

**CITY OF WILLOWICK
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL

DATE: March 4, 2008
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The fifth 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, and Wells.

Absent: Mr. Patton

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Richard Bonde, Law Director O'Donnell, 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. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, to approve the minutes of regular meeting of Council of February 19, 2008. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Oath of Office administered to Mark Munnings by Mayor Bonde for reappointment to the Willowick Recreation Board.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports & Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Bonde congratulated City Engineer Juday on his recent promotion to Vice President of CT Consultants. Mayor will be meeting with the Federal Grant Administrator tomorrow to look at CDBG funding for possible storefront renovations. State of the City to be Wednesday March 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Reported the Little Peoples University property sale did not go through. Mayor reported on a program titled Dollar Homes through the Federal Government. This program would allow the city to purchase FHA/VA foreclosed homes that have been on the market for 6 months or more for \$1.00. The program would allow the city to renovate the home, tear down and rebuild the home, keep as green space, sell empty lot or sell the property to a low-income family,. Explained any profits from this program cannot go back to the city, must be donated to a nonprofit organization such as Hearts and Hammers. Further discussed three homes in the city that are now or will soon be qualified for this program. Has been in contact with Lake Community Homes to possibly place homes on some of the sites. Law Director O'Donnell added that any home the city would resell would need to be priced at fair market value. Mayor Bonde added these homes cannot be rented they must be sold.

Discussion of Mayor's Report:

Council President Moran suggested the possibility of using one of the homes as an exhibition home for the home show. Mr. Hintz voiced his concern regarding the turn around of a home that has been torn down. The Mayor stated the city would be responsible to maintain the property until sold.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Joe Dominick submitted written report, added the E. 305th Street Railroad crossing would be closed March 5, 2008 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. His department had notices printed for the area businesses, had an announcement placed on the Channel 23 crawl.

Discussion: None.

Recreation Director Julie Kless submitted and reviewed written report, added the Coca-Cola contract is expired and the department is working on a new contract at this time.

Discussion: None.

City Engineer Craig Juday submitted written report, added the next step in Outfall permitting process is Ohio EPA public hearing, which is scheduled for May 5, 2008. All necessary approvals should be expected shortly after.

Discussion: None.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict was not present this evening, submitted written report.

Discussion: None.

Law Director John O'Donnell requested Ordinance pertaining to 133.17 be postponed to March 18 Council meeting.

Discussion: None.

Police Chief Michael Lazor submitted annual report, asked for approval of Purchase Order on the agenda.

Discussion: Mr. Wells asked if Chief Lazor could remember the fallen Cleveland Police Officer at the next Police Chiefs Meeting. Ms. Moran inquired about a possible threat at the Middle School. Chief Lazor responded it was indeed a prank; however, his department was present at the schools. Offered some insight as to what they take as a serious threat and how the department handles all threats that are made. Reminded Council the city has a juvenile officer who has a good rapport with the children.

Fire Chief Robert Posipanka did not have a written report, the department is still experiencing computer problems, therefore the annual report is not prepared as of yet.

Discussion: None.

Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick no report.

Discussion: Ms. Moran questioned the boarding up of a home in the city. Mayor Bonde stated he and Mr. Dominick would go to the home.

WARD MATTERS

Mr. Malta asked if Willow Lane could be placed on the priority list for street improvement, explaining two of the homes on the street have problems at the end of their drives. Mr. Dominick suggested catch basins be placed on the street to alleviate the problems. Questioned a home with a dumpster in the yard. Mayor Bonde explained the home was recently purchased and the new homeowner injured himself while on a ladder. Mr. Dominick added he has been in contact with the homeowner and he hopes to resume work by the end of the month. Mr. Malta added he was at the Recycle Center this past Sunday and it was in very good shape with no litter. Asked how often the city cleans the area. Mr. Dominick responded his department is there daily.

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.

Sewer & Storm water Task Force- No report.

Fire Department Development Committee - No report.

City Development Committee - No report.

LIASON REPORTS

None.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

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.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to postpone the reading of Ordinance No. 2008-9
Discussion: None. Vote: Ayes: Allan, Vanni, Malta, Hintz, Moran. Nays: Mr. Wells. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-9 remained on second reading.

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

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Allan, to waive the second and third readings.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Allan, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-14.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-15
(Law Director) An Ordinance amending Chapter 1365 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-15.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-16
(Law Director) An Ordinance amending Section 133.17(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Hintz, to postpone the reading of Ordinance No.2008- 16. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008-3 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. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Hintz, to waive the rule requiring three separate readings. Discussion: Mr. Wells indicated he believes this Resolution should read Police and Fire Pension Fund. Mayor Bonde stated he will get more information on this issue. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Malta, to adopt Resolution No. 2008- 3.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008- 4 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds
(Finance Director) from the General Fund (101) to the Senior Citizen's
Center Fund (220) and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-4.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008- 5 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds
(Finance Director) from the Shoreland Crossings Improvement
Fund (405) to the Bond Retirement Fund (301)
and declaring an emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Allan, to adopt Resolution No. 2008- 5.
Discussion: Mr. Wells asked for clarification of the Resolution. Ms. Moran stated these Resolution are needed each year. Mayor Bonde contacted Finance Director Benedict by telephone and offered that the city line item should read Police Pension Fund in Resolution 2008-3. Further explained when the bond on a debt matures, it needs to be transferred to the bond retirement fund; it is a one year note that needs to be transferred. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008- 6 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds
(Finance Director) from the Recreation Improvement Levy Fund (214)
to the Bond Retirement Fund (301) and declaring an
emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta, to adopt Resolution No. 2008- 6.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008- 7 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds
(Finance Director) from the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund (422)
to the Bond Retirement Fund (301) and declaring an
emergency.

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

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni, to adopt Resolution No. 2008- 7.
Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Hintz, to approve Purchase Order No. 33474 in the amount of \$3,288. to PennCare Inc. for 12 replacement batteries and 12 replacement defibulator pad sets for defibulator units located at the Police and Recreation Department. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive rental fee for the Willowick Community Center for Hearts and Hammers Fundraiser on March 29, 2008 removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL