

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:04 p.m.

April 2, 2024

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on March 28, 2024.

ROLL CALL

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

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, Deputy Finance Director Doyles, Clerk Novak

The meeting was led in Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Sievers.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Merhar to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

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 – Reported there was a meeting this evening to discuss the Willoughby Citizen's Police Academy presented by Chief Schultz and Ross Shirey.

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 by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only with the exception of Ordinance Nos. 2024-41 and 2024-42 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 excepting Ordinance Nos. 2024-41 and 2024-42.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-146 - Tabled

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-41 – Second Reading

An ordinance amending Chapters 1103, 1141, and 1155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, “Definitions”, “Business Districts”, and “Use Specific Regulations”, respectively.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-42 – Second Reading

An ordinance amending Chapters 1103, 1141, and 1155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, “Definitions”, “Business Districts”, and “Use Specific Regulations”, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48

A resolution congratulating Kryz Gorski of Andrews Osborne Academy on winning the 2024 OHSAA Division II Swimming State Championship in the 100-yard Backstroke.

Mayor Fiala read this Resolution in its entirety.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to adopt Resolution No. 2024-48.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Lake Business Products to provide desktop printers and copiers for 60 months for use by various City Departments, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Merhar that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-49 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Merhar to adopt Resolution No. 2024-49.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala asked Krys Gorski from Andrews Osborne Academy if he wanted to share a few words. Krys Gorski thanked Council for the recognition. He stated it means a lot to him to be recognized at this level. He said it's been a lot of hard work to get to this point.

Mayor Fiala reported that work continues on the new police station; the architect would like to do a presentation at the June Council meeting. They will present graphics and budget numbers at that time. To date \$2,709,719 has been spent; \$2.5 million was the acquisition of the property, \$153,000 for architectural services and \$14,000 for survey work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report. Mr. Carr stated the camping prohibition legislation was passed at the last Council meeting when Mr. Lucas was absent, but there was talk at that meeting that the City needed to designate an area where people could camp. He asked if the City needed to do that. Mr. Lucas stated that it isn't necessary to provide an area, however, he is aware that the Service Department is looking for such an area. Mr. Carr expressed that if it isn't necessary, he is not in favor of creating such a spot unless it became a legal issue. Mr. Lucas stated that another community in northeast Ohio did designate a spot within their legislation. He stated that the three conditions within the legislation afford some protection for the homeless.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Mr. Anderson asked about the requirements for purchasing more road salt. Mr. Palmisano stated there is a little room left; they have to purchase 2,600 more tons. When capital budgets are discussed, he has a plan for a cheaper area for salt storage. He is looking at a storage unit that would be \$25,000. The current storage unit holds between 2,000 and 2,500 tons but they squeeze more in.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report. Regarding Riverwalk III apartments, Mr. Tomaselli asked if Chief Ungar was aware if they were doing anything different for the building of these apartments since the fire destroyed it last year. Chief Ungar stated due to the timing, they will be hanging drywall at a time they won't need portable heaters; framing will be done and sprinklers will be active by the time the weather changes.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz thanked Council for allowing Community Involvement Officer Shirey to speak at tonight's meeting. Regarding April 8th, he stated all public safety organizations have been meeting and preparing for the event (eclipse) for close to a year and he feels prepared for the event. Regarding the event at Osborne Park, Chief Schultz stated

there will be one Patrol Officer dedicated to that event; he's trying to get another one. There will be another Patrol Officer at the airport.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Ms. Keller stated the event on Monday (eclipse at Osborne Park) is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Deputy Finance Director Doyles – No report.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – No report.

Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary discussed the new terminal that is going to be built at the airport.

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 7:31 p.m.

Date approved 4/16/24



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council


Robert A. Fiala, Mayor