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# City of Willoughby Hills

Council CHRISTOPHER L. BIRO DAVID M. FIEBIG JENNIFER SOMMERS GREER CHRISTOPHER HALLUM JOHN PLECNIK

## **Regular Council Meeting** Minutes of December 10, 2015

All Council Meetings shall be recorded by audio recording device and will be held in perpetuity and shall be part of the official records and minutes. Written minutes of Council shall be shortened whenever possible.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 p.m. by President Raymond C. Somich

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council Members Present:	Councilman John Plecnik, President Raymond C. Somich,
	Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Christopher Hallum
<u>Absent</u> :	Councilwoman Jennifer Sommers Greer
Also Present:	Mayor Robert M. Weger, Law Director Thomas G. Lobe, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco,
	Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

 MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG, seconded by Councilman Hallum to excuse

 Councilwoman Jennifer Sommers Greer from the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2015.

 Roll Call:
 6 AYES – unanimous

 MOTION PASSES

 President Somich stated that Councilwoman Jennifer Sommers Greer has been excused from the Regular

 Council Meeting of December 10, 2015.

**Disposition of the Journal** Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG,** seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015 as submitted.

**Roll Call:** Plecnik-yes, Somich-yes, Biro-yes, Fellows-abstain, Fiebig-yes, Hallum-yes MOTION PASSES: 5 AYES/1 – abstention

President Somich declared that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2015 have been adopted.

## CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER, 2015 CONSISTING OF: GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT, CASH RECONCILIATION, PURCHASE ORDER REPORTS, FUND ANALYSIS REPORTS, AND EXPENSE REPORTS (Emailed: November 12, 2015)

Letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control, dated November 17, 2015 re: On-Premises Liquor Establishments in Political Subdivision (Emailed: November 24, 2015)

City Engineer's Report dated December 3, 2015 (Emailed: December 3, 2015)

Mayor's Court Monthly Statement to City Council of Fines and Other Monies Received or Collected for the Month Ended November 30, 2015 (Emailed: December 8, 2015)

## **NOTIFICATIONS**

Civil Service Commission Meeting scheduled for December 3, 2015 (Emailed: November 11, 2015)

Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 (Emailed: November 25, 2015)

Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review Meeting scheduled for November 19, 2015 (Emailed: November 17, 2015)

<u>**CANCELLATION</u>** of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review Meeting scheduled for December 3, 2015 due to no pending business (<u>Emailed</u>: December 1, 2015)</u>

Recreation Commission Meeting scheduled for December 2, 2015 (Emailed: November 30, 2015)

Rules and Legislation Committee Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 (Emailed: November 24, 2015)

**<u>REMINDER</u>** of the Service Committee Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 (Emailed: November 24, 2015)

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2016 Membership Conference (Emailed: November 24, 2015)

Dominion East Ohio Notice of Filing New PIR Adjustment Case: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Case No. 15-1987-GA-RDR (Emailed: December 8, 2015)

## MINUTES

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015 have been posted to the City's Website as of December 2, 2015, (<u>Emailed</u>: December 2, 2015 and to Councilwoman Sommers Greer and newly elected Councilwoman Janet Majka on December 8, 2015)

Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2015 and October 15, 2015 have been posted to the City's Website as of November 20, 2015, (Emailed: November 20, 2015) Service Committee Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015 (Emailed: December 8, 2015)

## **ON FILE**

Willoughby Hills Senior Center Newsletter of December 2015, Issue Number 92

## MAYOR'S REPORT – Robert M. Weger

Tonight, I wanted to give special thanks to Councilman Ray Somich as this will probably be his last meeting. I will be inviting him back for a proclamation presentation soon and want to thank him on behalf of the residents and the staff of City Hall for a great career. It was twelve years and it was a good, good run. So, thank you Ray.

The AARP has signed on to help residents with income tax beginning February 8<sup>th</sup>. You can make appointments through my office just call Gloria and she'll take care of that for you.

The internet auction closed with great results. We got \$660 for the 2002 Infiniti that was the former Building Commissioner's car and we got \$76,300 for the 2008 Tandem Dump Truck plow. Both bids exceeded our expectations. If you'll remember last time we put the Tandem Truck up, we only got a bid of \$55,000 which we rejected. So, it definitely, the time you sell it, we waited and we got \$22,000 more for the truck.

I want to thank Gloria Majeski for her work posting it and mechanic Tom Abate and the Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss for preparing the vehicles and providing technical information to the bidders.

We talked about the school zone signs for a long-time now since probably September when the school opened and we're going to have new signs, they're due in on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and it's the ones with the flashing lights on it so they'll be noticed.

Just a reminder that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

#### Acknowledgements:

I want to thank our Recreation Director Denise Edwards and Recreation Commission, the Fire Department and all the volunteers that came out for Winterfest. Toys were collected to fill the ambulance and they'll be distributed by Asa's Angels.

Get well soon to Police Office Jim Vitale following his knee surgery.

We want to welcome two new members to our Rec Commission Jim Walsh & Kristina Zeleznik.

Our deepest sympathies to Bishop Park resident Gloria Casagrande on the death of her husband. Incidentally, I married them probably seven or eight years ago and we wish her the best.

#### **Events:**

Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, December the 12<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 8:30 and goes till about noon and this event is sold out. We've got a record number of people, children attending that.

That's all I have Mr. President.

#### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Law Director Thomas G. Lobe

No formal report this evening, but I am open to questions.

#### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Frank J. Brichacek, Jr.

No formal report.

