

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:03 p.m.

October 4, 2022

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on September 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Anderson

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

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

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

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

Approval of Minutes

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

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, Mr. Anderson – Absent.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – Reported two items on the agenda.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – Absent.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss updates regarding the Meister Media building purchase for the purpose of renovating it into a Police Station.

Service Committee, Dan Anderson – Absent.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Novak read a request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a stock transfer for Wild Goose Group, Inc. dba The Wild Goose, 4144 Erie Street, 1st Floor & Basement, Willoughby, Ohio 44094. There were no objections.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Nicole Peck, 333 Clairmont Road, Willowick – Ms. Peck said she is before Council representing the Willoughby-Eastlake Levy Committee. She said there is a renewal levy on the ballot for the schools; there will be no new taxes. The renewal of the levy will keep programs in place for students, staff and school buildings. If the renewal doesn't pass, the school system will lose nearly \$5 million dollars in funding and cuts will be made to elementary music, band programs, transportation, technology staff, educational software, high school transportation, middle school athletics, 9th grade athletics, field trips, consumer science teachers, librarians and SOI would be closed permanently. There would be a 10% cut to the budget for buildings and band Disney trips would be cut. She asked Council to get the word out about the renewal levy and noted a few upcoming fundraisers.

Motion made and seconded that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only, with the exception of Ordinance 2022-130, as to legislation not containing an emergency clause, the rules requiring that ordinances and resolutions be read on three separate days be waived excepting Ordinance No. 2022-130.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-126

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Habitat Protection and Restoration Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Competition investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Competition (aka NOAA Grant), as part of the Chagrin River Floodplain Restoration and Trail Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2022-126 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-126.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-127

A resolution amending Resolution No. 2022-37 to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, during the period ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2022-127 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-127.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-128

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,750,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay costs of the acquisition of property identified and described in Resolution No. 2022-122, to be used for municipal purposes, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-128 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-128.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-129

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$55,175.95 for the purchase of one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD 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. 2022-129 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-129.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-130 – Amended 10/4/22 – FIRST READING.

An ordinance amending Chapter 440 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio titled, “Commercial and Heavy Vehicles”; specifically, establishing Section 440.11 titled, “Local Residential Streets Without Sidewalks”.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Fiala thanked Council for the legislation regarding the NOAA grant.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Mr. Kary asked if the Service Department could check into a hole on Hodgson Road just as you come into Willoughby from Mentor.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2022-129. Regarding the AFG grant the Fire Department applied to for a ladder truck, he said the grant period ended September 30th, however, it was extended through December 31st and \$90 million dollars was added to the grant. The SAFER grant was also extended to December 31, 2022 and \$200 million dollars was added to the grant.

Police Chief Schultz – No report.

Building Inspector Keller – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Ms. Keller said upcoming October events include the Cyclocross event at Todd Field the weekend of October 15th, the DTW Chili Cook Off is October 15th, Pumpkin Chunkin’ and Treat or Treat Trail at Osborne Park is October 22nd, Willo Boo in downtown is October 26th and traditional Trick or Treat in the City is October 31st.

Deputy Finance Director Hoffman – Ms. Hoffman thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2022-127 and Ordinance No. 2022-128.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – Ms. Sievers said her next Ward 1 meeting will be held on November 22nd at McKinley Outreach Center at 7 p.m.

Mr. Kary – No report.

Mr. Tomaselli – Reported he will have a Ward 3 meeting on October 25th at 7 p.m. in the basement of City Hall.

Mr. Merhar – No report.

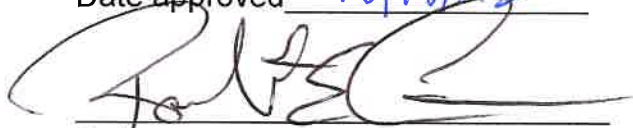
Mr. Garry – No report.

Mr. Anderson – Absent.

Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

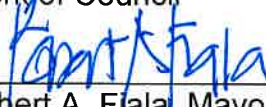
Date approved 10/18/22



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council



Robert A. Fiala, Mayor