



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 05, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify the City of Willowick at 440-585-3700 at least three working days before the meeting.

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Koudela called the fifth meeting of Council to order at 7:31pm

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Devon McFarland
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalic Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Director Benedict, Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Malovrh, Director Shannon, Building Chief Brennan, Director Kless, Engineer McLaughlin, Clerk Morgan

Absent: Police Chief Daubenmire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
Tabled until receipt of the Court Report minutes.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Patrick Mohorcic to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
Voting Abstaining: Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic

No Discussion; Motion Carried

3. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Natalie Antosh to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
Voting Abstaining: Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh
No Discussion; Motion Carried
4. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of David Phares to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta
Voting Abstaining: Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried
5. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Tom Ott to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried
6. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Jodi DiDomerico to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried
7. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Nicole Monaco to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried

8. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Keith Beck to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried
9. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Bob Reho to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried
10. Motion to Confirm the Appointment of Mark Lasmanis to the Charter Review Board
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
No Discussion; Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Nik Janek presented the report from the Board of Health. The 2024 District Advisory Council meeting approved the 2025 projected budget of \$11,667,582.00 and the current amended budget at \$11,653,753.00. The Willowick City assessment is \$119,667.00; a \$12 decrease for 2024. Nik went on to discuss in detail how the money is obtained and how it is spent.

Mayor Vanni thanked council for approving the charter review committee. They are expected to hold the first meeting somewhere in the middle to the end of March and traditionally finish in June.

Local government funds are being recalculating with townships and villages receiving more funding. There has been not agreement on the formulas during the meetings, but it was agreed the rollout plan would be during a 7-year period. More updates to come.

Mayor discussed the eclipse that will happen on Monday, April 8. There will be an event taking place a Dudley. He will meet with the directors again to discuss safety matters for this showing as the city will be expecting many people for the viewing.

The gazebo was torn down due to wear, tear and safety concerns. It may be included in the Mayor's plans for the improvements to the park and shoreline he previously announced. Steps are in place to begin looking for a planner and hopefully will have something to present to council by the April 2 council meeting.

The bids for the house demolition will go out in mid-March and hopeful the project will be completed by mid-May.

Regarding sewer rate, there is work being done for the Seniors under the Homestead Exemption and Director Benedict should be getting the numbers out tomorrow and schedule a finance meeting next Monday, March 11 at 5:00pm.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Shoreland Crossing lights are working and functional now and they are beginning to remove the old lights.

Working to clear up the old tee ball field at Roosevelt and that will make room for another soccer field.

On May 4, Community Shred day at Senior Center beginning at 9am.

Councilman McFarland passed on appreciation of the service department from a resident.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Director Kless announced the Eclipse bags are on sale now at Manry for \$12.

Easter egg hunt on Saturday March 23 at Manry with two time slots 12pm and 1pm.

Director Kless requested legislation for the next Council to the renaming of Manry Pool for Mark Guzanskas who worked with the City for 45 years.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin explained the legislation on the agenda.

The Fairway storm sewer project continues to progress and finalizations are underway.

Engineer McLaughlin and Mayor discussed a possible funding opportunity for the E. 305th and Route 2 intersection.

Councilman Mohorcic asked about the road program and what is included this year. Engineer McLaughlin noted Barjode from E. 305th to E. 302nd. E. 305th will be done next year so there will be a gap between the two projects before completion.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No report but reiterated providing the numbers for the residents that are under the same program as the county.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No report however, Director Landgraf provided information on Ordinance 2024-15 on the agenda on 1st reading. There will be similar legislation for the fire department coming next meeting.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Absent

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

None

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Written Report Submitted

WARD MATTERS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

b) Council response to the public

c) Public clarification (30 seconds to 1 minute for the purpose of restating or rearticulating an original question, concern, suggestion or idea)

Frank McCarty 468 E. 328th Street presented a rendition of the overview of the proposal first initiated in October 1997 for their review.

President Koudela thanked Mr. McCarty for the documents for review.

Bill Savoca Oakdale Road made witty comment to council.

President Koudela thanked Mr. Savoca for his comment.

Jean Bowen 423 E. 319th Street noted she has been trying to contact the Lake County Engineering department regarding the number of lights out on Route 2.

Director Shannon spoke with the Chief Engineer who noted they are still waiting on a part to fix the problem. All Service Directors in the area have expressed their feelings regarding this situation. Mayor Vanni noted this situation has been going on for close to two years and was informed that this should be resolved by the end of March. He will reach out again if not resolved as promised.

Councilwoman Antosh mentioned all the lights in Wickliffe are on but once in Willowick, they are out.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Councilwoman Bisbee mentioned the second reading of Ordinance 2024-14 and reiterated the Finance Meeting on Monday, March 11 at 5:00pm

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Councilman Phares discussed the items on the agenda for the Safety Meeting that was held at 5:30pm.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares, McFarland

Councilman Malta discussed the meeting held at 6:45pm, the fundraiser dates for the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument: Pizza fundraiser-March 23 at Revolution Pizza which will generate 25% of all sales from all three locations that day; Bar Forno celebrity bartender/server night on May 1 from 4pm-10pm and 25% of those sales go toward

GSFMM; 5k and 1 mile walk on August 11 at 9am. Thank you forwarded to Director Kless for her assistance.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

Councilman Malta mentioned and discussed his appreciation for the three readings of the street naming legislation including the steps leading to finalizing.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Councilwoman Antosh discussed the claim presented by MaryAnn Hodkey from Eastlake requesting reimbursement for tires damaged due to pothole in Willowick. Moral Claim committee denied the request and presented to council for vote.

Motion to approve the moral claim in the amount of \$785.65 made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Nay: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Further Discussion; Motion Failed

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

None

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

None

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

None

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

None

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

None

Plan Review Board – Antosh

None

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Councilman Malta mentioned clean up the parks taking place on May 4 and volunteers from Hearts and Hammers will arrive at 8am.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

11. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Vandra Brothers Construction, Inc. for the Base Bid and Alternate for the 2024 Pavement Repair Program in the Amount of \$267,217.50

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

12. Resolution No. 2024-10

A Resolution Authorizing the Application to the Ohio Bureau of the Workers' Compensation in the Amount of \$17,713.35 for Purchase of Fire Safe Gloves and Particulate Barrier Hoods for Use by the Willowick Fire Department, Execute Necessary Agreements, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

13. Resolution No. 2024-11

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Finance Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Eastlake and City of Willowick Necessary to Establish Funding and Reimbursement Procedures for Portable Radios Need by the Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

14. Ordinance No. 2024-13

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, 2024

1st Reading 2/20/2024; 2nd Reading 3/5/2024

Moved to 3rd Reading

15. Ordinance No. 2024-14

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 \$9.8397 Per 100 Cubic Feet of Water, Establish a Minimum Quarterly Billing for Such Use Charge Rate of \$78.72 Per 800 Cubic Feet of Water or Part Thereof

1st Reading 2/20/2024; 2nd Reading 3/5/2024

Moved to 3rd Reading

16. Ordinance No. 2024-15

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 139 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Division of Police;" Specifically Section 139.02 titled "Residency Requirement; Bond"

Move to 2nd Reading

MISCELLANEOUS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Reconvened at 8:37pm

ADD-ON: Motion to Implement an Incentive Pay Schedule at a Rate of \$8/hour from 9am-9pm on April 8, 2024 in the Fire Department

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

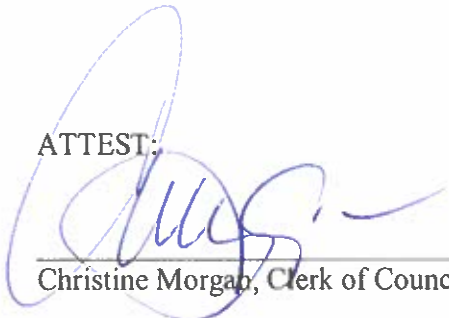
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:


Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council