

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

8:00 p.m.

January 6, 2009

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on January 2, 2009.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present: Mr. Ranally, Mr. Black, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fiala, Mr. Harrold, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Woodin

Others Present: Mayor Anderson, City Engineer Sayles, Service Director Tomaselli, Law Director Wiles, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith, Finance Director Rogowski, Lake County Gazette Reporter McMahon, Clerk Radebaugh

The meeting was led in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Harrold.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council minutes of December 16, 2008.

ROLL CALL: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion made and seconded to nominate Councilman Jerry Ranally as Council President.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Motion made and seconded to nominate Councilman Bob Fiala as Vice President.

There were no other nominations

ROLL CALL: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Board and Commission Members

Mayor Anderson re-appointed the following members to the boards and commissions:

Board of Building Code of Appeals - Tony Ranallo
Board of Zoning Appeals – Mike Wildermuth
Design Review Board – Dan Volpe, Judy Smalley, John Perkovich
Planning Commission - Chuck Cox
Shade Tree Commission – Gail Keesecker
Sign Review Board – Gerry Geisinger, Greg Patt

Little Red School House – Mayor Anderson did not have an appointment at this time. He will be asking the Board for suggestions.

Motion made and seconded to confirm the Mayor’s appointments.

ROLL CALL: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Committee of Full, Mr. Ranally – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Black – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Fiala – No report.

Finance Committee, Mrs. Manning – No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Harrold -No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Carr – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Black – No report.

Service Committee, Mr. Woodin – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Harrold –No report.

Clean City Commission, Mr. Ranally –No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Fiala – Reported that the Planning Commission will begin the process of establishing priorities for discussion of the Master Plan. He has asked Ms. Lipscomb to work with the Mayor, Council President Ranally and himself to prioritize by zones so that Planning Commission has a starting point to work from. He suggested that the Councilmen give their priorities to Ms. Lipscomb within two weeks.

Shade Tree Commission, Mrs. Carr – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Ranally referred to information he received from the Northeast City Council Association (NOCCA) inviting the city to join their organization. Mr. Ranally will find out more information about this association on their website and get back to council with the information.

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made and seconded that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only and that as to legislation not containing an emergency clause, the rules requiring that ordinances and resolutions be read on three separate days be waived.

Roll Call: 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1

A Final Resolution adopting plans, proposing to cooperate, entering into a contract, and requesting the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed with the construction of traffic signals along Chillicothe Road (S.R. 306) between Interstate Route 90 and Kirtland Road within the City of Willoughby, Lake County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2009-1 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2009-1.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Anderson reported that fourteen infrastructure projects will be done in the City in 2009; 3 stabilization projects, 5 sanitary sewer projects, 2 storm water projects, 2 road improvement projects and 2 traffic signal projects. Work will also be done on Rt. 2.

OTHER REPORTS

Law Director Wiles – No report.

Service Director Tomaselli – No report. Councilman Harrold thanked Mr. Tomaselli for personally making sure the streets were clear in Ridge Acres for Santa calling day.

City Engineer Sayles. –No report.

Fire Chief Zwegat – No report. Councilman Woodin thanked the Chief and his department for a job well done with the fire at the Golden Crust Bakery on Lakeshore Blvd. Chief Zwegat explained how the fire started and said that the damage was approximately \$40,000.

Police Chief Straube- Reported that the Willoughby Fraternal Order of Eagles has offered to purchase a K-9 for the Police Department. The cost is approximately \$15,000-\$16,000. Eight candidates from the department will be interviewed and assessed for the position to handle the K-9.

Chief Straube said that the present K-9 (Kilo) has been in service since 2001. He expects Kilo to work for one or two more years.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith - No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Katz – Reported that the walls at the Euclid Avenue pool are about 50% completed.

Finance Director Rogowski – Reported that the city finished last year better than what was projected. Budget hearings will be in late February or early March.

Reported that he and Mr. Sayles had a conference call with EPA. After reviewing the current sewer projects, the current interest rates from OWDA, and the closing interest rate from WPCLF loans that the city would be eligible for if they did a study, Mr. Rogowski recommended that the city move forward with a sewer system study for the entire City. The cost of the study is approximately \$250,000. He stated that the city has approximately \$6 million worth of projects waiting to be done. It would only take about \$2 million of those WPCLF programs to save the cost of the study. The study will enable us to have this funding for the next ten to twenty years and will also help in replacing equipment at the plant. Mr. Rogowski suggested further discussion at a Committee of Full meeting. For this meeting, Council President Ranally asked Mr. Sayles to have a timeline for the SSES study and what the study will entail.

Councilman Woodin asked if there was a program available where this information could be entered and used as a working program that would show the size of pipe, date they were installed, catch basins, flow rates, etc. Mr. Sayles said that CT has been working on the creation of a GIS map for the city's storm and sanitary sewer system. It is about 80% to 85% done. Mr. Sayles said this is an expensive proposition and they have been working on it for over ten years.

Mr. Ranally asked the status of city hall renovation. Mr. Rogowski said they have received a first draft of the building plan. Administration is reviewing it and making changes.

COUNCILMEN

Mr. Woodin –No report.

Mr. Fiala – Thanked all council members for electing him as Vice President.

Mr. Carr – Thanked everyone for their support and patience during his first year. Reported that there is a Ward 4 meeting on January 14th, 7:00 p.m., at Big Turtle II Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to share the results of the SOM Center Traffic Study from CT.

Mrs. Manning– No report.

Mr. Harrold – No report.

Mr. Black – No report

Mr. Ranally – Thanked council members for their support in electing him as Council President for 2009.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date approved _____

Clerk of Council

Jerome P. Ranally, President

David E. Anderson, Mayor