

City of Willoughby Hills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2012

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 7:00 p.m. by President David A. Reichelt

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Members Present: Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Frank A. Germano, Councilman Kevin D. Malecek, President David A. Reichelt, Councilman Raymond C. Somich, Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows

Absent: Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr.

Also Present: Mayor Robert M. Weger, Law Director Thomas G. Lobe, City Engineer Richard Iafelice, Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

Disposition of the Journal Regular Council Meeting of November 8, 2012

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG, seconded by Councilman Biro to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2012 as submitted.

Roll Call: 7AYES

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2012 have been approved as submitted.

President Reichelt stated that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 13, 2012 were not distributed to the Members; therefore, would be addressed by Council at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Notifications

- Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review - Cancellation of December 20, 2012 Meeting (Emailed: December 17, 2012)
- Rules & Legislation Committee Meeting of December 27, 2012 (Emailed: December 17, 2012)

Minutes

- Finance Committee Meeting of December 13, 2012 (Emailed: December 21, 2012)
- Rules and Legislation Committee Meeting of December 10, 2012 (Emailed: December 21, 2012)

MAYOR'S REPORT – Robert M. Weger

- Two new snow plows - one was delivered on Friday, December 21st and the other on Saturday, December 22nd, just in time for the snow storm. Both trucks are in service and ready to go. The Mayor commended the Service Department (all three shifts) for their work on Sunday. The Mayor ended up helping the snow crews by driving one of the new trucks. Again, the Service Department did a tremendous job. The Mayor said that it didn't seem

like it snowed that much, but over the four hours that the he was in the truck no sooner did he put salt down a hill, within 45 minutes it would be totally covered again. The Mayor stated that it was really nice driving the new truck and that if anyone wanted to go for a ride, they would definitely want to go for a ride in the trucks to be able to see how it is done.

Acknowledgements

- Condolences to Finance Director Frank Brichacek on the recent loss of his mother, Dolores Brichacek and that is why the Finance Director is not here this evening.
- After serving the City for thirty-two years, congratulations on a well-deserved retirement to Firefighter Captain Brian Hric.
- Best wishes to Service Department worker Dan Anderson as he leaves the City of Willoughby Hills to join the Service Department crew at the City of Wickliffe on January 4th. Thanks for many great years of service.
- Best wishes to Police Officer Kevin Raico whose resignation was accepted last week as he returns to a position with the Lake County Sheriff's Office.
- Thanked all the WHISPER volunteers for their great assistance with our Willoughby Hills seniors during 2012.

Upcoming Events

City Hall closed New Year's Day

Wished everyone a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Thomas G. Lobe, L.P.A.

- No formal report.

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

- Finance Director was not in attendance; therefore there was no formal report. The Mayor referenced the Interoffice Memo from the Finance Director, dated December 27, 2012, directed to the Mayor and Members of Council detailing the 2012 Operating Budget Final Revisions provided in Ordinance No. 2012-64.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT – Richard J. Iafelice, P.E., P.S.

- No formal report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Reichelt asked if there were any Committee Chairs who would like to provide a report. Committees Reports have been listed alphabetically.

RULES & LEGISLATION – David A. Reichelt, Chair

Committee Members: Nancy E. Fellows, Kevin D. Malecek

COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 27, 2012

Members Present: President David A. Reichelt, Chair, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows, Councilman Kevin D. Malecek

Also Present: Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Frank A. Germano, Councilman Raymond C. Somich, Mayor Robert M. Weger

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

Meeting convened at 6:36pm

Order of Business

Ordinances 2012-63 – Approving the increase of pay rates for non-union employees for the year 2013. This issue has been discussed at previous Finance and Rules & Legislation Committee meetings and was anticipated prior to the end of the year. **It was the consensus of the Committee to waive the Three Reading Rule and recommend for Adoption at tonight's Council meeting (Regular Council Meeting of December 27, 2012).**

Ordinances 2012-64 – Amending Ordinance 2012-13 with revised appropriations to comply with the Ohio Revised Code. This was an expected year-end adjustment and is explained in the memo received from the Finance Director earlier today. **It was the consensus of the Committee to waive the Three Reading Rule and recommend for**

Adoption at tonight's Council meeting (Regular Council Meeting of December 27, 2012).

Public Portion

Opened: 6:53pm Closed: 6:57pm

Linda Fulton expressed her concern for the recent lack of timely updates of Channel 12. The Mayor indicated he will address the issue as soon as possible. Adelio Coletta addressed the Committee regarding his recent discovery of an abandoned well that was left uncovered during the construction of the property adjacent to his (to the North) and how it nearly resulted in an emergency situation when his granddaughter almost fell into the cavity. The Mayor informed everyone that the City Service Department has already filled in the hole and the area is now safe.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- There were no other Council Representative Reports.

PUBLIC PORTION

Section 107.08 – Public Meetings of Municipal Bodies 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. All meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear public opinion.

Public Portion was opened at 7:10pm and with no one coming forth from the public sector, Public Portion was promptly closed at 7:10pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business brought forth to the Members of Council.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-63

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE FIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 157 – GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS SECTION 157.01 – COMPENSATION, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Germano to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2012-63.

Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2012-63 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Somich to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-63.

Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared that Ordinance No. 2012-63 has been adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-64

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13 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 MALECEK, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2012-64.

Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2012-64 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN MALECEK, seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-64.

Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared that Ordinance No. 2012-64 has been adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GERMANO, seconded by Councilwoman Fellows to increase the hourly rate for the position of Clerk of Council by 1.50%.

Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared the hourly rate for the position of Clerk of Council has been increased by 1.50%.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilman Somich:

- Live Christmas Trees can be dropped off, through January 17th, at many locations of the LakeMetro Parks (Gully Brook Park-Willoughby Hills, Pete's Pond Preserve-Wickliffe, Chagrin River Park-Willoughby and Penitentiary Glen-Kirtland
- Free Admission to Penitentiary Glen Reservation's "Winter Wonder Land for the Twelve Days of Winter Game - Noon to 5 pm every day (*Noon to 3 pm New Year's Eve)
- Councilwoman Fellows:
Condolences to the Kordic Family on the passing of John Kordic. Mr. Kodice was a resident of the City for thirty-five years and a WW-II veteran.

President Reichelt:

- Wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG seconded by Councilman Biro to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Reichelt declared the Regular Council Meeting of December 27, 2012 to be adjourned at 7:16pm

APPROVED: January 16 2013
Date


David A. Reichelt
President of Council

ATTEST: 
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council