#### **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT – Pietro A. DiFranco, P.E.**

No formal report was given; the Engineer's Status Reports can be found on the City's Website.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### FINANCE – Raymond C. Somich, Chair

#### <u>Committee Members</u>: Christopher L. Biro, Nancy E. Fellows

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015**

<u>Members Present</u>: President Raymond C. Somich, Chair, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows, Councilman Christopher L. Biro

<u>Also Present</u>: Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilman John Plecnik, Finance Director Frank Brichacek, Mayor Robert M. Weger

Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss <u>City Finances</u> and any other business.

#### Meeting convened at 7:00pm

## Order of Business

Finance Director Brichacek presented and we discussed three proposed ordinances:

**2015-43**: is a clean-up ordinance to comply with state budgetary requirements to maintain positive balances. Various account reclassifications are included, and new appropriations are required for \$7500 (or .04% of the total budget, for a resident's refund of an overpaid estate tax, and an increase in part time recreation department wages. The Committee was in consensus to waive the 3-Reading Rule and adopt this ordinance at the next Council Meeting.

While discussing the budget, we learned that 4Q income tax revenue looks to be lower than projected, but the recent auction for the tandem equipment is expected to be \$76k, which will be placed into the Capital Equipment Fund. This initiated a discussion about annually allocations from the General Fund to the Capital Equipment Fund as a means of budgeting for capital purchases.

**2015-44**: is the temporary budget for 1Q 2016, based on the 2015 budget and actual numbers – adjusted for known variations expected in the first three months, such as debt service payments. We anticipate enough cash revenue to cover the expenses in this period. The Committee was in consensus to waive the 3-Reading Rule and adopt this ordinance at the next Council Meeting.

**2015-45**: allows for refinancing of \$805,000 in debt, and payment of \$255,000 from the current debt of \$1,060,000. This \$255k debt retirement is consistent with the original plans, based on the useful life of the improvements involved. The cost to do annual refinancing is about \$3-4k in legal fees plus the interest on the note, which has been extremely low (in the 1% range). By adopting this ordinance soon, we will put our City in control to act on the least expensive opportunities for financing. The Committee was in consensus to waive the 3-Rreading Rule and Adopt this ordinance at the next Council Meeting.

Frank also reported on anticipated availability of funds for 2016 street maintenance, especially Route 91. In this conversation, he also mentioned that recent real estate reappraisals should not change revenues much compared to 2015. There was discussion on a \$23 unpaid tax bill being researched.

We next discussed some preliminary ideas for new or increased fees to consider in 2016, including vacant properties, single family home rental registrations and apartment inspections. It was determined that these would best be discussed in Planning and Zoning Committee.

**Public Portion** 

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

#### RULES & LEGISLATION – Nancy E. Fellows, Chair <u>Committee Members</u>: David M. Fiebig, Raymond C. Somich

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015**

Members Present: Vice President Nancy E. Fellows, Chair, President Raymond C. Somich

Also Present: Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilman John Plecnik, and Mayor Robert Weger

Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss **Pending Legislation** and any other business.

#### Meeting convened at 6:30pm

**Order of Business** 

Legislation for the Council Meeting of December 10, 2015:

<u>Ordinance 2015-43</u> – An Ordinance amending Section 1 of <u>Ordinance 2015-15</u> to comply with state budgetary laws requiring municipalities to maintain a positive account balance throughout the year. To be discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

<u>Ordinance 2015-44</u> – An Ordinance providing for temporary appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the City beginning January 1 through March 31, 2016. To be discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

<u>Ordinance 2015-43</u> – An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$805,000 notes for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of:

Renovating, improving and equipping the City's existing Fire and Police Communications Center originally issued in 2008

2011 Fire Truck Acquisition

2013 Street Improvement Projects

2014 Ambulance Acquisition

2015 Snow Plow Acquisition

To be discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

<u>**Resolution 2015-11**</u> – This is a Second Reading, it is a Resolution acknowledging Frank Germano for his years of service to the City as an elected official. **Rules and Legislation recommended the 3-Reading Rule be Waived and Adopted**.

<u>**Resolution 2015-12**</u> – A Resolution acknowledging the donation of 15,000 from Florine O'Ryan to be used for the construction of a gymnasium at the Community Center. **Rules and Legislation recommended the 3-Reading Rule be Waived and Adopted.** 

<u>**Resolution 2015-13**</u> – A Resolution acknowledging John Davis for his years served on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review; and his involvement in establishing the Willoughby Hills Community Center Art Gallery. **Rules and Legislation recommended the 3-Reading Rule be Waived and Adopted**.

<u>Resolution 2015-14</u> – A Resolution congratulating Corey Hillegass on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Rules and Legislation recommended the 3-Reading Rule be Waived and Adopted.

**Public Portion** 

#### Public portion opened at 6:50 p.m.

Linda Fulton shared that in her conversation with officials from the School of Innovation, community youths would be permitted to use the gymnasium. The Mayor added that 80 youths have registered for Willoughby Hills' basketball. **Public portion closed at 6:53 p.m.** 

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

#### SERVICE – Christopher Hallum, Chair <u>Committee Members</u>:

Christopher L. Biro, John Plecnik

## **COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2015**

Members Pres	ent: Christopher Hallum, Chair, Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Councilman John Plecnik	
<u>Also Present</u> :	President Raymond C. Somich, Vice President Nancy Fellows, Finance Director Frank Brichacek, Roa	d
Superintendent and Mayor Robert Weger		

Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss Service Updates and Planning and any other business.

