

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

7:30 p.m.

February 3, 2009

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 (17) and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on January 30, 2009.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-6

An Ordinance amending Chapter 1111 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled “Scheduling and Assurance for Completion and Maintenance of Improvements”; specifically, Section 1111.09, titled, “Building Construction and Occupancy”.

Chief Building Inspector Smith explained that this amendment came about because of Melrose Farms. The street has not had final approval, but residents have moved onto the street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-7

An Ordinance establishing Chapter 754 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, “Nightclubs”.

Council President Ranally asked if some type of graduated sanctions were needed to revoke the permit if there were violations. Mr. Wiles said the city can revoke the permit for any violations of the requirements in getting the permit. Mr. Wiles said that the city is being proactive with this ordinance rather than be reactive. Mayor Anderson said this ordinance is not designed to affect restaurants or sports bars. It is meant for clubs who are typically open on weekends, don't serve food, and charge a cover charge. The city has experienced problems with these types of clubs in the past.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-8

An Ordinance replacing Chapter 943 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, “Tree Planting and Management”, in its entirety.

Mr. Tomaselli explained that the Shade Tree Commission has worked on this ordinance for a year and a half. Changes were made to the list of trees permitted in the city. Tree lawn depth for planting trees was changed from 8 ft. to 12 ft. Mr. Tomaselli said that the city has an

inventory of every tree on city owned property. The ordinance was changed to provide that an inventory would be done periodically at the discretion of the Service Director rather than annually.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-9

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$26,060 for the purchase of two (2) 2009 Chevrolet Colorado pickup trucks (base price of \$13,030 each) from Classic Chevrolet BMW of Mentor; said vehicles for use by the Building Department; and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tomaselli explained that vehicles can be purchased from Classic at a cheaper price than from State bid.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chagrin River Watershed Partners Membership

Mr. Rogowski said that Chagrin River Watershed Partners is asking for their annual membership fee of \$6,491. Council agreed to the payment of the membership fee.

Budget Hearings

Mr. Rogowski said that budget hearings are scheduled for March 3rd and March 10th. The Appropriations and the Payroll/Manning Table Ordinance will be on the March 17th meeting. Capital Budget will be discussed at a later date.

Change Order Request

Mr. Katz referred to a memo sent to Council on January 23rd requesting a change order to spend an additional \$2500 for the legs for the filter at the pool. The same contractor installing the new walls at the pool will replace the legs for the filter. Council agreed to the expenditure.

The Legislative Caucus meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date approved _____

Jerome P. Ranally, Chairman

Clerk of Council