

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

7:03 p.m.

January 17, 2023

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on January 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Carr, Garry, Kary, Merhar, Sievers, Tomaselli and Anderson

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Board and Commission Members

Mayor Fiala appointed the following members to the boards and commissions:

Sign Review Board – Will Palmer
Planning Commission – Ben Capelle
Zoning Board of Appeals – Mike Ross

Motion made and seconded to confirm the Mayor's board and commission appointments.

ROLL CALL: 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – Mr. Carr said that the Council ward meetings focusing on the Safety Levy are on hold. The first ward meeting has been cancelled; Ken Kary's ward meeting will be the first on February 15th.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

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

Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss Osborne Park, the Todd Field Amphitheater, the Chagrin River Walk and the grant monies associated with those projects.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – Reported on item on the agenda this evening.

Service Committee, Dan Anderson – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jerry Ranally, 37832 Park Avenue, Willoughby – Mr. Ranally asked if Resolution No. 2023-3 is for police and fire equipment and not salaries. Mr. Carr said that was correct; it's a safety levy for capital needs for both police and fire and no salaries. Mr. Ranally asked if the City determined what the taxes would be on a \$150,000 or \$200,000 house. Mr. Carr said the City is working to obtain that information for homeowners. Mr. Ranally said he is glad to see the City is putting this levy on the ballot and he will support it; the safety forces provide a great service to the City. The safety levy will be on the ballot in May. Mr. Ranally asked if there was a resolution with the Police Department regarding union negotiations and what the wage increases were. Mayor Fiala said negotiations led to fact finding and conciliation. Finance Director Hoffman said wage increases are 9.5% over three years. Mr. Ranally asked where on River Street the slope stabilization project would take place. Mr. Anderson said right across from South Street on River Street.

Dennis Quigney, 5349 Strawberry Lane, Willoughby – Mr. Quigney said he was concerned about the baseball fields at Todd Field with the talk of an amphitheater and the conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts on Euclid Avenue. He asked if the City has any plans for the property where the current Police Station stands. Mr. Carr said during the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting earlier this evening, it was stated that the baseball fields and amphitheater will coexist at Todd Field., Mayor Fiala said there will be another community engagement meeting soon regarding Todd Field. Regarding the site where the Police Station is located now, Mayor Fiala said the City will most likely sell the property; the City has a potential buyer. Regarding the pickleball courts at Euclid Avenue, Ms. Keller said there used to be eight tennis

courts, one was converted to two pickleball courts. Of the seven tennis courts remaining, one more tennis court will be converted into two pickleball courts. She said the school needs five courts for a tennis match, they will have six tennis courts.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-138 - Tabled

A resolution approving EAS #12-6-22(a) for the rezoning of 17.416 acres of real property located on Pelton Road and further identified as Permanent Parcel No. 27B0390000300 from Limited Industrial (L-I) to General Industrial (G-I).

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-139 - Tabled

An ordinance amending the zone map of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, to reclassify 17.416 acres of certain real property located at 0 Pelton Road (Permanent Parcel No. 27B0390000300) from Limited Industrial (L-I) to General Industrial (G-I).

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6

An ordinance agreeing to change a portion of the boundary of the City of Willoughby with the Village of Waite Hill.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-6.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7

A resolution determining to proceed to submit to the electors of the City of Willoughby the question of an additional 2.5-mill tax levy for the purpose of (I) providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications and the purchase of ambulance equipment, and (II) providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(JJ) of the Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-7 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-7.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8

A resolution approving an agreement between the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (Police Sergeants and Lieutenants) and the City of Willoughby, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-8 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-8.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9

A resolution approving an agreement between the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (Police Officers below the rank of Sergeant) and the City of Willoughby, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-9 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-9.

Roll Call 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

A resolution approving an agreement between the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (Communications Clerks, Communications Operators and Police Records/Communications Supervisor) and the City of Willoughby, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-10 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Grant No. FEMA-DR-4507.30-R-OH from the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency to implement the River Street Soil Stabilization Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-11 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala said as a result of the Parks and Recreation meeting held tonight, he will schedule another public information meeting for Todd Field and the Chagrin River Trail. Now that the legislation regarding the safety levy has passed, the ward meeting dates will be firmed up. A volunteer group needs to be formed to head the campaign for the safety levy. Mayor Fiala said the City has retained someone to coach the City on how to promote the levy within the law and provide a proposal that can be given to the volunteer committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – Absent.

Service Director Palmisano – Mr. Palmisano said the City is losing the services of two long time vendors; one of them being Middle Ridge Nurseries (provided flowers). He said Urban Growers has been chosen to supply the City, however, they do not offer the same services as Middle Ridge. He thanked Ms. Keller for arranging to have the Girl Scouts plant all the ground flowers at the park entrances. The other vendor is Animal X (Ken Smith); he has been a trapper for the City since the 1990's. Mr. Palmisano said trying to find a reasonable replacement will be very difficult due to pricing. The City may reduce the number of animals it will pay to be removed. Mr. Tomaselli asked if the cut in services by Middle Ridge Nurseries would be noticeable to the residents. Mr. Palmisano said he hopes not; he said they did maintenance on the planters and ground flowers. He will be contacting the individual who did the maintenance to see if they are interested in doing it for the City separately. Mr. Palmisano said the new

company will build boxes (two per planter) so that all plants will be in place and then placed in the City boxes. Mr. Anderson asked if there was someone within the City that could do the flower maintenance. Mr. Palmisano said there was someone but it was a matter of pulling them away from their other job responsibilities to do the work.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report.

Police Chief Schultz – No report. Mr. Anderson asked if there were two flock cameras at the exit of Giant Eagle. Chief Schultz said there has been some success with private organizations getting involved with the flock cameras; he said there may be one or two cameras there.

Building Inspector Keller – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – No report. Mr. Kary said he applauded the City for looking into purchasing a portable stage. He asked how long it would take to get it. Ms. Keller said it would be a year; the purchase will be discussed during capital. She said she will go out to bid so she can be ready when approved.

Finance Director Hoffman – No report.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – No report.

Mr. Kary – No report.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Merhar – No report.

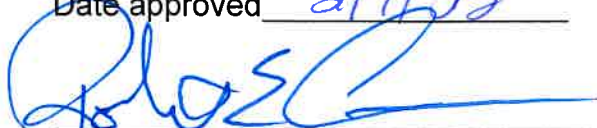
Mr. Garry – No report.

Mr. Anderson – No report.

Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Date approved 2/17/23



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council



Robert A. Fiala, Mayor