#### Meeting convened at 6:00pm

Order of Business		
Update on Current Projects & New Plow Truck – Eagle Road Storm Sewer is awaiting contractor to begin work. The		
new plow truck was delivered on November 19th to have the accessories installed. The company has 90 days to complete		
and deliver the vehicle.		
Light at Bishop & Chardon Road not changing when emergency vehicle coming – Mark Grubiss will investigate.		
LED signs for SOI School Zone & School Zone Sign on north side of Chardon Road difficult to see – Mayor Weger		
stated that the LED signs have been ordered. Mark Grubiss will check on the school zone sign.		
Road Plan 2016 – The only road projects planned for 2016 are the Rt 91, and Worrell Road Paving Projects. Mark		
Grubiss will evaluate the concrete roads after winter to plan concrete patching on those roads in the most need of repair.		
Mark Grubiss also gave the following updates: the final leaf pickup in the City will be this Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> . He		
is recommending that we add the old hot box and wood chipper as surplus as neither is in good working condition and		
would be costly to repair. The hot box has already been replaced, and Mark stated that the cost of a new chipper is cost		
prohibitive and feels he can rent one for the few times that we need it for a lot less.		
Public Portion		
Frank Cihula – Asked if Concord emergency vehicles can activate our traffic light system.		
Linda Fulton - Agreed with concerns about the SOI signage and expressed concern for bicyclists on White Road. She		
asked about adding a bike lane on White Road using either grant money or using funds set aside for the gymnasium.		
Cheryl Ota – Also expressed concerns about the safety of bicyclists on White Road.		
Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm		

## **OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**President Somich:** How about other Council Representative Reports, are there any other reports for other activities that Council is involved with?

**Councilman Biro:** I was happy to fill in for Mr. Plecnik on Recreation Commission the Wednesday before. The meeting started on 7:01pm. First Order of business was as the Mayor alluded to the appointment of Jim Walsh and Kristina Zeleznik to Rec Commission and we're happy to see them come on board and look forward to their input and hard work.

The Secord Order of business was a Proclamation by Mayor Weger to Barb Araps who a... in appreciation of her service who was resigning from Recreation Commission; we hate to see her go, she's been a member since 2013 and anybody who's been around knows they've seen her at just about every event so we really appreciate her help and hard work.

Then some other things were discussed.... discussion about the different sports, baseball and softball signups are starting and then we're getting ready for those registrations. Halloween Party Recap: We had 233 kids this year which was a good amount more than last year, I think that it was about 147 and with the numbers, 107 of those were Willoughby Hills kids/children and 56 families involved with Willoughby Hills. So, Christmas Card Lane was discussed, thirty-five signs and a little discussion also about Winter Fest that was last week. Let's see what else, Breakfast with Santa coming up this weekend. The first sitting is at 8:30am and that was at the time of this meeting was full. Are all the other sittings full?

#### Mayor Weger: yes.

**Councilman Biro:** So it's all sold out. So, you snooze, you lose. So maybe there's some leftovers you can grab at the door...so too bad. Well, let's see what else was on our agenda. 2016 Pancake Breakfast they're starting the planning now. As it happens every year, prices are going up so they are being very judicious of where they get their supplies and uh, the Community Center Report we're actually up from last year; last time at this time in November we were at \$59,150 revenue, this year we have \$63,189 so it seems every year the hard work and the marketing and whatever we do is bringing in more income and more citizens to our community which is great.

Other thing that was found out was that Gloria Majeski is resigning from the Rec Commission and she's here today and I personally want to thank her for her involvement because she's tireless in all of her work, not that she has that

much to do anyway, but I know that she will be around and like I said, we appreciate your service, you work very hard for the City and I personally want to thank you.

Okay, 460 Fund, there is \$48,985 as the balance. Let's see what else, okay, Lee Tobin is taking over the management of the Art Gallery for John Davis and he is actually the subject of one of our Resolutions for his appreciation and his hard work but apparently, this person, she is a very good fit for our Art Gallery which is great. And also, one of the items on our agenda is this generous donation from Flo and that anyone who knows Flo understands that she is truly a work horse for the City for many, many years and we've really appreciated all that she has done too.

And the last item was discussion on Corn Fest and one of the first things that we are going to have to do next year is to have Council declare it a public purpose so that we can start the planning for that. So that was pretty much the agenda and I'm open for questions.

**President Somich:** Are you sure that there isn't anything else that you don't want to tell us?

**Councilman Biro:** Well, Gloria is here and she can come in Public Portion and talk about it. But that's about how long our meeting lasted, it wasn't very long.

**President Somich:** Thank you Councilman Biro, are there any questions or corrections for our Councilman on that report? Are there any other Council Representative Reports, hopefully shorter?

