

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:04 p.m.

December 5, 2023

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on December 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Motion made and seconded to excuse Councilman Carr 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 Kary.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – Absent.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – Reported a meeting took place this evening to discuss a Residential Improvement District (RID) for Andrews Ridge Phase 1.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – Reported the committee met earlier this evening to address EAS #12-9-23 for a Raising Cane's on SOM Center Road.

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

Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss closing the Euclid Avenue pool.

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: Brent Woerner, American Legion Post 215, Pelton Road, Willoughby, Ohio – Mr. Woerner thanked the City, the VFW and the Willoughby Historical Society for their support of Wreaths Across America. He stated the wreath laying will take place on December 16th at noon at both Sharpe Road Cemetery and Willoughby Memorial Gardens. The ceremony will be about 20 minutes, followed by the wreath laying.

Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, 38588 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, Ohio (Andrews Osborne Academy) – Mr. Garcia-Pedroso thanked the men and women of the Willoughby Police Department for making the students at the school feel safe a few weeks ago during a scary situation.

Greg Patt, 38005 Brown Avenue, Willoughby, Ohio – Mr. Patt thanked Chief Schultz and the City administration for not ticketing cars that stayed overnight on Thanksgiving eve.

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. 2023-138

A resolution congratulating Andrews Osborne Academy Phoenix Boys Varsity Soccer Team on winning the 2023 OHSA Division III Soccer Championship.

Clerk Novak read this resolution in its entirety.

Coach Drago Dumbovic thanked the City on behalf of Andrews Osborne Academy for the resolution and for making today such a special day in the school’s history. He thanked the Willoughby Fire and Police Departments for the escort they gave the soccer team on their way to the championship game. He stated he hoped it wouldn’t be another 114 years for the school to win another state championship.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-138.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-139

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Law Enforcement Violence Reduction Grant, in the amount of \$18,500, from the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) through the Ohio Department of Public Safety to supplement the purchase of five (5) Flock Cameras for use by the Willoughby Police Department.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-139.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-140

An ordinance amending Chapter 131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, “Division of Fire”; specifically, Section 131.08, titled, “Emergency Medical Service Rates and Regulations”, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-140 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-140.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-141

A resolution authorizing the Council of the City of Willoughby to proceed with the demolition of a garage and non-historic additions to the structure located at 25 Public Square, Willoughby, Lake County, Ohio, based upon significant water and structural damage, and to request the assistance and cooperation of the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation in affecting the same, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-141 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-141.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-145.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-146

An ordinance agreeing to change portions of the boundary of the City of Willoughby with the Village of Waite Hill, and superseding Ordinance No. 2023-6.

Motion made and seconded to table Ordinance No. 2023-146.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala stated he sent out a memo to Council regarding traffic remediation options for Lost Nation Road and Hodgson; the best option is also the most expensive option. He stated a meeting will take place with the Lake County Port Authority, the Lake County Executive Airport and county administrator to see if there is any funding opportunities through the county or from other funding sources. He asked Council for their input. He stated that a signal would cost \$2 million, rerouting Hodgson would cost \$3 million and a roundabout would cost \$5 million; the first two options would actually decrease the level of service on Lost Nation Road. Mr. Kary stated he wrote to Commissioner Dan Troy to see if he could help in any way. Mr. Kary expressed his desire to find the money to fund a roundabout.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – Mr. Palmisano stated that crews will be done on December 15th for the leaf pick up; yard waste pick up will end at this time as well from Republic Waste.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Ordinance 2023-140.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz thanked Council for the passage of Resolution 2023-139.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Reported there were about 200 kids who visited Santa this past weekend at Wes Point Park. Breakfast with Santa is next Saturday.

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 – Absent.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Date approved 12/19/23

John Tomaselli
John Tomaselli, Vice President

Adrian Rod
Clerk of Council
Robert A. Fiala
Robert A. Fiala, Mayor