

# City of Willoughby Hills

Council  
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DAVID M. FIEBIG  
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CHRISTOPHER HALLUM  
JOHN PLECNIK

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2014

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*Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m. by President Raymond C. Somich*

*Pledge of Allegiance—President Somich acknowledged that we have members of the VFW in the audience this evening. He asked Commander Ron Peura to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### Roll Call of Council

**Members Present:** Councilman Frank A. Germano, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilman John Plecnik, President Raymond C. Somich, Councilman Christopher L. Biro, Vice President Nancy E. Fellows, Councilman David M. Fiebig

**Absent:** City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco

**Also Present:** Mayor Robert M. Weger, Law Director Thomas G. Lobe, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

**Mayor sworn in Mr. Stephen R. Tretinik as a Member of the Veterans Memorial Commission.**

### Disposition of the Journal

### Regular Council Meeting of October 9, 2014

The Disposition of the Journal for the Regular Council Meeting held on October 9, 2014 will be addressed at the Regular Council Meeting to be held on November 13, 2014.

### CORRESPONDENCE

City Engineer's Report dated October 16, 2014 (Emailed: October 16, 2014)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 2014 CONSISTING OF: GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT, CASH RECONCILIATION, PURCHASE ORDER REPORTS, FUND ANALYSIS REPORTS, AND EXPENSE REPORTS** (Emailed: October 10, 2014)

### NOTIFICATIONS

Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review Meeting of October 16, 2014 (Emailed: October 14, 2014)

**Reminder:** Finance Committee Standing Meeting of October 20, 2014 (Emailed: September 30, 2014)

**Reminder:** Rules and Legislation Committee Standing Meeting of October 20, 2014 (Emailed: October 1, 2014)

### MINUTES

Civil Service Approved Committee Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2014 (Emailed: October 9, 2014)

Civil Service Amended Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2014 and Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2014 (Emailed: October 17, 2014)

Rules and Legislation Committee Meeting of October 6, 2014 (Emailed: October 13, 2014)

Rules and Legislation Committee Meeting of October 20, 2014 (Emailed: October 21, 2014)

## ON FILE

Cuyahoga County Airport – Noise Abatement Council Meeting of October 9, 2014 and Minutes of the Noise Abatement Council Meeting held April 10, 2014

Email: Councilman David M. Fiebig, dated October 20, 2014 re: New Ohio EPA NPDES Permit for MS4s Finalized

Email: Councilman David M. Fiebig, dated October 20, 2014 re: Chagrin River Grant Opportunities and Project Updates

## MAYOR'S REPORT – Robert M. Weger

Leaf Pickup has begun. Two trucks are out. Please bring leaves to edge of property, away from sewer system.

Thanks to RITA for assisting several hundred residents this week with the Subpoena Program for City Income Tax.

Rogers and Worrell Road culvert pipes installed

### Events:

**Pat O'Brien Kids Safety Day and Halloween Party**—Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm.

**Election Day** – Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Veterans Day Ceremony**—Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am inside Community Center

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

Reported that he would get the amendments made to Ordinance No. 2014-64. This past Saturday he worked with the Council Clerk to make revisions to Ordinance 2014-64. Due to the amendments made to the Ordinance, he asks that Council keeps this Ordinance on Third Reading to allow for this Ordinance to be distributed to the Members for review and allow discussion.

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

No formal report given was given.

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

The City Engineer was not in attendance; therefore no formal report was given.

**Councilman Fiebig** commented about Bishop Road being closed starting on October 27<sup>th</sup> due to Highland Heights repaving; there will be a detour posted.

**President Somich** stated that the detour will be down Curtiss Wright Parkway, down through the Airport, and over to Richmond Road so citizens will not be able to travel much south of White Road starting Monday.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Reports have been listed alphabetically by Committee.

### FINANCE – Raymond C. Somich, Chair

#### Committee Members:

Nancy E. Fellows, Frank A. Germano

COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2014	
<b>Members Present:</b> President Raymond C. Somich, Chair, Councilman Frank A. Germano	
<b>Also Present:</b> Councilman Christopher Biro, Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Finance Director Frank Brichacek, Jr., Mayor Robert M. Weger	
Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss <u>City Finances</u> and any other business.	
<b>Meeting convened at 6:02pm</b>	
<i>Order of Business</i>	
<b>Ordinance No. 2014-69 – Liability Insurance Renewal</b>	
Best price obtained – increased \$88,000 to \$94,000. Considered deductible change, but not worth it. <b>Consensus was to Waive and Adopt at the Regular Council Meeting to be held October 23, 2014.</b>	
<b>Ordinance No. 2014-71 – Rock Salt transfer \$80k to purchase salt now or in 2015 from General Fund</b>	
Last year cost was \$23.87 per ton. This year cost will be \$79.91 per ton. Request to pass on Emergency basis. Will be	

mixing with cinders/gravel (\$23 per ton). We can get 200 to 300 at a time; we can store a total of 1,000 tons at a time. **Consensus was to Waive and Adopt at the Regular Council Meeting to be held October 23, 2014.**

**Resolution No. 2014-7 – Fire Pumper with expected \$1,000 Maintenance needed.** \$4,500 more in repairs than expected. We authorized to repair and this Resolution makes the situation legal. **Consensus was to Waive and Adopt at the Regular Council Meeting to be held October 23, 2014.**

**Bureau of Worker's Compensation - \$84k refund for better market performance (or overcharged) back into General Fund.**

