

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

**DATE:** January 7, 2014  
**PLACE:** City Hall  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

The first meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Patton at 7:25 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

**Present were:** Council members Allan, Vanni, Malta, O'Donnell, Patton, Wells and Turk.  
**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Council Clerk Wovrosh.

**Introduction & Consideration of Legislation – Part 1**

Ordinance No 2014-01            An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of  
(Law Director)                Susan Wovrosh as Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2014-01. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve Ordinance No. 2014-01. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Bonde administered the Oath of Office to Susan Wovrosh as Clerk of Council for the City of Willowick.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Allan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 17, 2013. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations**

Due to the power outage in City Hall as a result of inclement weather, it has been uncertain if Council would be able to meet. Mayor Bonde explained that earlier that evening he had sworn in Mark Palumbo as Captain and Joseph R. Tennyson as Lieutenant of the Willowick Fire Department so that they could receive their badges and begin their duties. The public administration of the oaths of office has been rescheduled for the January 21, 2014 meeting.

**Administrative Appeals**

None

**Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director**

Mayor Bonde addressed the extremely cold conditions that we are currently experiencing, stating that his main concern has been providing a warming center for any residents who may have experienced power and gas outages. Fortunately, there were no reports of outages from residents. The only outages reported were city building which had no power or heat. Some equipment was

damaged when power was restored. Republic postponed trash collection in the city by a day due to the inclement weather, beginning today.

Kimble will be sending a letter to residents within a week to explain their system and services. Republic will pick up trash through the last week of January, taking their blue bins on the last day of pick-up. Kimble will deliver their trash bins the next to the last week of January, with their services beginning February 1, 2014.

All negotiations with the city's bargaining units have been completed except for the Fire Department. Due to some injuries, the assembling of the bargaining team has been delayed, but negotiations are now poised to begin. A major area of discussion will be scheduling, short-shifting, and the number of hours worked by individuals.

The Mayor will be meeting with Willoughby-Eastlake School Supt. Steve Thompson along with the mayors of Eastlake and Willoughby to discuss ideas being considered by Supt. Thompson. Mayor Bonde is going to recommend that this group meet on a regular basis.

On The city experienced another bad storm on December 21, experiencing 2.8" of rain as well as 3" of snow that melted. The city only had two calls, both lateral issues, and the sewer system operated the way it was designed to work because all this took place over a period of time.

#### **Council Discussion on the Mayor's Report**

The subject of health care for firefighters was discussed, and it was clarified that though some may have coverage through other cities where they are employed full-time, we would need to offer it to anyone who might work over 30 hours a week for Willowick. We could not discriminate and offer additional hours only to those who opt out of health care coverage—it would have to be made available to everyone. These negotiations are going to be different—it's about scheduling, not about money.

Councilman Malta inquired about updates for businesses considering an establishment in the city. The Mayor indicated that Dairy Queen is not likely due to the space limitation of the property that was being considered. The owner of Shoregate has signed contracts with Planet Fitness and a small chain restaurant. Urgent Care is sold, but we do not yet know who the buyer is.

David Krone, owner of Shoregate, has offered to donate the equipment from the closed internet café if the city is interested. Mayor Bonde and Service Director Dominick will view what is available.

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

**Service Director Joe Dominick:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**Recreation Director Julie Kless:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**City Engineer Tim Lannon:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**Finance Director Cheryl Benedict:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**Law Director Michael Lucas:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**Police Chief Lazor:** Not present. No written report submitted.

**Fire Chief Posipanka:** Not present. No written report.

**Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick:** Not present. No written report submitted

## **Ward Matters**

None.

## **Public Participation**

Ken Pintar of Crescent offered to help with any computers that would be donated to the City by Mr. Krone, for which Mayor Bonde was appreciative.

Pat Jesberger of E. 315 Street suggested that some families from Royalview and Willowick Middle Schools might be able to use the computers. He also inquired if Kimble will pick up yard waste such as branches following wind storms through the winter rather than stopping service in November as Republic did. The Mayor will check on this request. He also clarified that residents are receiving one final bill from Republic for the month of January, the last month of their contract which also includes the fuel surplus charge for the first billing period of 2013. It had not previously been billed.

Mr. Jesberger also asked for a clarification about the contract with the Metroparks and Lakefront Lodge. Mayor Bonde said that the contract with Metroparks is for one year with an agreement about updates that will be done in the park. Consideration of a future contract will be based on this agreement.

Mr. Jesberger inquired about the signs that had been approved recently by BZA for Burger King and Arby's but which have not yet been installed. Mayor Bonde reported that the city is not happy with the lack of progress for some signs, and a couple of businesses who have not responded at all are being taken to court.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Finance:** No report.

**Safety:** No report.

**Service, Utilities & Public Lands:** No report.

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers:** No report.

**Tax Compliance:** No report.

**Moral Claims:** No report.

**Budget:** Chairman Vanni discussed the date for the annual budget hearing and inquired when the budget will be available to Council. It should be available by the end of January with a tentative date of February 15 being set. This will be confirmed at the next Council meeting.

**Sewer & Stormwater Task Force:** No report.

**City Development:** No report.

## **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Malta reported that the next Hearts and Hammers meeting is January 8. The fundraiser is progressing well, and donations are still welcomed. Those who would like to make a donation can contact Janet Bucci, Councilwoman Turk, or him. He thanked Council for their show of support by indicating they will be attending the event.

## **Fund Transfers & Bid Authorizations**

None.

**Contract Approvals**

None.

**Introduction & Consideration of Legislation – Part 2**

Ordinance No. 2014-2 (Law Director) An Ordinance amending Chapter 1141 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled, “Mixed Use District”; specifically, Section 1141.05, titled “Preliminary Development Plan”, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2014-2. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve Ordinance No. 2014-02. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous**

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize an expenditure of \$70,599 to Wichert Insurance for the 2014 property and liability insurance premium. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Patton to authorize a purchase order to Vance’s Law Enforcement for eight cases of ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$3,000. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Patton to approve Giuseppes Pizza Inc. to add additional stockholders to the corporation, having been reviewed and approved by the Police Department and no objection found for the approval. Discussion: Councilman O’Donnell explained that approval is required when there is a change in stockholders with a business that has a liquor license. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Allan to approve the request for a new liquor license for Second Wind Bar and Grill LTD, having been reviewed and approved by the Police Department and no objection found for the approval. Discussion: The location of the business was clarified. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Allan, seconded by Ms. Turk to adjourn. Discussion: None. Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:   
CLERK OF COUNCIL