

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:01 p.m.

April 18, 2023

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on April 14, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Mayor Fiala, Law Director Lucas, Service Director Palmisano, City Engineer Lannon, Fire Chief Ungar, Police Chief Schultz, Chief Building & Zoning Inspector Puskas, 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 April 4, 2023.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – Reported the safety levy committee dropped off yard signs if anyone wants to take a few. The fundraiser is tomorrow night at Sol.

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 – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Service Committee, Dan Anderson – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION: No one spoke.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-52

A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the 2023 Pavement Repair Program, including bids for Hayes Avenue and College Court Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-52 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-52.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-53

A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the 2023 Concrete Pavement Slab Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-53 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-53.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-54

An ordinance amending Chapter 1501 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, "Fire Prevention Code".

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-54.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55

A resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Willoughby to participate in the ODOT Road Salt Contract awarded in 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-55 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-55.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Regarding opting out of NOPEC, Mayor Fiala stated he will forward an e-mail from the City's relationship manager. Mr. Tomaselli commented that the paid parking in the Sol parking lot has caused some consternation. He acknowledges that the property owner can charge for parking, however, he believes there wasn't communication with the business owners who use the parking lot for their primary parking. He expressed concern about people parking at Todd Field and then walking up the hill that could be dangerous. Business owners who have leased parking spots may not be able to access those parking spots because of the valet service. Mr. Thielman will reach out to the property owner.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – Mr. Lucas stated long time City Councilman Chuck Cox passed away recently. Mr. Cox was a terrific representative for the City as a Councilman and Council President for many years and also served on the Planning Commission.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Mr. Carr stated the asphalt curbing on Rt. 84 is in bad shape. Mr. Palmisano stated the repairs will be done over the summer.

City Engineer Lannon – Mr. Lannon reported that Dominion Gas will be replacing some lines at Vine Street and Clark extending up Vine Street (work is not in the City). There may be some work on Erie Street downtown later this year by Dominion. Mr. Carr asked about work on Euclid Avenue. Mr. Lannon stated that the Lake County Utilities Department is doing valve replacements and connections. He stated the City has asked NOACA to reconsider the pavement rating for all of US 20 noting that US 20 from Wickliffe as far east as SOM Center Road made Dave Joyce's recommended funding list.

Fire Chief Ungar – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Ordinance 2023-54.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz stated last week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which is a week to celebrate dispatchers. He stated he is truly

blessed to have such hard workers in the dispatch center. He credited Assistant Chief Matt Tartaglia and Communications Supervisor Marlene Matteo for building a great team.

Building Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Absent.

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 –Mr. Carr reminded that Council meetings in May will be held on May 9th and May 23rd. May 2nd is election day.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

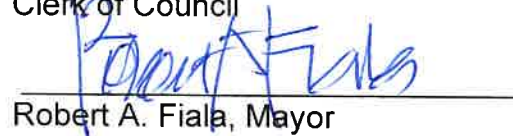
Date approved 5/1/23



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council



Robert A. Fiala, Mayor