Councilman Fiebig: I had the opportunity to attend the Chagrin River Watershed Partners meeting this afternoon which I'm a Trustee on and it just reminded me of the importance that the Chagrin Water has to our community and to all of our surrounding areas and the work that they do to enhance the quality of life in our communities. You know, they focus on reduction of pollution, erosion, wetland protection, preserve and protect our water and that's so important for not only things that sustain life but our property values and to make our communities attractive and the kind of thing that really that does attract the quality of life here in the community. So, some of the business that we took care of was passing their budget, it's a 1.4-million-dollar budget that was passed this afternoon. Locally here in the City one of their projects is the Manakiki Golf Course there is going to be some work done on that so that will be right here in Cleveland Metroparks, but right here in our community. They had a 130 site visits in the past year and many of those were right here in the community and they are available to anyone in the community who would like to have an expert come to look at their property to discuss their creek or erosion problems that they're having and it is a good opportunity since we do pay into it, it's good to bring that expertise back into our community; \$14.00 comes back for every...it's leverage for every dollar that they get in. So, \$14.00 is leverage through the grants that they are able to get. I think that was an impressive number that came out of that discussion today. There was a couple of things that we will need to put on the agenda for next year, updating our codes for the Stormwater Management, needs to be done about this time next year so they'll have a template and we will be able to take a look at that, see if there is anything that we will need to change but that does need to be updated here in the upcoming year. They changed by the way, their status to a 501(c)3 so now they are a nonprofit and that allows them to accept donations and they're going to pursue that from that angle here. They are approaching their 20-year anniversary so 2016 will be their 20<sup>th</sup> year so I'm sure that there will be a bit of information about that and some celebration looking back and of course looking forward. The Nature Conservatory Grant for streamline restoration has \$610,000 in it and with a one-to-one match we are able to leverage that as well. If we have some significant areas that we'd like to see that we do some stream bank restoration; I'm thinking particularly Dodd Road and some of that area there, if we could huddle and look at that with a one-to-one match it would certainly be something and they've got the money and they're asking for projects. Any of their projects they have a Watershed Action Plan so if there is anything that we would like to bring forth, they need to put that into their Watershed Action Plan now, so let's talk about what are some of the flooding issues, what are some of the stream issues that people are having and let's see what we can do about making that happen. A Memorandum of Understanding was sent out, Mayor did you get that? And sent it back already, okay, good. Let's see, they have a lot of plans here for the next year and I think they do some significant work here in the community and throughout the area to keep our waterways protected; I'm proud to serve on that, I've been happy to do that, I'm open to any questions.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

<u>Section 107.08 – Public Meetings of Municipal Bodies</u> of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills: (a) All meetings of any municipal body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times. <u>All</u> meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear public opinion.

#### Public Portion was opened at 7:34pm.

1. Linda Fulton

#### 2990 Marcum Boulevard

Re: In correspondence I want to know what "Political Subdivision" means and the other, the major thing is Councilman Greer has not given a report on the Safety Committee she had back in September but I do have her minutes and I would like to read them because I do have to make some corrections:

Jennifer Greer welcomed Jason Laver and Tom Jelepis, Economic Development Consultants with Economic Development Solutions, LLC to the meeting to discuss Economic Development in Willoughby Hills particularly how it relates to Safety. Councilwoman Greer asked Mr. Laver and Mr. Jelepis to answer several questions in their presentation. How long until Willoughby Hills would see progress? How would the City benefit from retaining their firm versus hiring an employee? Can you please address your past successes in other cities? How is Economic Development linked to Safety?

**Jason Laver and Tom Jelepis introduced themselves and Economic Development Solutions, LLC.** Mr. Laver explained that if retained they would focus on retaining and redeveloping vacant and underutilized properties. He said 80% of growth comes from within.

**Mr. Laver** spoke about the west side of Willoughby Hills particularly the former Loehman's Plaza. Mr. Laver does not believe the best way to further Economic Development is to duplicate what we used to have but repurpose the area, particularly into a call center or high density office. **Mr. Jelepis** indicated that he would also seek light industrial, which currently has single digit vacancy rates.

**Councilman Hallum** asked what else they would do with the former Loehman's plaza. **Mr. Laver** said that they would seek value added developers with vision.

**Council President Somich** asked what Economic Development Solutions, LLC would do that Willoughby Hills had not already done. **Mr. Laver** said that relationships are key to Economic Development, and that he has not heard of Willoughby Hills in the Development Community. **Mr. Jelepis** indicated that relationships are very important in making Economic Development progress. **Mr. Laver** recommended that Willoughby Hills Council have an Economic Development Committee. He noted that in Wickliffe he has worked to foster growth that increases income tax base that funds the City and would like to do the same for Willoughby Hills. He noted that commercial real estate is a very small circle. Willoughby Hills would be paying for the services but for the relationships and networking as well.

#### **Public Portion:**

**Linda Fulton** came forth and asked if Jason Laver or Tom Jelepis were brothers of Councilwoman Sommers Greer. Councilwoman Greer answered no.

I will stop there because this involves my corrections. When I asked in Public Portion, I did not specifically ask Jason Laver or Tom Jelepis if they were bothers of Councilman Greer, I asked if anybody in the firm were in relation to Councilman Greer not just those two people. And the other thing that I noticed that was left out the question was asking what the fee would be and if I'm correct in remembering this it was either \$3,000 or \$3500 a month which is considerably cheaper than what we paid our Economic Developer. So those are the two corrections that I would like to make on that.

**President Somich:** And I will ask our Council Clerk to get with Councilwoman Greer relating to those particular issues.

**Council Clerk:** The letter (Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control, dated November 17, 2015 re: On-Premises Liquor Establishments in Political Subdivision) is in the Notebook, just outside of Council Chambers if she would like to read it.

**President Somich:** I apologize I didn't know beforehand our policy is that we don't answer the questions during the Public Portion progress but if there are questions as Ms. Fulton asked we will get back to her either during the unfinished business a little later in today's agenda or at another date after researching the answer. Anyone else that would like to address Council this evening? Okay, seeing no one else, we will close Public Portion this evening at 7:40pm. And I would note that I do have a few comments, closing comments for myself here this evening, but

rather than going down Public Portion, with permission of Council we'll put those in "For the Good of the Order" at the end, make a few comments there.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Moving on to "Unfinished Business", is there any unfinished business to come forth tonight? Any unfinished business? Okay, let's move on to "Legislation".

## **LEGISLATION**

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-43**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15 TO COMPLY WITH STATE BUDGETARY LAWS REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND **DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** 

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-43.

**Roll Call:** 6 AYES – unanimous President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-43 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-43.