**Income Tax even with 2013 collections thru September. Court Revenue down about \$100,000 from 2013 to date.**

**Mayor asked the Committee to consider a change which has been referred to the Personnel Committee. Denise currently at \$13.60 per hour for 27 hours per week – can do 2x even at \$17 per hour for 40 hours per week equaling \$34k. Currently would take \$135.00 per month cash option instead of healthcare. Note: Kyle was \$9.65 monitor.**

**Councilman Fiebig – Computers Purchases – 15k Account #420 Upgrade across City Hall; Computers 20k Account #234 – Cody Upgrade Police Department received 16 computers.**

**New Car Wash provider in the City – Changed car wash provider from Wickliffe to Willoughby Hills, weekdays by hand washes instead of mechanical.**

**Employee Reimbursements for expenses incurred and do not reimburse sales tax (ex. Cleaning supplies). Mostly education-related expenses. Note: Finance Director had provided additional information to the Members on the Policies for reimbursement. See Finance Director's Email of October 22, 2014 – Re: Purchase Orders and Payments to City Employees.**

***Public Portion***

**Public portion opened at 6:45 p.m.**

Cheryl – question about vacation time – to Personnel Relations

Linda – Road Levy can pay any portion to Labor

Frank – Can get ciders from CEI cheap?

**Public portion closed at 6:51 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm**

**RULES & LEGISLATION – Nancy E. Fellows, Chair**

**Committee Members: David M. Fiebig, Raymond C. Somich**

**Report given by Councilman David M. Fiebig who served as Chair in the absence of Nancy E. Fellows, Chair of the Rules and Legislation Committee.**

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2014**

**Members Present:** Councilman David M. Fiebig, President Raymond C. Somich

**Also Present:** Councilman Christopher Biro, Councilman Frank A. Germano, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Mayor Robert M. Weger

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

**Meeting convened at 6:51pm**

***Order of Business***

**Legislation for the Council meeting of October 23, 2014:**

**Ordinance 2014-62** – Is in reference to **Ordinance 2014-49** – An Ordinance to allow (require) mailbox numbering to be on both sides (Chapter 1345, Building numbering). **This amended Ordinance was reviewed in P&Z on Thursday, October 16, 2014. It was voted on to accept the amendment to the Ordinance and have Council pass it on the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.**

**10.20 Fiebig reported that PZ/ARB voted to approve the Ordinance. Moved to recommend Adopting at the**

## **Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2014.**

**Ordinance 2014-64** – This Ordinance is in reference to Voluntary Sick Leave Donation and the amendment of Funeral Leave (so that the definition of family is the same for both, currently defined for funeral leave by the Administration section of the ORC) for the full time, non-union employees of the City of Willoughby Hills. [This Ordinance is still waiting information from the Law Director Thomas Lobe.](#)

**10.20 Still waiting.**

**Ordinance 2014-68** – An Ordinance providing for a uniform allowance for the Clerk of Court (\$400) and the Deputy Clerk of Court (\$200); to be paid in one payment on November 1<sup>st</sup> of said year. [Reviewed in Council Committee of the Whole October 14, 2014. Suggest that this Ordinance either be voted down or Tabled.](#)

**10.20 Moved to bring to a vote or Table.**

**Ordinance 2014-69** – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract for General Liability Insurance Coverage for the City of Willoughby Hills.

**10.20 This issue was discussed in Finance committee, just prior to this meeting. Moved to waive and adopt due to time limitations as presented to Council.**

**Ordinance 2014-70** – Recommended by the Working Committee of Council to amend the original Ordinance No. 2011-4 to adjust the minimum hourly rate as established by the State of Ohio and eliminate the required staffing levels, which shall be managed by the Recreation Coordinator and/or Administration, of the part time City Property Staff Member.

**10.20 Moved to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Discussion regarding the elimination of a cap on employees – was not a consensus.**

**Ordinance 2014-71** – An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance 2013-43 to comply with budgetary laws requiring municipalities to maintain positive account balances – for fourth quarter 2014 rock salt purchases.

**10.20 Moved to waive Three Readings and Adopt due to time and weather potentially producing urgent need for rock salt. As discussed in Finance Meeting prior, price has more than doubled since last year.**

**Resolution 2014-5** – A Resolution recognizing the establishment of the City’s official motto “Where the City Meets the Country” by former Mayor Melvin G. Schaefer. [This topic was discussed in Personnel Relations Committee, still in committee and the Working Committee of the Whole on October 14, 2014. Has been read twice September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>.](#)

**10.20 Moved to Recommend Adopting. Mr. Somich mentioned that he still may want to change some language.**

**Resolution 2014-7** – A Then and Now Certificate for the purchase order of Finley Fire Equipment in the amount of \$5,546.45; the ordering and the purchase preceded the issuance of a purchase order and the cost of the item was \$3,000 higher.

**10.20 Recommend to Waive Three Readings and Adopt due to the matter being of an urgent nature that was taken care of expediently.**

**Resolution 2014-8** – A Resolution authorizing the City of Willoughby Hills to proceed with demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2965 Rockefeller Road. “There is limited time available for this to take place under the Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Program. If there is need to declare this an emergency to speed up the legislation process, I request that been done. Thank you for swift attention to this matter.” -Fred Wyss

**10.20 Moved to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Needed further investigation to assure that private property was not taken without a complete and thorough due process and to whom and when does the deed transfer.**

### ***Public Portion***

**Public portion opened at 7:09 p.m.**

Frank Cihula: you answered all my questions. Linda Fulton: The front door is broken. Mayor said a new door has been ordered.

