

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

DATE: March 19, 2019
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The fifth meeting of Council of 2019 was called to order by Council President Patton at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

Present: Council members Reho, Patton, Pintar, Turk, Koudela, Vanni and Malta
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Fire Chief Posipanka, Police Chief Turner, Service Director Pauley, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, Recreation Director Kless, City Engineer Lannon, and Council Clerk Wovrosh, Tim McLoughlin of CT Consultants, and Tony Vitolo.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Reho, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 5, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Special Resolution (Mayor) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending Sgt. Bruce LaForge on being selected 2018 Officer of the Year for the Willowick Police Department

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the Special Resolution for Sgt. Bruce LaForge.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor) A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending Dispatcher Kelly Tadiello on being selected 2018 Dispatcher of the Year for the Willowick Police Department

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve the Special Resolution for Kelly Tadiello.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor) A Special Resolution Proclaiming April 2019 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve the Special Resolution proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor) A Special Resolution Proclaiming April 2, 2019 as World Autism Awareness Day and April as World Autism Month

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to approve the Special Resolution proclaiming April 2, 2019 as World Autism Awareness Day and April 2019 as World Autism Month.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported the following:

- Eastlake, Willoughby, Willowick and Laketran have officially been awarded the grant for the Vine Street Corridor Study. This ties into our Lakefront Development Study. This will connect us with Downtown Willoughby and help with economic development for the Vine Street corridor.
- March 18-30 is Cleveland Restaurant Week. Carmen Paponetti, chef and owner of The Cabin, is participating and demonstrated his cooking skills on Channel 5 that day.
- Tony Vitolo gave his report from the recent Lake Health District Advisory Meeting. The 2020 budget was approved. A 1.5 tax assessment of the cities and townships was also approved. There was election of officers. The district has also just updated its website and shows the many services and programs that are provided to county residents. They are starting work on the renewal of their accreditation which is due in 2020 which is required in order to continue to operate. Ours is excellent and has been asked to consult with other counties.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

In response to an question about how much money was awarded for the Vine Street Corridor project, the Mayor reported that it is a \$120,000. The grant is \$100,000, and each of the four partners will contribute \$5,000. This should be enough to cover the planning.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Rob Pauley: Written report submitted. The E. 327th and E. 329th Sewer Rehabilitation Projects continue. Bid openings for the 2019 Roads Repair and Lateral Repair Programs are coming up. The first Lake County Solid Waste Department drop-off will be for computer electronics on April 27. Residential yard waste resumes April 1.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: No written report. The indoor movie will be Sunday, March 24 at Manry. The 7th grade boys basketball championship game the next day ends the season. She thanked Mr. Malta for his help with assigning officials this season. April 6 is the Collectible Flea Market at Manry, and all tables are sold out.

City Engineer Tim Lannon: No written report.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report. Ms. Benedict requested an amendment to Ordinance No. 2019-3 which is the budget legislation to correct a typographical error for the Police budget. This resulted in a \$10,000 reduction in the ordinance which is on the agenda.

Law Director Stephanie Landgraf: No written report.

Police Chief Brian Turner: Written report submitted electronically. He nominated two members of the department, Sgt. Bob Prochaska and Ptl. Chris Olup, for recognition by the Carnegie Hero Fund for their actions during a residential fire in 2016. They received word last week that they were accepted to receive this very prestigious award.

Fire Chief Bob Posipanka: No written report.

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan: No written report.

Ward Matters

None.

Public Participation

Sheila Dureiko of 31728 Willowick Drive asked if there could be an explanation of the grant related to other cities and Laketran. Mayor Regovich explained that Willowick, Eastlake, Willoughby and Laketran together applied for a grant from NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) to study and redesign the Vine Street corridor from LSB in Willowick to downtown Willoughby. It is a TLCI grant related to transportation and how people get around. We are trying to make that corridor a more attractive place to do business and open it up to future businesses by using buses that travel the route all day long, providing access to those businesses along the route.

Ryan Lose of 30533 Willow Lane asked for clarification about the 1.5 tax assessment by the Lake County Health District. Since this is the Lake County Health District budget, we cannot answer that question.

Mr. Lose also inquired if the parade could go forward now that \$10,000 has been found in the budget. It was explained that it was not additional money that was found. It was a typographical error when preparing the budget ordinance and did not change the budget as proposed.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report. The minutes from the meeting two weeks ago have been distributed. Another meeting will be held by May.

Safety: No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: Mr. Vanni reported that the committee met prior to the meeting. Tim Lannon and Tim McLoughlin of CT Consultants gave an overview of the work done in 2018 and looked forward to 2019 and beyond. What we are doing is working. We have seen big improvements in the storm line on E. 329th, so we are doing the right thing. We need to consider replacing the four meters, and one of them would need to be done right away. Mr. Lannon will put together a proposal. Ms. Benedict and Mr. Lannon will gather information regarding increasing the sewer rates for the next meeting if possible. We have not raised rates since 2012, but our costs from Euclid have been going up during that time.

Tax Compliance: No report.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report.

Monica Drake, the city's Economic Development Manager, was present to answer any questions regarding Ordinance No. 2019-5 related to the Community Reinvestment Area. She is excited about receiving the second TLCI grant. We are also talking with the Community Development Block Grant regarding funding. She and Mayor Regovich will be attending CDBG's annual meeting which is required for those applying for funds.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Malta reported spring clean-up will begin soon. Hearts & Hammers will work in conjunction with the Recreation Department on Clean Up the Parks Day which is May 4. The next meeting is April 4.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

None.

Contract Approvals

Motion by Mr. Reho, seconded by Ms. Turk to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lewis Landscaping & Nursery, Inc. for renovation of the infield of Manry ballfield #2 in the amount of \$15,500.00.

Discussion: Ms. Benedict explained that \$12,000.00 of the amount is being donated by the Baseball League, and the balance will come out of the Recreation Levy Fund.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-3
(Finance Director) 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, 2019, and declaring an emergency.
1st Reading – February 19, 2019
2nd Reading – March 5, 2019

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-3.

Discussion: Mr. Patton noted that this is amended as Ms. Benedict explained earlier in the meeting.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-5
(Law Director) An Ordinance implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Willowick, designating a Housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.
1st Reading – February 19, 2019
2nd Reading – March 5, 2019

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-5.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-7
(Law Director) An Ordinance amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled, "Department of Finance"; specifically, Section 133.17, titled "Charges for Emergency Medical Service."
1st Reading – March 5, 2019

Ordinance No. 2019-7 was placed on second reading.

Ordinance No. 2019-8
(Law Director) An Ordinance amending Chapter 1332 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Exterior Areas"; specifically, amending Section 1332.01, titled "Prohibited Conditions."
1st Reading - March 5, 2019 - Referred to the Planning Commission

Ms. Landgraf reported that the Planning Commission had considered the matter and recommended two potential amendments that Council may consider. Mr. Patton requested that she draft an amended ordinance incorporating the amendments which will then be considered at the next meeting.

Ordinance No. 2019-9
(Law Director)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 1365 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled, "Licensing of Single-Family Residential Rental Units"; specifically, Codified Ordinance 1365.03 "License Application; Fee," and declaring an emergency.
March 5, 2019 - Referred to the Planning Commission

This was considered by the Planning Commission and was recommended for approval.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-9.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-13
(Finance Director)

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Peak Software Systems in the amount of \$3,076.42, for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Reho, seconded by Mr. Pintar to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-13.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve Resolution No. 2019-13.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Malta thanked Mayor Regovich for attending the game between the Broadmoor Bobcats and the area coaches. It was once again a very special event.

Public Participation

Sandy Bontempo of 480 Cole Plaza asked for an update regarding communication with Michaels regarding the closing of Pat Catan's. Mayor Bonde has sent a letter to Michaels and will follow up with an email or phone call to confirm that they received the letter. He has spoken with the principals at the schools, and teachers are preparing letters for students to sign. He noted that owners of the surrounding stores are concerned as well since Pat Catan's brings a lot of traffic to the shopping center.

Ms. Bontempo has heard that the Flip House on E. 305 is over budget by about \$200,000. If there is a tax incentive for the residents to do these types of renovation but the cost for them is so high, how is that something that is productive? Mayor Regovich stated that the original budget was \$150,000 and they are at about \$300,000 now. However, the intent of the house is to show what can be done with a bungalow. They ran into some cost overruns and some issues such as the replacement of three foundation walls. The intent is to show what can be done with a house, and residents could find ways to do different things with a similar result. They are anticipating it might open in the next couple of months and stay open for a long time. They hope to then sell the house and recoup some of the costs. This has all been funded by the Lake County Port Authority. The design has opened up the main level quite a bit, brought the washer and dryer upstairs, and added a master bedroom.

Sandy Besett of 187 E. 324th Street asked if there have been any developments in saving Willowick's Senior Center. There are many rumors that are circulating. Mayor Regovich noted that the budget that passed earlier in the meeting had no cuts to the Senior Center budget or personnel. The facility is rented out almost every weekend. There are classes that rent it out in the evenings. They are planning to work

on the heating and cooling units with some grant funds. We received funding for the center from the County, and that amount has not changed in a number of years. He and Recreation Director Kless have had some ideas and are looking for the seniors' ideas to keep the center relevant and to differentiate it from others in the county. We would like to find ways to get people who just stay home out of the house and to the center.

Ryan Lose of 30533 Willow Lane asked for information about the spring clean-up. Ms. Turk is taking names and asked people to bring rakes and leaf blowers to Manry Park at 9:00 a.m. on May 4. Hearts & Hammers will be raking lawns for 19 residents. Ms. Kless said that they have forms at Manry for students who need community service hours.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Susan K. Worrach
CLERK OF COUNCIL