**Roll Call: 6** AYES – unanimous

President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2015-43 has been adopted.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-44**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG, seconded by Councilman Hallum to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-44.

**Roll Call: 6 AYES** – unanimous **MOTION PASSES** President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-44 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG, seconded by Councilman Hallum to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-44.

**Roll Call: 6** AYES – unanimous President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2015-44 has been adopted.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2015-45

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$805,000 NOTES. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF (I) RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY'S EXISTING FIRE AND POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, (II) ACQUIRING A FIRE TRUCK, AND ALL RELATED EXPENSES THERETO, (III) REBUILDING AND RESURFACING VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING A PORTION OF GATSBY LANE AND HANNA ROAD, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (IV) ACQUIRING AN AMBULANCE CHASSIS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND (V) ACQUIRING VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND ALL RELATED EXPENSES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

#### **MOTION PASSES**

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MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HALLUM, seconded by Councilman Biro to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-45.

6 AYES – unanimous **Roll Call: MOTION PASSES** President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2015-45 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HALLUM, seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-45. Roll Call: **6** AYES – unanimous **MOTION PASSES** 

President Somich declared that Resolution No. 2015-45 has been adopted.

President Somich: I want to thank our Council for great support on that one and cooperation so that we can maintain our fiscal responsibilities appropriately throughout the end of the year and into the next New Year, thank you very much. We now have four Resolutions to consider, Resolution No. 2015-11, Madame Clerk.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11 – SECOND READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: November 12, 2015 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING FRANK A. GERMANO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

President Somich: This has been on a Second Reading; what are the wishes of Council?

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Hallum to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2015-11.

**President Somich:** Is there any discussion on that Motion? Hearing, none, Madame Clerk:

Plecnik-no, Somich-yes, Biro-yes, Fellows-yes, Fiebig-yes, Hallum-yes **Roll Call: MOTION PASSES: 5 AYES/1 NAY** 

President Somich: We do have sufficient votes to adopt that Motion; I'm sorry to waive the Three Reading Rule for <u>Resolution No. 2015-11</u> so that does pass. Now what are the wishes of Council?

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Hallum to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11.

President Somich: Is there any discussion on that Motion? Hearing none, Madame Clerk:

Roll Call: Plecnik-no, Somich-yes, Biro-yes, Fellows-abstain, Fiebig-abstain, Hallum-yes **President Somich:** So what is the count on that?

**Council Clerk:** I have one no, three veses, and two abstentions.

**Law Director Lobe:** Let me look it up; I think that abstentions go with the majority.

President Somich: Okay, our Law Director believes that the abstentions will follow with the majority vote. We have three yeses, two abstentions and one no so we believe that has been adopted I will pound the gavel in that degree, if it's been found to be inaccurate we will adjust accordingly.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12**

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE DONATION OF \$15,000 FROM FLORINE O'RYAN TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GYMNASIUM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2015-12.

**President Somich:** Is there any decision on that Motion? Hearing none, Madame Clerk:

Roll Call:6 AYES – unanimousMOTION PASSESPresident Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2015-12 has been suspended.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO,** seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12.

**President Somich:** Is there any decision on that Motion? Hearing none, Madame Clerk:

Roll Call: 6 AYES – unanimous

President Somich declared that <u>Resolution No. 2015-12</u> has been adopted.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13**

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING JOHN DAVIS FOR HIS YEARS SERVED ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW, HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER ART GALLERY AND SERVING AS ITS FIRST CURATOR.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG,** seconded by Councilman Biro to suspend the Three Reading Rule for <u>Resolution No. 2015-13</u>.

President Somich: Is there any decision on that Motion? Hearing none, Madame Clerk:

Roll Call: 6 AYES – unanimous

President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for <u>Resolution No. 2015-13</u> has been suspended. MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PLECNIK, seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt <u>Resolution No. 2015-13</u>.

**President Somich:** Is there any decision on that Motion? Madame Clerk:

Roll Call: 6 AYES – unanimous

## President Somich declared that <u>Resolution No. 2015-13</u> has been adopted.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14**

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING COREY B. HILLEGASS ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG,** seconded by Councilman Hallum to suspend the Three Reading Rule for <u>Resolution No. 2015-14</u>.

**President Somich:** Is there any discussion on that Motion? Hearing none, Madame Clerk:

Roll Call:6 AYES – unanimousMOTION PASSESPresident Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2015-14 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG, seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt Resolution No. 2015-14.

**Councilman Fiebig:** I'd just like to give a shout-out to Corey and his parents, I've known him since he was in third grade, friends of my son since that time, just a fine young man, pleasure to have him in our community.

Roll Call:6 AYES – unanimousMOTION PASSESPresident Somich declared that Resolution No. 2015-14 has been adopted.MOTION PASSES

**President Somich:** Also a little addendum there, I was informed by our Finance Director that overall only about 2% of boys that go into the Boy Scout Program actually attain the rank of Eagle Scout so to have had several of them honored in our community over the last few weeks is certainly a tribute to young men like Corey and we salute them including Councilman Fiebig's son and incidentally we found out that our Finance Director is also an Eagle Scout. Maybe we have some others on the dais here as well. Thank you, Frank, for your service there in attaining that.

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That concludes all of our legislation this evening. I would like to ask for the courtesy and consideration of being involved with the presentation of those since they've passed here in 2015 if there is any opportunity for my involvement I would appreciate that consideration by Council next year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Somich: Moving on to "New Business" is there any new business to come forward tonight?