**Public portion closed at 7:10 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm**

**President Somich** stated to that last item, we were going to check with the Mayor to see if we could get some definite information on the notifications and the approvals for that property if we possibly wanted to move that through quicker. Is it okay to leave that on First Reading?

**The Mayor** replied that you can ask Fred, he is in our audience, and he has got the facts on that.

**President Somich** asked when would be the appropriate time to do that.

**The Law Director** replied that you can allow it right now.

**President Somich** responded since that has just been brought up that topic of that discussion, for those of you that are with us here, we all felt that was an important Resolution, but we were unsure of a couple of key points relative to the verification that we have full authority to act on that Resolution at this time; so that there would be no question that if we allowed for a demolition on the property if there was any question about the title or about authorization, we did not want to cause ourselves any future difficulties so Fred Wyss is with us here today, who is our Building and Zoning inspector, so if he will come forward and update us to make sure there are no doubts about the action that we can take legally at this time. The main question we want to have is do we have...we know we have the signed agreement from the owner of the property that says we can move on it, but has there been any verification that she, in fact, has clear title to the property so that she is not just saying she is the owner, but that we know in fact that there won't be any one coming back later that says she didn't have the authority to sign that paper.

**The Building Commissioner** stated the Prosecutor of County of Lake has gone through a lengthy vetting process; it is in foreclosure right now for taxes and any additional liens and as far as he knows that is all in order. It has been placed up for Sheriff's Sale which would be the full sale of the property on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. He talked to the Prosecutor who felt that it will not be sold; again, they put it up for sale for another month. Any of the City entities could try to purchase it at that time, but there wouldn't be much sense; there is quite a few dollars, additional liens and costs because of the foreclosure and the taxes are upwards of \$10,000 at this time. The Land Use Utilization Program does lien the property, but eventually it's up for to be given to the City. The order he believes, if he remembers correctly, that it is offered to is the schools, City, the Land Bank, State, then the Land Bank; the Land Bank can petition to get this property, the property then goes into their pool that they are able to sell and then put back on the market and then it becomes a viable property again. Once the foreclosure process is over and if the people ahead of us don't want it, if the City would petition to get it, that is always a possibility, but in this case anything that the Land Bank could benefit from, they only sell it for \$100 so it's not a great deal of money. We've entered into an agreement with the Land Bank that we do have first dibs then they would have the opportunity. As far as he can see from the foreclosure documents, there is no other lien that would claim the property. The owner has told the Prosecutor that she has no intention of ever coming back to the property or wanting the property and then further a notarized copy of the document that the Land Bank uses for these cases that the owner of the property says to the Land Bank its opportunity to tear it down. He has pushed the issue by sending a letter of demolition after the County Health Department had already condemned the property so he cannot condemn the property, because it was already done so he just pushed the issue further within the auspices of the Property Maintenance Code that Council passed four years ago that he has declared an emergency and he can order that the house be demolished. She took that as an initiative and signed the document; he gave her the document from the Land Bank.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked how does this begin. Where does this start? Is it because it is noticed that taxes are not being paid? Is that how the process originally...

**The Building Commissioner** interjected saying no, she was evicted and they condemned the property. That is when he first noticed it. Sometimes he is looking at property maintenance...

**Councilwoman Fellows** interrupted asking how she got evicted.

**The Building Commissioner** replied because the house is unfit; the house is unsafe.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked how would someone know that.

**The Building Commissioner** stated the Health Department. The Health Department inspected the property.

**Councilwoman Fellows** stated but someone must have come to the Health Department to say that this house is unfit for this person to live in.

**The Building Commissioner** replied that somehow the Health Inspector was notified.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked if he knew how.

**The Building Commissioner** responded he did not know how.

**The Law Director** stated that they are also complaint driven so it could have been a family member, a neighbor, or something like that. What happens is they get it and the Health district does not take jurisdiction over uninhabitable houses and only for the health and safety goes after the habitable houses and when they are habitated they come in and make the determination independent of what we may have done, they made the determination. We have on our own sometimes sent the Building Department in there with the Fire Department to see things like that when it is uninhabited, but this one was done by an independent agency albeit the Health Department that has the primary jurisdiction to make that determination and they made that determination. From here, we make the resolution asking them to, so we don't have

to pay for it, we are asking another governmental agency to pick up the funds and that's the purpose of these. This one has been stalled in the foreclosure thing and it's an eyesore and it's dangerous and unsafe and that determination has been made, not even by Fred, even though he concurs with it.

**The Building Commissioner** responded that is not something they take lightly. He tried to get them to condemn property and take a similar action with a property over on Oakview and they told him at that time that they were not going to take people out of their homes anymore.

**Councilwoman Fellows** stated she just wanted clarification on the process, that's all.

**The Building Commissioner** replied there was another case of this over on Willow Lane, there were holes in the ceiling; the woman had some mental issues after the death of her husband and a lot of times this is part of the case; in order to break apart from this mental connection on situations, they actually have to get the people out of the house. Once they got out of the house, they heal themselves and she is down in Southern Central Ohio with her sister-in-law and she is doing really well.

**Councilman Fiebig** asked how long ago was she evicted from the property or taken out of the property. Was it a few months, six months, two years?

**The Building Commissioner** replied that the Letter of Condemnation was March 17, 2014 and you would have to check the police records, because one of our officers accompanied them so it was sometime before then.

