

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

8:00 p.m.

April 15, 2008

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on April 11, 2008:

ROLL CALL

Councilmen Present: Mr. Ranally, Mr. Woodin, Mr. Harrold, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Black, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fiala

Others Present: Law Director Wiles, Service Director Tomaselli, City Engineer Sayles, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Clerk Radebaugh

The meeting was led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Fiala.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council minutes of April 1, 2008.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Committee of Full, Mr. Ranally – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Black – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Fiala – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mrs. Manning – No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Harrold – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Carr – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Black – No report.

Service Committee, Mr. Woodin – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Harrold – No report.

Clean City Commission, Mr. Ranally– A meeting was held last night. The EcoFair will be April 26th in front of City Hall. “Littercize” will begin on May 4th to clean up the downtown area. Debbie Mastrangelo in the Service Department can be contacted to sign up for this program. The commission is working with The Heart of Willoughby on “Last Stop Willoughby” to be held on August 9th and 10th. There will be historic trains and other activities. The next Commission meeting will be May 12th.

Planning Commission, Mr. Fiala – The Master Plan Committee will meet on May 29th. After this meeting the committee will begin the public hearings.

Shade Tree Commission, Mr. Carr – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke at public portion.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-45

A Resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the City of Willoughby being named a “Tree City USA Community”.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-45.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-46

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Amerada Hess Corporation for the purchase of natural gas and related services for the City of Willoughby’s public buildings for a period of two (2) years effective October 1, 2008.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-46.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-47

A Resolution authorizing the renaming of “Plains Road Cemetery” to “Willoughby Memorial Gardens”.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-47.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-48

A Resolution amending the meeting schedule of Council for the months of June, July, and August, 2008.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-48.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-49

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer funds from the General Fund to various other funds, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2008-49 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2008-49.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-50

An Ordinance amending Chapter 945 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, "Willoughby Cemetery"; specifically, Section 945.01, titled, "Rates and Fees".

Motion made and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2008-50.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-51

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and requesting the cooperation of the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the construction of traffic signals along Chillicothe Road (S.R. 306) from Kirtland Road to Johnnycake Ridge Road (S.R. 84) in the cities of Kirtland, Willoughby, and Mentor, Lake County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-51 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2008-51.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-52

An Ordinance accepting Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 2008-31, the Manning & Payroll Ordinance, relative to the Law Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-52 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2008-52.

Roll Call: 7 yes
0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Absent.

OTHER REPORTS

Law Director Wiles – No report.

Service Director Tomaselli – Thanked all the directors, police and fire, and all the employees for the support given to Brian's family. Brian was an employee of the city and passed away last week. The family has expressed their appreciation for everything the city has done.

Councilman Woodin thanked Mr. Tomaselli for work done on Tioga clearing the pipes to get the water flowing.

Councilman Carr said the residents in Ward 4 have been concerned about traffic controls in general on Rt. 91. After the tragic incident last week, Mr. Carr said he has received many suggestions from residents concerning traffic lights, speed limits, etc. He asked if an updated traffic study could be done of this area. Mr. Tomaselli said "yes", but right now there are other traffic counts being done throughout the city for the county. He will contact TraffPro.

City Engineer Sayles – No report.

Fire Chief Zwegat – Six members of the Fire Department have won a state wide Region 9 award from the American College of Emergency Surgeons. This is the State of Ohio EMS Star of Life Award. This award was for their action regarding a call about a bee sting with the individual going into full cardiac arrest. This gentlemen will be in attendance in Columbus on May 13th when the six personnel receive their state award. An article will also be in the Lake Hospital System's "Best of Health" edition.

Council Carr commended both Chiefs regarding the incident on Rt. 91 with the road being closed between two of the busiest traffic intersections. He commented that they did a remarkable job re-routing traffic.

Police Chief Straube - No report. Council President Ranally said he echoes what Mr. Carr said about the police and fire departments. They did a great job.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith– No report. Councilman Woodin asked the status of legislation regarding clearing land and the grading process. Mr. Wiles said he had discussions with Mr. Smith and they determined that it is difficult to set any standards. Mr. Woodin suggested making this ordinance for commercial/retail properties only. It would be mostly for safety and aesthetics. Mr. Wiles said he would try to prepare something for Mr. Woodin. Mr. Tomaselli said our storm water ordinance (Sec. 1351) covers grading and re-seeding. He explained that the work done on the property on Lakeshore that Mr. Woodin is concerned about was done with permits and according to the ordinance. The city can ask them to cut the weeds down to make it look better. Mr. Woodin had more questions and will discuss this further with Mr. Tomaselli in his office.

Parks & Recreation Director Katz – Advised Mrs. Manning that signs are up this week regarding her Ward meeting, it will be on channel 12 and on the website. Mrs. Manning asked that a sign be put up at Browning School advising that the meeting will not be there. The meeting will be held at city hall.

Mr. Katz gave an update on the golf course. The main drains are in on Hole #1 and #9 and work is starting on #8. Hole #2 has been completely stripped of top soil. The computerized program for the registers in order to give better inventory control in the snack bar and the pro shop started today.

The ball fields are being aerated.

Finance Director Rogowski – Absent.

COUNCILMEN

Mr. Woodin – No report.

Mr. Fiala – No report.

Mr. Carr – No report.

Mrs. Manning – Ward 5 meeting and the public meeting for the sewer project is on Tuesday, April 29th at city hall. Willoughby South Athletics is doing a fund raiser where people can order mulch through Willoughby Coal.

Mr. Harrold – No report.

Mr. Black – No report.

Mr. Ranally – No report.

Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date approved _____

Clerk of Council

Jerome P. Ranally, Council President

David E. Anderson, Mayor