**Councilman Plecnik:** It's not a formal Council Report but I did have the opportunity to spend the day this past Friday with our Fire Department and got to go on several ride-alongs; one fire call, three emergency calls and spend literally the whole day from about 7:45 to 9:00pm and see half a shift and what life is like over at the Fire Station. First and foremost, all the Fire Fighters who invited me wanted to pass along the invitation to every Member of Council; it was really a great experience and whether you've been to the Fire Station for a day before, or not it would certainly be wonderful to get to know the Fire Fighters better and to see the challenges that they deal with on a daily basis to serve our community. I will say that I was just so impressed with the way that they handled every situation and kept our residents calm; held difficult situations in-check and kept us safe. I can't be more grateful as a resident and as a Councilperson for Willoughby Hills. That said a couple of things did come out as I learned that might be helpful to the Fire Department going forward. So perhaps our Safety Committee next year will look at this but first, and foremost it seemed that the concern that the Fire Fighters had was as our City has grown and they have become busier they really feel strongly and this was a comment that I got almost universally that they need more staff, they need more Fire Fighters and obviously every Department would like more resources, I don't deny that but I think that it is something that we should consider particularly the idea of having a fifth man so that when multiple calls come in at the same time they are able not to just respond to two different locations as they currently can, but three different locations which would insure that even if three emergencies occurred at once they would have enough staff to go to each location. Something I think that we might be able to deal with more immediately through, I learned that apparently fire fighter uniforms are very heavy duty so you can't wash them in an ordinary machine without destroying either the machine or the uniforms or both and so they use what you call an extraction washer which is basically just an industrial grade hyper-power washing machine, it looks like a really big steel washing machine. Apparently it has been broken for several months and the Fire Fighters have had to clean their fire uniforms or suits with a hose and it's not the most effective means of cleaning an uniform and I will say the very first EMS call that we went on the women and the residents commented well you most of just come from a huge fire because you all smell like smoke but that's the reason because you can only do so much with a hose when your cleaning uniforms so I would hope that Council and the Mayor would consider addressing the broken extraction washer as soon as humanly possible so our fire fighters can get their uniforms cleaned. They also commented pretty broadly that their power tools, their battery powered. If you are on the scene you might not be able to plug something in to cut through a door or what have you are beginning to get old and they are not as strong or as useful as they use to be so some new sets of battery powered tools would be very useful to the Fire Department in general, but don't take my word for it, go visit the Fire Station yourself, they really made it clear they watch all of our Council Meetings, they feel like they know us and they want us to get to know them. So take the time, get to know your Fire Fighters, I think that you are going to be every bit impressed as I am. I stand open to any questions, but I wanted to share those sentiments that the Fire Fighters has shared with me and had asked that I bring them to Council.

**Councilwoman Fellows:** On that line of information, I would like to move to authorize the Mayor to purchase an extraction industrial washer for the Fire Department so that they can wash their appeal; not to exceed \$6,000.

Councilman Fiebig: Second that.

**President Somich:** We have a Motion on the Table from Councilman Fellows, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to authorize the Mayor to purchase a new extraction washing machine for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. I had not heard about this prior to a moment ago so is there any discussion that anyone else would like to have besides myself.

**Councilman Biro:** Is there...could that be purchased out of their budget? I'm sure that they have sufficient funds in their budget for \$6,000, I don't know, that's something that maybe our Finance Director can answer.

**Finance Director Brichacek:** I would have to check and see, it would require an appropriation of funding and more appropriately probably as part of the 2016 budget.

**President Somich:** Is there any other discussion? (Passing the gavel to Vice President Fellows) I would like to make a comment here as a Councilman, not as the Council President. It sounds to me like it is something that we need, it sounds to me like it is something that the Fire Fighters deserve and they should have what I am very uncomfortable with is suddenly just throwing this out; we are...this body, this City has been so conscientious with every dollar that we spend to make sure; but we've been so conscientious with watching every dollar just to make sure that we are spending it wisely, appropriately, and that we are getting the best prices, what budget does it come out of, is it already allocated, do we need to appropriate some new funds; I don't think that there is any question, I can't believe that anybody would question that this is a priority and needs to be fitted in but on the other hand to just rush this thing through and say get it right now without doing the appropriate due diligence to say what funds, from whom and for how much and all those things it seems to me to be really rushing this through and I personally can't vote for that for that reason, even though I certainly would support the idea of getting this, so that is my personal opinion that I wanted to share.

**Mayor Weger:** I would support buying this, the Fire Chief has not brought this to our attention but we will definitely look into it and if it's needed, it can't be repaired we'll buy it. It makes sense.

**Councilman Fiebig:** And that is what our Motion is authorizing you to do. It isn't saying that you have to go buy one; it's authorizing you to go ahead and do that. Okay.

**Mayor Weger:** It's....I don't know if the extraction machine is \$6,000 or \$10,000 or \$5,000, we have to research the prices and get the best price.

**Councilman Fiebig:** You have Council's support up to \$6,000 to just go ahead and do it; it's just probably in the budget, if not just find it and report back to Council and let us know, all right.

Mayor Weger: Okay.

**Councilman Plecnik:** If I could just add and obviously, I am not an expert in extraction washers but apparently, and this is just what I had heard from the Fire Fighters on duty, that they had looked into repairing it and it is like so many things like television sets, it's just about as expensive to repair as it is to buy a new one and apparently the prices are roughly \$5,000 now obviously I haven't checked back behind these numbers, this is just what I was told. So I am anticipating that those numbers are close to being correct but that's what I was told. It would probably be about a \$5,000 expense and given the choice of repairing one for \$5,000 or just buying a new one, it probably makes more sense to buy a new machine which would probably last longer and I agree with the sentiment that Councilman Fiebig made which is this doesn't force the Mayor to immediately and go out and buy one but authorizes him to if after due research, it's a good price and it is truly cheaper to buy than it is to repair.

the authorization to act so that he doesn't have to wait until the next Council Meeting. Because I'm sure if we could get this for our Fire Fighters before Christmas they would be very grateful.

