

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

DATE: November 17, 2020
PLACE: Remote Meeting
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

This meeting was conducted as a virtual public meeting due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are authorized to hold the virtual meeting under the laws of the State of Ohio as well as the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Willowick. Council will continue to meet virtually with regular assessment of the situation.

The eighteenth meeting of Council 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 Vanni, Malta, Phares, Patton, Antosh, Bisbee and Koudela.
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Tennyson, Police Chief Turner, Service Department Foreman Gross, Recreation Director Kless, City Engineer McLaughlin, Economic Development Manager Drake and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Finance Director Benedict and Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 17, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Administrative Appeals

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-41 Allen	An Order granting a variance and exception to allow fencing already installed to remain in the side yard past the rear house line in the application of Section 1165.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Phares to approve Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-41.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-42 Mrofchak #1	An Order granting a variance and exception to allow an air conditioning unit to be installed in the front yard in the application of Section 1167.01(c)(i) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-42.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Ayes: Vanni, Phares, Patton, Antosh, Bisbee. Nays: Malta, Koudela. Motion carried.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2020-47 (Law Director) An Ordinance amending Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled “Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code;” specifically, Section 921.08, titled “Sanitary Sewer Rental Rates,” to provide a use charge rate based upon \$4.486 per 100 cubic feet of water, establish a minimum quarterly billing for such use charge rate of \$35.89 per 800 cubic feet of water, or part thereof.

Council President Patton placed Ordinance No. 2020-47 on first reading.

Ordinance No. 2020-48 (Law Director) An Ordinance authorizing the approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Willowick and the Willowick Firefighters Association, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-48.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Phares to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-48.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation for a new business, Immaculate Cleaning, in the City of Willowick.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to declare a 1993 one-ton pickup K-3500 VIN #1GCHK34K8PE234605 and a 1994 one-ton pickup K-3500 VIN #1GCHK34K1RE295586 from the Service Department as unfit for public use by the City, obsolete, and having no value, to be disposed of as surplus.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to declare a 2001 one-ton pickup F-350 VIN #1FTSF31L01EB89688 from the Service Department with 8’ Fisher electric motor-driven with trip edge snow plow as surplus and no longer of use by the City.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to appoint Mr. Phares and Ms. Antosh to the Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Dependents Fund Board.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Dee Logan of 327 Blissfield expressed concern regarding shopping carts that were being blown through the parking lot during the high winds over the weekend as a safety issue. Mayor Regovich will contact the

owners of Shoregate. He noted that the wind gusts over the weekend approached 70 m.p.h. which is atypical of our weather.

Bryon White of 30550 Willow Lane referenced Ordinance No. 2020-45 and stated that he did not see in this ordinance where it indicated the ability of Council to increase the rate from 5% to 10%. He felt this should have been placed on three readings so that residents could address Council with their concerns. He also inquired if the city will be seeking a 10% increase in 2020 and an additional 10% increase in 2021. Mr. Vanni noted that Ordinance 2020-45 was not placed on three readings is because it did not raise the rate. It simply gave Council the ability to raise the rate from 5% to 10%, and it does not necessarily mean that they will do that. The legislation that is on the agenda is the actual rate increase, and it will have three readings. He stated that we will probably have to go 10% because 5% is not enough, even if it had been raised by that rate every year since 2014. In order to remain even with the rates from Euclid, we would have to raise the rate about 35% over the next three years. To meet that rate, we would have had to have raised the rate 6% each year since 2014. This is nothing that the city is spending, but is just the rate increase from Euclid being passed to the residents. Council is sensitive to their constituents, and they do not raise rates unless it is absolutely necessary. Sometimes they wait too long. He thinks the rate might have to be raised 10%, and then 10% again the next year to keep up with the rates as well as continue to make improvements.

Mayor Regovich asked Council members to log back into the Special Meeting which was held before the Council meeting in order to adjourn the meeting since they had been timed out by Webex.

Mr. Patton welcomed Angela Trend to the meeting and looks forward to working with her.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL