

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

**DATE:** March 1, 2016  
**PLACE:** City Hall  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

The fifth meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Patton at 7:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Invocation.

A moment of silence was observed for Father Stephen Kaminski who passed away February 29, 2016.

**Present:** Council members Vanni, Malta, Reho, Patton, Pintar, Turk and Regovich  
**Also Present:** Mayor Bonde, City Engineer Lannon, Law Director Lucas, Fire Chief Posipanka, Police Chief Lazor, Recreation Director Kless and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Service Director/Chief Building Inspector Dominick and Finance Director Benedict were absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 16, 2016.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations**

Special Resolution (Mayor) A Special Resolution recognizing the successful completion of 22 years of service to the Willowick Service and Building Departments by Joseph G. Dominick

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve the Special Resolution honoring Mr. Dominick.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Administrative Appeals**

None.

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

Mayor Bonde reported the following:

- The Lake County Land Reutilization Corp. (Land Bank) has \$250,000, and there are two houses for which we would like to obtain funding.
- Ohio House Bill 292 and Senate Bill 27 are the bills about helping firefighters with cancer. He is hoping that Council will do a resolution for this since it has affected one of our own.
- He is working with Recreation Director Kless on the Plan 4 Health.
- Contract negotiations which began a month ago are continuing.

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

Mr. Regovich inquired if consideration has been given to a house on Orchard for teardown. Mayor Bonde stated that it has been condemned. There is also another house nearby to consider.

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

**Service Director Joe Dominick:** Retired. Written report submitted.

**Recreation Director Julie Kless:** No written report. Director Kless reported that the Spring/Summer guides are now available in all city buildings and will also be in the March issue of the Courier. Registrations begin April 5, and reservations are currently being taken for the Easter egg hunts.

**City Engineer Tim Lannon:** Written report submitted.

**Finance Director Cheryl Benedict:** Absent. No written report submitted.

**Law Director Michael Lucas:** No written report. Mr. Lucas explained that at a previous meeting Council had considered a request for the transfer of a liquor license application for which Chief Lazor noted that there were some concerns. At that time Council authorized a request for a hearing for the application. Chief Lazor has learned that the concern for the application transfer has since been sealed as a matter of public record, and we are not in a position to challenge the application. The motion to request the cancellation of the hearing and the vote are recorded in the Miscellaneous section of the minutes.

Mr. Lucas stated that there has been a significant amount of zoning review that was needed in the last four days, and he commended Sean Brennan, Tim Lannon and in particular Joe Dominick for the amount of work he did up to the last day of his retirement.

Mr. Pintar inquired about the information they received related to the upcoming BZA meeting. Mr. Lucas indicated that it is for Shoreland Crossings and that there are a number of variances required due to the vote for rezoning last November which took a component of one street from multi-family to single family residential under R-1. They are acting on this by submitting a plat to reflect the single family.

**Police Chief Michael Lazor:** Chief Lazor stated that he is in agreement with the recommendation from Mr. Lucas to request that the hearing related to the liquor license transfer request be cancelled. He also reported that modifications were made to the jail as a result of last year's jail inspection. He recognized Terry and Jeremy McCarthy from the Service Department for their excellent work on this project.

**Fire Chief Bob Posipanka:** No written report. Chief Posipanka reported that the department submitted a grant request to the State of Ohio's Local Government Capital Improvement Fund for the garage doors. We should know if it is approved by the end of April.

As a follow-up to discussion during the Budget Hearing, Mr. Pintar reported that he found that the Madison Fire District's new building which was completed in 2013 cost \$3.5 million completely furnished. Chief Posipanka explained that it is now recommended that saunas be put into firehouses in order to help decontaminate the firefighters when they return from fires and get the absorbed carcinogens out of their system. He saw staggering numbers regarding cancer and firefighters which are overwhelming. He hopes that there is progress at the state level regarding this issue. It is currently in the insurance committee on the state level and asked that anyone who has contacts on the state level contact that individual and ask him or her to work to get it out of committee to the floor.

**Chief Building Inspector Joe Dominick:** Retired. No written report.

### **Ward Matters**

Ms. Turk asked if anyone knows why there is a delay in the repair of the railroad tracks. Mayor Bonde did not know why but has requested a month's notice so that we can notify the residents since the street will be shut down.

Mr. Malta thanked Mr. Dominick on behalf of Council for his 22 years of service to the City. It was a pleasure to work with him, and he is wished well as he retires.

### **Public Participation**

None.

**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:** Mr. Vanni reported that the minutes of the Budget Hearing were distributed. The budget is on its second reading tonight.

**Liaison Reports**

Mr. Malta reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6.

**Fund Transfers & Bid Authorizations**

None.

**Contract Approvals**

None.

**Introduction & Consideration of Legislation**

Ordinance No. 2016-15 (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, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 2016-15 was placed on second reading.

Resolution No. 2016-7 (Law Director) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract between the City of Willowick and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of retaining the services of the Lake County Building Inspection Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2016-7.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

It was stated that the contract will be for 12 months but can be terminated at any time. The contract will apply to new construction, remodeling and additions. Most things will go to the city first. Residents can do their own projects without registering, but they will need to get permits through the city who would then do the inspection.

The Mr. Vanni indicated that after talking to a number of people including Building Inspector Sean Brennan who is in favor of the contract, he is willing to try it; he also indicated this at the last meeting. He also learned that the county person doing the inspections is very good. His concern is if it will be an inconvenience to the residents and the city losing control. Mr. Reho had spoken with Mr. Brennan who felt that the plan review for the commercial side of things would run smoothly.

Mr. Patton inquired how much the city will save with this contract and also what holes the city has that will be filled by the county with this contract. It was stated that the Building Department took in \$243,000 last year. Under this contract, the county would have taken \$49,000 of that amount.

The county representative indicated at the last meeting that inspections would be done within 24 hours of the request. It was noted that if this was not done, the county would be in violation of the contract. However, is this indicated in the contract?

Mr. Regovich indicated that his biggest concern is representation for the city and its ordinances on the county level.

Mayor Bonde stated that at this point the city does not have any other options. There were no qualified applicants for the Chief Building Inspector position, and the city had to look at other options. This is the best one.

It was felt that Council should not vote on the agreement until members have had the opportunity to review it.

Motion by Mr. Regovich, seconded by Mr. Vanni to table Resolution No. 2016-7.  
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

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### **Miscellaneous**

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize the release of retainer for the 2015 Road Program to TC Construction in the amount of \$23,932.51.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize a Contract with Pat Flowers, Inc. for the 2016 Pavement Marking Program in the amount of \$32,820.10.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Regovich, seconded by Mr. Pintar to direct the Chief of Police to communicate that the City of Willowick is no longer interested in proceeding with the hearing scheduled on March 16 with respect to the applicant for the renewal of the liquor license for the C Store.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Participation**

Walt Sefick of 481 E. 329<sup>th</sup> Street inquired why Council was hesitant to authorize this contract without seeing it, particularly since there are no other options, when they have done so with other contracts in the past. His concern is with the timeline and how the city got to this point. Mr. Patton responded that in those situations, the city is often entering into a contract with a private company to perform something that the city does not do. Before we outsource something that we do to the county, he wants to have an understanding of how it is going to happen. Council is accountable to the residents. The administration had been looking for someone and was not able to find a qualified applicant. Mayor Bonde explained that the process itself was lengthy, and it took additional time to look at other options. Mr. Vanni stated that if we do not like the contract, we have the option to go back out and advertise again for the position.

Mayor Bonde will try to set up a meeting with the individuals from the County along with Sean Brennan and Council to revisit this which will also provide time for Council to review the contract.

Mr. Selander of 628 Pendley Road asked if the potholes in front of his house could be fixed. Mayor Bonde said that he will bring it to the attention of the Roads supervisor.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Regovich, seconded by Mr. Reho to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

ATTEST: Susan K. Worrach  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**