**President Somich:** Could we read back the verbiage that was used on the Motion? Because originally it sounded like we are saying do it and now we are saying that he can do it up to this amount and that makes a big difference to me in terms of my vote.

Law Director Lobe: Can I comment.... this is just a Motion of Council, it's not binding on the Mayor, it's just a Motion of Council. He has the authority under his monetary to already act and later on if he doesn't do it you can pass an Ordinance so it is I think really more...and I don't mean to diminish what has already been said here, it is really more symbolic; it's not legally binding upon him, it's just a Motion of Council and the only way that you can make it legally binding upon him is by and through an Ordinance for the expenditure of funds. I get what the intention was I believe the intent and I just want to add one point from the Law Director's position, Mr. Plecnik did go out for a ride, I really don't, from the Law Director's opinion like that people go out for rides. Mr. Plecnik did it, I'm happy but to invite everybody to do it on these things, from a liability standpoint I'm really always against it. Had I known, I probably would have said no John, but you did it, I get it, you reported back; I don't encourage having everybody to have the idea that this is going to be a ride-along time. You can go and learn a lot without going on the ride-along, that's all I'd ask. You can go over there and you can learn a lot and talk to them but the ride-alongs, I have never been a fan of from a liability standpoint, just so know, okay, thank you.

**Councilman Fiebig:** And that's spoken like a lawyer. Absolutely that's what you get; no, we get that. And also by the way, about the batteries, those charging batteries, the rechargeable NiCads don't last, so if they need them, let's get them.

Mayor Weger: I think that they were talking about the jaws of life. And that's more substantial.

**Councilman Plecnik:** Well they were talking about the regular power tools as well. They're actually working on building a shelf while I was there for all their power tools and their batteries and they were commenting on their drills and their circular saws that are battery powdered were wearing out, that they were several years old. So I don't know about the jaws of life, they didn't mention those to me they may need those as well.

Councilman Fiebig: I think that it's the NiCad that they are talking about and they do wear out.

Mayor Weger: Purchasing new batteries is an option, they sell them everywhere.

**Councilman Fiebig:** Absolutely, so let's make that happen too.

Councilwoman Fellows: Mr. President, Call the question.

**Councilman Biro:** I know that there is a Motion up on the Table, but would it serve us to just have a Safety Meeting as soon as we can and look at, you know, all these issues and bring these people in front of us to let us know what exactly we need, maybe there is something else they need. You know, maybe Mr. Plecnik's ride-along or whatever he didn't get a sense for so I think that it would be a good suggestion. I know that we've been very judicious in the past with our monies and if there is some way we can, you know, get this all together and kind of get an idea from our Finance Director once we know what funding is there and maybe make a determination on that, it's just a suggestion.

**Councilwoman Fellows:** Mr. President, we just spent \$23,000 on a Jeep for the Mayor, we can spend up to \$6,000 on a washer for the Fire Department in my opinion.

**President Somich:** I think that all of this discussion here about the needs of any of our City Departments, Fire Department, Police Department, Dispatchers, Recreation, Service, etc., is part of the responsibility of the Administration and they have their budgetary meetings. Certainly Council is a part of the process and I urge that in 2016 the Safety Committee meet and discuss all of this, in follow up with what our Law Director said that this is a symbolic Motion, it really doesn't carry any weight, I think that the consensus around this Table is that we need to take care of them but we need to do it judiciously. So with the idea of it being a symbolic Motion that was made here this evening to support the purchase up to \$6,000 of this particular piece of equipment that Motion was made by Councilman Fellows, seconded by Councilman Fiebig a long time ago, we will call for that vote:

#### Roll Call: 6 AYES

**President Somich:** That Motion carries and we are confident that Administration will look into that further.

Councilwoman Fellows: Thank you.

President Somich: Are there any other items of new business? Last call, any other items of new business this evening. Are there any items to come forth "For the Good of the Order"?

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

#### **Councilman Biro:**

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! A very safe Christmas. And I would like to thank Mr. Somich for his professionalism and hard work that he has afforded the City. I've known him for twelve years plus and I think that he has been a true Spartan in terms of the City; in terms of doing what's right for the City. So, I really appreciate your hard work and effort and hopefully you're not gone and you kind of stick around and show your head every once in a while.

#### **President Somich:**

With that I would like to address Council and our Community. I appreciate your tolerance for allowing me to do this, I've got about 4 minutes, so this is not going to go long and for those of you who know me this could have gone on a lot longer. I wrote and I will read this and in that way it was done to limit my length. With any luck, it may be the last time that you hear my opinions here in the Council Chambers.

I first would like to address our entire community. I want to thank you for the support, for your support in my efforts over the last 12 years and even more importantly for your love and support of our beautiful City. These are difficult days here in Northeast Ohio and across the country even around the world. There are many economic challenges, there are many safety concerns that all of us are facing from anything from local drug addicts to international terrorists so I urge my fellow residents to be vigilant. Pay attention to what is going on not only with your local and national politicians but with the security for your family, your neighbors, our entire community. We have a phenomenally dedicated safety forces in our community but they will be at their best to keep your family save when you are also prepared and vigilant.

Specifically, to the Mayor, your passionate dedication to our City, your endless energy to truly serve our residents has been a tremendous inspiration to me. Only a few people such as our eloquent First Lady and your Administrative Assistant know the huge number of hours that you work and the extent of your commitment. Thank you, Bob, for giving us your all, for your outstanding leadership through your example and for spearheading our City's comeback from the brink of financial distress. But you desire our gratitude most of all because you are a pure servant of the people. Thank you.

To Gloria Majeski, you are at the center of my two greatest mysteries of our City. The first mystery is how you

manage to be in the middle of every good and great thing that gets accomplished in this City. At all hours of the day and night and with residents, with employees, with visitors especially your gift to quickly convert strangers into our friends. You are amazing and you have added superb value to our City. The second mystery is how some people can ignore your invaluable performance and your critical importance and even worst how some people have used you or have threatened to continue to use you as a political tool, it's not fair to you, it's not fair to our City residents who you serve so well. Maybe the really mystery is how these people can sleep at night when they know the truth because you Gloria are the best.

To our Chiefs, our Directors, our Department Heads and those on the Table here like Tom, Pete and Frank, to our Council Clerk Vicki and to everyone who works at City Hall thank you. Tight budgets have caused every department to work harder with smaller staffs but your efficient performance is serving the needs of our community well. You should be proud of yourselves and after interacting with you over the last twelve years I am extremely proud of all of you. I believe that anyone who honestly looks at what you produce everyday and with your limited resources knows that you deserve our heartfelt thanks, know that you will always have mine.

Finally, to everyone that I have ever served on Council with over these years and especially to my current Council colleagues and to our new incoming District II Council Member replacing me I will not waste time reflecting on our accomplishments, our citizens elected us to improve our City and there is no reason to pat ourselves on the back for doing what we are support to do. Instead I want to address the future actions by this Council and I do so without any political agenda because I guarantee that I will never run for any political office ever again. Please do not make decisions in retaliation or revenge; please do not make them to position yourself for future elections at our City or anywhere; please do not make decisions because anyone asks you or tells you to do so; please do not make decisions because you need to be loyal to a political party or to a tending political platform or to something that was said or done two hundred years ago or two thousand years ago. All decisions and actions that we make must only be about one thing adding the highest value to the people of Willoughby Hills for 2016 and for the next few years this is the reason why you were elected by the people and this is why I believe our almighty father empowered you and put you into this position to serve his people. From my first day on Council, I wanted to add the highest value to this community. It has been a very interesting journey, sometimes very challenging and I acknowledge that there have been times that I was successful and there were time when I was not. I thank you sincerely for all the times that you helped me and many times showed me how to add value. I sincerely apologize to each and every one of you for any time that I temporarily lost sight of that mission and didn't do that. My opportunity to do this on City Council is now complete but you still have meaningful accomplishments that you can do together if all of you avoid personal and political agendas and continually ask this one question "how can I add the highest value?"

I thank you, may God bless you all, may God bless our City of Willoughby Hills and its people and may God bless America.

Is there any other items for the Good of the Order?

#### **Councilman Plecnik:**

Following Councilman Biro's lead I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year but I also want to make two announcements with respect to our First Covenant Church at the corner of Rockefeller and Chardon Road, my Treasurer Tony Manfredi insisted. First of all, the Annual Christmas Concert at First Covent Church is this coming Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, it's free and open to the public. I've been there in past years and it really is a beautiful concert. And second, later in the month, Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, First Covenant Church has its monthly community luncheon, it is \$5.00 for a sit-down lunch and I will tell you that it is the best \$5.00 meal that you will ever have; this is 12:30pm, Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Dan Ruminski the famous Cleveland Story Teller will be there to entertain you as the lunchtime speaker. So please join our fellow residents at the First Convent Church to enjoy those two events.

#### **Councilwoman Fellows:**

As Vice President of Council, I've reached out to the Mayor and Councilman Plecnik, Hallum, Greer and our newly elected District Councilwoman to be Jan Majka to help to...my assistance to coordinate their Inaugural

Ceremony. We're trying to look for January 1<sup>st</sup> for that is the day that they all take office but Councilman Greer won't be with us because she will be with her family. So just to let the community know that we're working on that so if people would be interested in coming to see your new Council Members be sworn-in we'll make sure that it's on the Website, it's on the television, it's on the scroll there and we'll get the word out as well.

#### Law Director Lobe:

Initially, I would just like...I look forward to working with the new Councilwoman Janet Majka; I have not had the opportunity of formally meeting you or talk with you but if you have anything going forward even before your swearing-in please don't hesitate to contact me. I think that you've got really big shoes to fill and I'm sure that you are going to do a really great job. But as for Ray Somich, I've got to know him over these last few years and he is a class act, he's a good man, he's a great man and he is going out for all the right reasons. Because his family has grown, he's got about 11 or 12 grandchildren and I don't know how many...

#### President Somich: Eleven.

Eleven or so...jealous...explored just in the last few years and he's always had the City's best interest at heart; he's always tried to dedicate himself to a lot of great things like on Bishop Road, all the concerts and everything else so personally I'm going to miss you Ray but the City's also going to miss you and I'm sure that we'll continue our friendship for the rest of our lives, I pray. Thank you.

President Somich: Any other items, okay this is our last City Council Meeting of the year so unless any unexpected special issues come up we will not have any further meetings in calendar year 2016 by this body.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG,** seconded by Councilman Biro to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2015.

Roll Call: 6 AYES - unanimous MOTION PASSES President Somich declared the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2015 to be adjourned at 8:15pm.

APPROVED: ATTEST: ictaria / Clerk of Council

Nancy Z Fellows President of Council