

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:26 p.m.

June 8, 2021

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on June 4, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kary, McNeill, Tomaselli, Anderson, Carr and Garry

Absent: Councilman Woodin

Motion made and seconded to excuse Councilman Woodin from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Others Present: Mayor Fiala, Law Director Lucas, City Engineer Lannon, Service Director Palmisano, Fire Chief Ungar, Police Chief Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director Banker, Chief Building & Zoning Inspector Keller, Finance Director Bosley, Clerk Novak

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Ms. McNeill – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Woodin – Absent.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli –Reported there was a meeting this evening to discuss Blue Line Solutions and automated traffic cameras in school zones. There are four items on the agenda this evening.

Service Committee, Mr. Woodin – Absent.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Anderson – Reported one item on the agenda tonight.

Clean City Commission, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

Shade Tree Commission, Ms. McNeill – Reported the Garden Club was formed and a donation of up to \$1,500 was received. Legislation will be needed to disband Shade Tree Commission; the Clean City Commission will be altered to define it as an association.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Aaron Roseum, 4241 River Street, Willoughby – Mr. Roseum wanted to raise Council's awareness of the traffic issue on River Street during the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. Cars are parking on both sides of the street even though there are "no parking" signs posted. He said the street has become one way and dangerous during this time. Mr. Palmisano said he will check the signage.

Mary Feathers, 886 Bellevue Drive, Willoughby – Ms. Feathers stated a tree came down in a recent storm and needed clarification on who owns the tree. Mr. Palmisano said he was unaware of the downed tree, but will find out if the City owns the tree.

Karen Tercek, President, Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Tercek stated there are over 500 businesses that are part of the chamber many of which are in Willoughby. Some members were lost during the past year due to COVID; however, new businesses are emerging and joining. Workforce development is a big challenge for most businesses. She said the three chambers of commerce in Lake County are hosting a county wide job fair possibly at Mentor High School. All high schools in the county have committed to participate; this will give high school students an opportunity to see what jobs are available if they are not going to college. Ms. Tercek said this will be the tenth year the chamber is hosting the Think Manufacturing Student Expo (approximately 44 manufacturers will participate) which will take place at Eastlake North High School. All high schools in the county are committed to the event and will bus their students to the event. The Chamber is looking forward to the Artsfest and thanked the City for their support.

Jerry Ranally, 37832 Park Avenue, Willoughby – Mr. Ranally asked a few questions about legislation on the agenda this evening.

Greg Patt, 38005 Brown Avenue, Willoughby (via Zoom) – As the manager of the farmer's market, Mr. Patt would like to work with the City to resolve the parking issue on Saturday mornings. He suggested marking the parking spaces that are available including Clark Avenue.

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 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-46

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Lake County Office of Planning and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant for the fiscal year 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-46 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-46.

Roll Call 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-47

A resolution recognizing the responsibility of the City of Willoughby to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-47 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-47.

Roll Call 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48

A resolution declaring it necessary to improve the streets and public thoroughfares of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, within the termini designated herein, by supplying said streets and public thoroughfares with street lighting, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded to table Resolution No. 2021-48.

Roll Call 6 yes
0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$38,772 for the purchase of one (1) 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Special Service Vehicle through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program; said vehicle for use by the Willoughby Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-49 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-49.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-50

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Pipeline License Agreement for use and access with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for Pipeline Facilities necessary to the Meadowlands Basin Outlet Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-50 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-50.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-51

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for a Pipeline Facility necessary to the Meadowlands Basin Outlet Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-51 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-51.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-52

A resolution authorizing an expenditure of \$107,862.04 for the purchase of three (3) 2021 Dodge Durango SUVs from Montrose Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram for use by the Willoughby Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-52 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-52.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53

A resolution authorizing an expenditure of \$77,800 for the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford F150 Police Responders from Classic Ford of Mentor for use by the Willoughby Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-53 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-53.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$352,396 for implementation of the Storm Outfall Repairs Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-54 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2021-54.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – The Mayor thanked PJ Turosky for getting Council chambers ready over the past year as well as Vicki Grinstead, Shana Boyd and Alisa Novak. Mayor Fiala will be requesting an executive session at the next meeting regarding Republic Waste. An executive session to discuss Building A (the former Tech Center) is also requested. He said two proposals for the building have been received. He would like to have an Economic Development Committee Meeting prior to the next Council meeting, and then go into executive session to discuss the project. Council President Carr suggested having an executive session prior to the July Council meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Councilwomen McNeill complimented the paving contractor on Rt. 84 which was done by Chagrin Valley Paving. The contractor has until September 30th to complete the project.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – Thanked Council for the passage of the department's resolution. Chief Ungar complimented the Service Department crews that helped with the storm clean up a few weeks ago.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz thanked Council for the passage of Resolution Nos. 2021-52 and 2021-53. Regarding the parking issue on Saturday mornings during the farmers market, he will let his officers know about the issue and give it some extra attention. He will also get the word out via social media. Chief Schultz gave an update on recent car jackings in the City.

Building Inspector Keller – No report. Regarding Courthouse Square, Councilwoman McNeill asked if the stickers can be removed from the windows and landscaping completed. Mr. Keller said they have been working on landscaping recently.

Parks & Recreation Director Banker – Reported the pool opened last weekend. A lifeguard class was given last week with 20 attendees with about half coming to work at the City; about 40 lifeguards have been hired which is promising. She said the goal is to have the Euclid Avenue pool open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with shortened hours. Summers camps are going smooth and events have started. Regarding fireworks, they will be shot off at the tennis courts this year. She said 760 pool passes have been sold this year as opposed to 1,800 in previous years. This past weekend \$9,500 was collected at the gate. This past Sunday, the pool closed at 2:00 p.m. because capacity had been met. At that point, when two people leave, two can be admitted. She said if you purchase a pool pass, you can gain entry at noon; if you are paying at the gate, you gain entry at 1:00 p.m. This gives pool pass holders priority. Councilman Anderson asked if there will be a special needs family night this year. Ms. Banker said there won't be a pool party, but some type of event will take place.

Finance Director Bosley – Reported the audit is close to being completed; she doesn't expect any issues.

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Woodin – Absent.

Mr. Kary – No report. Announced he and his wife became grandparents today.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Anderson – Reported he will be having a ward meeting on June 29th at the senior center at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Anderson suggested Council take a field trip to look at lakefronts in other communities.

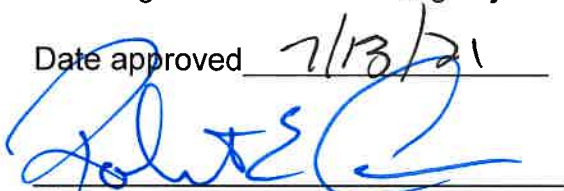
Mr. Garry – No report.

Ms. McNeill – No report.


Mr. Carr – No report.


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

Date approved 7/13/21



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council


Robert A. Fiala, Mayor