**Councilman Fiebig** verified if the tax liens were around \$10,000.

**The Building Commissioner** replied that total taxes were around \$10,000; the back taxes are about \$6400 and then additional charges in the foreclosure costs...

**Councilman Fiebig** interjected so \$10-11,000 for an acre of land.

**The Building Commissioner** responded, correct.

**Councilman Fiebig** asked if it is going to foreclosure on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The Building Commissioner** replied, correct.

**Councilman Fiebig** stated he did not remember seeing that. So, there is a possibility that someone could, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, purchase this property, knock down the building, and do something on their own as well.

**The Building Commissioner** replied, correct, but...

**Councilman Fiebig** asked would that preclude our Resolution?

**The Building Commissioner** stated no, the Land Bank could still take action and it would be in the pipeline. The problem is the pipeline is over at the end of this year. The reason for the request to take quicker action, the Land Bank has requested that, because if we don't get this Resolution soon, it stalls them, and then there's a chance we won't have this opportunity to get it mitigated by the Land Bank.

**Councilman Fiebig** clarified that we wouldn't have the opportunity to get the property as a City. Is that what you meant?

**President Somich** stated no, that is not part of this Resolution at all.

**The Building Commissioner** responded it is completely separate.

**Councilman Fiebig** stated it is completely separate, but he is just trying to...he is wondering if someone in the private sector would have the opportunity to purchase the property prior to November 5<sup>th</sup>. Does the matter of us passing a Resolution take that away from the foreclosure process?

**The Building Commissioner** replied no, he does not think so.

**The Law Director** stated they are two different tracks. One is the destruction of an unsafe structure and the other is the foreclosure for real estate taxes. Both apply to the same piece of property and they are close in nature, but they are also presuming that, and a lot of structures like this, they might not even get a bid on November 5<sup>th</sup> and they then have to go to an alias and even with the alias there could be continuances and everything else and then what happens is, if nobody buys it, then it goes into the process as stated and that could take a few months to get through that process, but all the while even though we are trying to collect some taxes, that is the main purpose of why the treasurer gives it over to the County Prosecutor because that is nice to get the taxes from them, we have an unsafe structure that has already been determined to be unsafe, uninhabitable, and a dangerous condition that would continue to remain dangerous. We have a way to get it done, not even internally like some other cities do, we have the County now that has stepped in and are utilizing their money to get rid of some of our dilapidated, and in this particular case a situation that is a dangerous situation and probably sooner for the dangerous situation the better. What they do is they add on the cost of the demolition to the property, but this property would not be demolished probably before that first sale date. The Land Bank doesn't move that fast, it just doesn't; he is not saying that in a bad way, but it is in its infancy stages so they are still getting rid of a lot of kinks. This is simply our Resolution to get it to them.

**Councilman Fiebig** stated so the process is also offered to the school district and then it is offered to the State of Ohio and then it is offered to the City and then it would go to the Land Bank...

**The Building Commissioner** interjected saying he is not sure of the order for the State of Ohio. Because the majority of the taxes do go to the schools, he is quite sure the schools are the first in line.

**President Somich** clarified that all of that is secondary to the Resolution. It's of interest tonight, but...

**The Building Commissioner** reminded everyone that until the Resolution happens, it doesn't go in the pile of houses to be demolished and at that point it goes into the pipeline. With our homes, once it was in their pipeline, it was still a good month and a half before the houses came down. They have to go up for three bids and it's the same process for every house. How much is it going to cost to demo this house? If it's less than \$25000, they take three bids. If it's more than \$25000, they have to put it up for a closed bid, a blind bid, and that takes even longer. In the meantime, it goes into a file that is handled by CT Consultants, they have to do asbestos removal and mitigation if need be. In his estimation, we want the house gone, he has inspected it, and even if it went up for Sheriff's Sale it could still go up for Sheriff's Sale at a point where somebody could buy it from the Sheriff and if the house is down then we have a clean, cleared piece of property that somebody is going to develop.

**Councilman Plecnik** wanted to clarify if we needed to act on this tonight because the Land Bank is in some kind of a time crunch due to its budget or authority.

**The Building Commissioner** replied, correct. The original pool of funds comes to an end and they have had an extension on it and they've told him that they absolutely have to act on this quickly. Our house on Rockefeller is in the pipeline of what they could afford to take care of with the funds that they have.

**Councilman Plecnik** wanted to clarify that the Building Commissioner is absolutely positively sure that all documents are in order, this is the house, and we aren't going to be on Fox 8 for knocking someone's house down.

**The Building Commissioner** said that is correct.

**Councilman Hallum** wanted clarification that because this is going to Sheriff's Sale, we will automatically be following the rules that are required for posting this in a publication so that if there were some other owner out there that somehow thinks they have a right to the title, we have at least notified via public documentation, newspaper...

**The Building Commission** replied that the County Prosecutor did this in the newspaper...

**Councilman Hallum** responded he kind of assumed, but he wanted to make sure that was the case. His second question is since the owner has actually signed these papers, she has already made the request and authorized them to do it, why do we have to take any part in this at all?

**The Building Commissioner** replied because of our relationship with the Land Bank; they always double-check to make sure the City is in favor of doing this.

**The Law Director** stated that the Land Bank wants to make sure that the City really wants that property knocked down, it may have historical value or something else that they might now know; they might just see a bad thing, but the City might say not to tear it down because it's a historical place so they give the City the first shot so all this is, is a Resolution telling them to proceed.

**Councilman Hallum** replied so we are not asking them to do anything, we are just saying that we don't have an issue with it. The owner is actually asking them to do it.

**The Law Director** responded correct, but we are not objecting to it.

**Councilman Fiebig** asked if the school district has been notified.

**The Building Commissioner** replied that is done through due process by the Prosecutor.

**Councilman Fiebig** thanked the Building Commissioner for being here tonight and for answering their questions. Those are the kinds of questions they had in the Rules meetings so this was very important to talk about before we take down property that doesn't belong to the City.

**The Building Commissioner** replied that is part of the relationship with the Land Bank. The City is not taking it down; she has authorized the Land Bank to take it down. We are just saying to go for it.

**Councilwoman Fellows** addressed 2014-70 concerning the Community Center employees. Since this has been amended, is this going back to Personnel Relations for further discussion or did we not feel this was necessary?

**President Somich** stated that they did not determine that it would go back to the Committee; we decided to leave that on First Reading this evening.

**Councilman Biro** replied that he feels it would be a good idea to do that; we have some other issues, too. We have a Recreation Coordinator position that we will probably discuss so we will bunch everything together in Personnel Relations.

## UTILITIES – Frank A. Germano, Chair

### Committee Members:

Christopher L. Biro, Nancy E. Fellows

COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014	
<b>Members Present:</b> Councilman Frank A. Germano, Chair, Councilwoman Nancy E. Fellows	
<b>Also Present:</b> Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilman John Plecnik, President Raymond C. Somich, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Mayor Robert M. Weger	
Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss <u>Matters concerning the Installation, Use and Regulation of Public Utilities within the City</u> and any other business.	
<b>Meeting convened at 7:51pm</b>	
<i>Order of Business</i>	
<b>City Engineer</b> – Everything looks good, backflow prevention is working. No issues at this time. <b>Finance Director</b> – Budget numbers are looking the same as projected. <b>President Somich</b> – asked the Finance Director are there any red flags. <b>Councilwoman Fellows</b> – mentioned a Euclid Meeting on October 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>Euclid Service Committee Meeting has been called for October 29, 2014 at 6:30pm at Euclid’s Council Chambers about their Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) expansion.</b> The residents of Willoughby Hills are urged to attend. Comments will be allowed during the Committee of the Whole.	
<i>Public Portion</i>	
<b>Public portion opened at 8:07pm</b> No one came forth. <b>Public portion closed at 8:07pm</b> <b>Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm</b>	

## OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

**Councilman Fiebig** reported that he would be attending the Planning and Zoning Workshop tomorrow; it is an all day seminar held in Westlake, Ohio. It is put on by the APA Cleveland and he fortunately was able to be a substitute at the last minute to fill-in. There will be discussion about Planning and Zoning Basics, Complete Streets from the Public Realm, Ethics for Planning and Public Officials, Hot Topics in Planning Law and Best Local Land-Use Practices. Will report back in about three weeks at the next Regular Council Meeting to be held November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 7:45pm**

1. Joan Mazie  
2837 Stark Drive  
Re: Questioned why there wasn’t a buffer zone put in along the property line of the Church and Stark Drive. Most businesses have a buffer zone. Just would like to know why there is none there.
2. Frank Cihula  
Dixon Road  
Re: Discussion about an ambulance being sent to get a new chassis, was wondering about the status and if it has been done.

### **Public Portion was closed at 7:47pm**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Mayor** responded to Mr. Cihula’s question regarding the ambulance. The Mayor said that the ambulance is going to be sent out in January, February timeframe and it will be gone for maybe six to eight weeks and then returned as a new ambulance.

**President Somich** commented that he would imagine that there would have to be some investigation on the



second question that of Ms. Mazie, and someone would have to get back with her.

**Councilman Plecnik** stated that he is not sure if the Church predates our Building Commissioner's hire or not, but could perhaps could refer this to him and ask if he could report back to Council with a sense as to why the boundaries are where they are because we obviously want to give a detailed answer to our resident's question.

**President Somich** said that he had one very minor item he should have mentioned earlier, the Working Committee of Council did have a meeting also since the last Council Meeting, it happened on October 14<sup>th</sup> and our Clerk is finalizing those meeting minutes and they will be reported on at the next meeting.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-62 – THIRD READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** September 11, 2014

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** September 25, 2014

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:** October 9, 2014

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THIRTEEN – BUILDING CODE, TITLE THREE – LOCAL BUILDING PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 1345 – BUILDING NUMBERING OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.**

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**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FELLOWS**, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-62.

**Roll Call:** 7 AYES – unanimous

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-62 has been adopted.**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-64 – THIRD READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** September 11, 2014

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** October 9, 2014

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE FIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 157 – GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS, SECTION 157.07 – SICK LEAVE, BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSECTION (j) VOLUNTARY SICK LEAVE DONATION AND THE AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION 157.17 – FUNERAL LEAVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.**

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**President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-64 would remain on Third Reading.**

**Councilman Plecnik** commented on the Third Reading; he does have concerns with this legislation because he said that he has concerns with the idea of Sick Leave Donations at its base, he understands that the idea is to give employees a chance to benefit one another but his concern is that a popular employee is in a much better position to take advantage of this Ordinance than an unpopular employee who might be unpopular because they are a woman, they are a underrepresented minority, they are a leader in the Department who might be disfavored by a certain boss or authority; anything is possible and his concern is basing essentially a part of their compensation because Sick Leave does boil down to dollars and cents at the end of the day. On one's popularity in a department and sometimes our best employee's might not be well-liked by their peer's; he just has fundamental concerns with the idea of Sick Leave Donation. Councilman Plecnik stated that he knows that we are not voting on this tonight but he would just commend to the rest of Council to consider whether there might be as many problems as there are benefits with this.

**President Somich** replied that is why he thinks that is why we have delayed this is to thoroughly discuss it and investigate it from a legal standpoint, from Administrative and within Council and we will definitely discuss it further if it does go to vote.

**Law Director Lobe** stated that he understands Councilman Plecnik's position; part of it also is because it is in the Union Contract already and we are trying to give it to all employees. That is the other part of the balancing test and he wants everybody to remember that also. He understands his (Councilman Plecnik) comments and that is even why we even added and amended it to try and put a little installation on those types of matters, he doesn't think that we could put the greatest amount of installation, but certain things is that it has to be...it cannot be cohesive and

things of that nature. He doesn't think that it is going to go as far as you want because he doesn't know how to write it better but we will see and that is why he thinks that it will be subject to some healthy debate.

**President Somich repeated that Ordinance No. 2014-64 would remain on Third Reading.**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-68 – THIRD READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: September 25, 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: October 9, 2014**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE SEVEN – JUDICIAL, CHAPTER 171 – MAYOR'S COURT, BY RE-ESTABLISHING THE COURT EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING A UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COURT AND FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT.**

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**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GERMANO**, seconded by Councilman Biro to Table Indefinitely Ordinance No. 2014-68.

**Councilman Fiebig** said just to clarify; he did look back up, because we did have a discussion about "Tabling vs. Voting" something down. It is a full one year anniversary when the legislation would come off the "Table" sort of say and be disposed off. So if we felt that we would be potentially bringing this back up again, sometime in the next 12 months then Tabling is certainly a good thing to do. We could also vote it down if we don't feel that....we just want to eliminate this and if we did even discuss it again it would be a completely new ordinance that would not reflect this one. So that is why he was of the mind to let's vote it down because that is what he believes is what our consensus was that we wanted to not bring this up as written; perhaps it would be explored down the road but he thinks that we were not going to use this legislation again, so because of that he would prefer to vote this down to be cleaner with our legislative process.

**President Somich** thanked Councilman Fiebig for his opinion and went on to say that as a point, he thinks we have had a number of cases in the past that we have chosen one or the other and they both have the effective same outcome but it certainly is a different path to the same destination so Councilman Fiebig is correct, that certainly is one way to go and so is the other one a different way to go so we do have a motion at this point to do it this way, we are going to take a vote on that unless there is any further discussion.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-68 has been Tabled Indefinitely.**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-69**

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) FOR GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HALLUM**, seconded by Councilman Biro to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2014-69.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2014-69 has been suspended.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO**, seconded by Councilman Hallum to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-69.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-69 has been adopted.**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-70 – SECOND READING**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: October 23, 2014**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-4 IN ORDER TO ADJUST THE MINIMUM HOURLY RATE AND TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIRED STAFFING LEVEL FOR THE POSITION OF PART TIME CITY PROPERTY STAFF MEMBER AND REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.**

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President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-70 will remain on First Reading and will be referred to the Personnel Relations Committee and for those of you in the audience who have been following this we have voted on prior similar ordinances and this is the next generation of that, so we are making progress slowly but surely.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-71**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-43 TO COMPLY WITH STATE BUDGETARY LAWS REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY PROVIDING FOR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET REVISIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2014 ROCK SALT PURCHASE, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PLECNIK**, seconded by Councilman Germano to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2014-71.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2014-71 has been suspended.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN PLECNIK**, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-71.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

President Somich declared that Ordinance No. 2014-71 has been adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-5 – THIRD READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: September 11, 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: September 25, 2014**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: October 9, 2014**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY’S OFFICIAL MOTTO “WHERE THE CITY MEETS THE COUNTRY” BY FORMER MAYOR MELVIN G. SCHAEFER.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG**, seconded by Councilman Plecnik to adopt Resolution No. 2014-5.

**President Somich** asked, as Councilman Fiebig was aware, there were some suggested minor changes to the Resolution, are you adopting with the changes or without. **Councilman Fiebig** replied that at this point you would make any suggestions for amendment. **President Somich** said, okay, there were, as Councilman Fiebig knows, by the copy that he (President Somich) sent him earlier, they were very minor, so he believes that they would be insignificant, so....**Councilwoman Fellows** stated that Council has not seen them. **President Somich** replied that he understands and that is why he was actually hoping that the suggestions would have been returned back to him with Councilman Fiebig’s acknowledgement that he was either okay or not okay with the suggested changes, because he (President Somich) did give Councilman Fiebig the courtesy of sending the changes to him since he wrote the initial legislation. **President Somich** asked Councilman Fiebig if he even reviewed what he sent. **Councilman Fiebig** replied that this is something for the body to consider, it wouldn’t be just for him (Councilman Fiebig) to consider, its for the body, so at this point, he made the motion to put it on the Table at this point and time; the correct thing would be to make the motion to amend and then go ahead and make your motion, if that is what you chose to do and then the body decides.

**President Somich** stated that we have a motion from Councilman Fiebig, seconded by Councilman Plecnik to adopt Resolution No. 2014-5. Is there any discussion on the Motion?

**Councilman Germano** questioned what we were voting on, the new one or the one that is written as it is now, not changed. President Somich replied at this point, the proposed adoption is for the existing original Resolution No. 2014-5; there has been no official Motion made for modification at this point. **President Somich passed the gavel in order to speak as a Councilman** and said that he does realize, of course, all members of Council would have to approve any modifications but as a courtesy, because he knew that Councilman Fiebig wrote the original Resolution,

he sent Councilman Fiebig four or five minor changes, word changes that he doesn't think were significant, but he sent them and expected at that point to hear back if these were acceptable to Councilman Fiebig because as a courtesy, since you wrote the original Resolution and he thought that Councilman Fiebig would like to see what he was suggesting. Unfortunately he didn't communicate with Councilman Fiebig after that and Councilman Fiebig didn't communicate with him after that so we are at a point where he doesn't know where Councilman Fiebig stands on his suggestions let alone bringing them to the entire Council. Because he was trying to do it as a courtesy since this is a Resolution and not a major law that is going to impact the community as a law would probably would as an Ordinance. So at this point, since we have got that done, since we have not had that communication, he is voicing his opinion that he would like to, if we call it for a vote, to vote it down this evening because he thinks that the changes that he was suggesting were minor but meaningful.

**Councilman Fiebig** said, if you, as he has said already, if you would like to make an amendment to it, you have to have the Resolution on the Table, so go ahead and make your suggestions, Councilman Fiebig said that he believes that President Somich wanted to add the words "25 Year Anniversary" in the caption....**President Somich** said yes, again very minor changes, but he doesn't think that there is any reason to spring those across all of Council here this evening. He thinks that the better way of doing it would be to give everybody a chance to review those, as we have always talked about, giving everybody a chance to review the changes, so since we have not done those yet, since it is...again, we do have a Motion and we do have a second, so it is up for vote this evening and it is up for discussion.

**Councilman Plecnik** said that to the extent that his changes are insignificant, he doesn't think that it would justify voting down the ordinance, to the extent that they are significant, he would have hoped that he would have shared them with Council in our First and Second Readings. The purpose of the Three Readings Rule is to allow for a discussion each time. It is not well served if you simply read the caption and move on to the next ordinance and on to the next ordinance. If these truly are significant enough that they would justify voting down the Resolution tonight he thinks that we should have had that discussion going forward but his impression from what Councilman Fiebig has said and from what you (President Somich) said is that your concern would be that this Resolution would somehow overemphasize that this is currently our motto for the City of Willoughby Hills, but it is currently our Motto for the City of Willoughby Hills and he thinks that given that this is now on, he believes, its Third Reading, if he counts correctly and we have had the chance to discuss it to the extent anyone chooses to, he would appreciate it if President Somich would make his motion amended it if he would like to amend it at this time and then we can proceed on the Resolution, although he personally would approve of the Resolution as it is and feels that we shouldn't be shy to recognize the fact that Willoughby Hills is "Where the City meets the Country". He is excited to recognize that fact.

**President Somich** replied in clarification, this has been in discussion at great length and at a number of meetings. Some of those meetings had full Council, some of those didn't have everyone there to voice their opinions on it so it was not a matter of waiting until the Third Reading to make the changes there was some considerable discussion early on whether this was going to be adopted at all or be changed dramatically or whatever, so as a final gester of compromise, there were minor changes that were suggested, but he doesn't think that it is appropriate to make, because there are probably five or six of those and he doesn't think that it is appropriate to do at this time. We can continue the conversation. He would also entertain a Motion to Table this just until the next meeting which he believes we can do despite having a First and Second Motion. Just to Table this until the next meeting when we can at that point, have reviewed the suggested changes.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked wouldn't you just leave it on Third Reading instead of Tabling it?

**President Somich** replied that we have a Motion that is on the Table to adopt.

**Law Director Lobe requested Point of Order:** Either there.....if the Motion is made it would be a priority over the initial one or they can withdraw it tonight, the Motion to Adopt and then keep it on Third Reading so those are the two, or the third option would be to move forward and adopt it. Those are Council's options. We were in a procedural log jam here.

**Councilman Biro** stated that he personally, knowing that there was correspondence between the two of you (Councilman Fiebig and President Somich) he would like to receive a copy of those and be able to evaluate that and read a little more and get a better sense for that so he can't really support this unless he has the documentation and have the ability to discuss it with his colleagues.

**Councilman Hallum** said that he knows that there was some conversation and some Council Members are aware of what it was but he is personally not, he hasn't seen it and he would like to see what it is.

**Councilman Fiebig** stated that he had fully assumed that he (President Somich) would be making an amendment tonight to add a couple of words to this so based on what his colleagues have said, if they are not comfortable and you are not willing to make an amendment then he is going to withdraw the motion.

**Law Director Lobe** requested the Councilman Plecnik withdraw his second to the motion; Councilman Plecnik said that he shall withdraw his second.

**President Somich** apologized for the lack of communication; he thought that something else was going to happen here this evening other than this, so he apologizes for that. He thought that Councilman Fiebig was going to come and tell him that he did agree with those statements and that we had already made it through, so it was a mistake in judgment and he does apologize.

**Law Director Lobe** stated and as such, Resolution No. 2014- 5 will remain on Third Reading.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7**

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DRAW A WARRANT FOR THE ORDERS OR CONTRACTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GERMANO**, seconded by Council Vice President Fellows to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2014-7.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2014-7 has been suspended.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG**, seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt Resolution No. 2014-7.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that Resolution No. 2014-7 has been adopted.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-8**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO PROCEED WITH THE DEMOLITION OF AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 2965 ROCKEFELLER ROAD, IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS, LAKE COUNTY OHIO, AND TO REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION IN AFFECTING THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO**, seconded by Councilman Germano to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2014-8.

**Councilman Hallum** stated that as he may at some point have a conflict of interest with this one, he will be abstaining from all voting on this Resolution.

**Roll Call: Germano-yes, Hallum-Abstain, Plecnik-yes, Somich-yes, Biro-yes, Fellows-yes, Fiebig-yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-AYES/1-Abstention**

**President Somich declared that the Three Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2014-8 has been suspended.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO**, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to adopt Resolution No. 2014-8.

**Councilman Fiebig** thanked Building Commissioner Fred Wyss for bringing up the questions that Council had and for clarifying that and for making sure that Council is doing everything by the book.

**Roll Call: Germano-yes, Hallum-Abstain, Plecnik-yes, Somich-yes, Biro-yes, Fellows-yes, Fiebig-yes**

**MOTION PASSES: 6-AYES/1-Abstention.**

**President Somich declared that Resolution No. 2014-8 has been adopted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GERMANO**, seconded by Councilman Biro to approve the appointment of Mark Grubiss to serve in the position of Road Superintendent with Mr. Grubiss to begin in said position on November 3, 2014 at the hourly rate of \$26.40.

**Councilman Plecnik** wanted to say that this is a very significant position and he believes that this is the first Department Head that we have hired since he has joined Council. He doesn't have an enormous amount of information to pass judgment on Mark Grubiss. He did have the opportunity to speak with our Mayor shortly before the meeting and he thinks like the rest of Council we are really in the position of trusting the Mayor's judgment on this position and in this search so he will vote yes but he would encourage our Mayor in the future to give some more information and involve Council before making a decision this large and he hopes and trusts that the choice of Mark Grubiss will serve the City well because we are in need of a strong replacement. Nate Catania did good work during his time in the City and we thank him for his service. But we are making this decision largely in trust of the Mayor's judgment with a very brief review of an application. He would encourage more openness with these appointments in the future but he is going to put his faith in the process on this vote.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES – unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared that the Motion passes. Mark Grubiss has been appointed to the position of Road Superintendent and is to begin in said position on November 3, 2014 at the hourly rate of \$26.40.**

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **Councilman Plecnik:**

As Council's Representative for Recreation, one of our longest standing and he thinks one of our best traditions in Willoughby Hills is our Christmas Card Lane. Notification recently went out from our Recreation Department that the Christmas Card Lane Renewal Form is due this November 14<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are not familiar with Christmas Card Lane, we put large pictures, if you will, along the driveway and road of the Community Center and the Library that display various family's Christmas presentations. It is open to any resident and neighbor in Willoughby Hills. He has a card, but you will note his artistic talent may not be up to par, but it is a wonderful experience to paint it with your family and your friends; it is a wonderful way to participate in this tradition and the fee is still only \$35.00 a year so there is no reason not to participate, there is still time to paint your card and submit it to the City's Service Department and if all goes well the lighting will occur on December 7<sup>th</sup> and he will certainly be there for the excitement and he hopes to see all of you there as well.

### **Councilman Hallum:**

**Issue 1 – Renewal Levy for Willoughby-Eastlake School** – This is not going to increase taxes; however, if our residents have questions or would like to get involved in some way, they can go to supportweschools.org, for questions, concerns they can contact Steve Thompson, if they want to volunteer they can contact Katherine Beal. Support WE Schools!

### **Councilman Fiebig:**

**The School of Innovation** that will be housed in the former Eaton Building is having an Open House on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The public is invited to take a look at what is current before they begin renovations. So you would have an opportunity to see a "before" and "after" of the School of Innovation, as it will be called. The Open House is on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Noel across the street is having a PM Bridal Show on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 4:00pm.** He understands that it will be a well attended event and there will be a lot of brides there.

### **Councilman Biro:**

**Road Levy Renewal on November 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot.** He would ask that everyone support it because it is very important and vital to the City to keep our roads functioning, without potholes – it is just something that is very important to the City. It is just a renewal, it is not an increase, it brings in a significant amount of money to our City for our roads.

**Councilman Plecnik:**

To follow up to Councilman Biro, another reason why it is prudent for us to renew our Road Levy is as well perhaps other levies for our schools and for our library and he encourages the residents to consider both of those as a former Library Trustee, he certainly cares a great deal about Issue 2 but all these renewal levies are grandfathered into older State Law that provided for a 12.50% property tax roll-back essentially matching funds from the State, so renewing these levies actually lowers our tax burden in the long term not only for the City of Willoughby Hills but for our School System and our Library System. These are very significant levies and he hopes that everyone will take the time to research them and if you would like to support the library effort, as the former Trustee for Willoughby-Eastlake, he would love to get you in touch with our Library Levy Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN FIEBIG,** seconded by Councilman Hallum to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2014.

**Roll Call: 7 AYES - unanimous**

**MOTION PASSES**

**President Somich declared the Regular Council Meeting of October 23, 2014 to be adjourned at 8:17pm.**

**APPROVED:**

December 11, 2014  
Date

Raymond C. Somich  
Raymond C. Somich  
President of Council

**ATTEST:**

Victoria Ann Savage  
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC  
Clerk of Council