr. Malta stated he would volunteer to assist with this program and would contact Mr. Hren to set up such meeting.

Mayor Bonde stated he was out with a plow during the snowstorm was shocked at the number of people parking in the street during snowfall. Gebhart had four cars parked in the street around the cul-de-sac making near impossible for the city to clear street. Mayor gave permission for the Police Department to ticket cars parked in the street during snowstorms or when the snow is 2” or more deep. It is very difficult for the city to maintain the roads with cars parked in the street. Mayor will place notices on the electronic board, the website and channel 20.

### **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** – No report, Committee Chairman Patton reminded Council, Budget hearings would take place Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m., and agendas were provided in their boxes.

**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 stated if anyone knows of a senior homeowner unable to shovel their walkway to notify him as the committee has arranged to provide such a service. The shoveling would only be their walkways, not the entire drive. Asked Chief Posipanka who is responsible for clearing the snow from hydrants in homeowner tree lawn. Chief responded it is the homeowner’s responsibility. Mr. Malta stated Hearts and Hammers would volunteer.



Resolution No. 2009-1            A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds  
(Finance Director)            from the General Fund (101) to the Police Pension  
Fund (801) and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Resolution No. 2009-1.  
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2009-2            A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds  
(Finance Director)            from the General Fund (101) to the State Highway  
Fund (203) and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Resolution No. 2009-2.  
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Patton, to increase the sewer rental charge contained in Section 921.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick in the amount of 5% to the rate of \$31.57 per 1,000 cubic feet of water discharged. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Allan, authorizing Change Order #1 to Phillip Miller Construction for a time extension to June 30, 2009 for the 2008 Sewer & Lateral Replacement and Repair Program. Discussion: Mr. Wells asked why this is needed. Mr. Dominick stated the City pulled them from one job to attend to another that needed immediate attention and the weather has been a big factor in the progress. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to adjourn. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
          CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL