

City of Willoughby Hills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Hallum** presided.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:27)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:37)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:33)

Members Present: Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, Council Vice President Michael Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie Belich, Council President Chris Hallum,

Also Present: Mayor Gardner, Law Director Michael C. Lucas, Finance Director Bruce Scott, and City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 0:57)

Motion made by **Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to approve the meeting minutes of the October 26, 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 2:17)

- 11/07/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf Re: CRA
- 11/07/2023 Email from Gloria Majeski Re: Ordinance 2023-062 - Request Additional Info for Clarity
- 11/07/2023 Email from Pietro DiFranco Re: Resubmittal - West Pines Subdivision - SOM Center - Perrino
- 11/06/2023 Email from adam.wohlever@dnr.ohio.gov RE: Hach Otis State Nature Preserve Deer Mgmt
- 11/06/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Ordinance CBA Approval (Sergeants)
- 11/06/2023 Email from Karen Mehollin Re: WHISPER packet
- 11/06/2023 Email from Finance Director RE: TIRC
- 11/06/2023 Email from Building Dept .RE: BISHOP ROAD POTHOLES
- 11/03/2023 Email from Michael Tobin Re: NEXT CIVIL SERVICE MEETING REMINDER
- 11/03/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas RE: Ordinance Authorizing MOU
- 11/03/2023 Email from Karen Mehollin RE: City Logo JPG and PDF

11/03/2023 Email from Titchenell, Marne via Ocwc[OCWC] Registration CLOSES soon! - Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative Conference - Nov. 15, 2023

11/03/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas RE: Liquor License | Sheetz TREX Transfer

11/03/2023 Email from Gloria Majeski Re: Senior Levy Grant - FINAL DRAFT

11/02/2023 Email from Stephanie Kellner Re: Adopted Legislation - Willoughby Hills | October

11/02/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf Re: CRA - Bishop Queen

11/02/2023 Email from Karen Mehollin Re: Senior Levy Grant Application - DRAFT

11/02/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Revised Ordinance No. 2023-060

11/02/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Amendments to Chapter 186

11/02/2023 Email from Domain postMaster address[Postmaster] Messages on hold for council@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

11/02/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf RE: CRA

11/02/2023 Email from Finance Director2024 Temporary Appropriation Ordinance

11/02/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf Re: CRA application

11/02/2023 Email from Naegele, Matthew Re: Taser Ordinance

11/01/2023 Email from Vicki Miller Re: Senior Levy Draft Paperwork

11/01/2023 Email from John T Plecnik Re: Commissioner Plecnik's Reception at the Styles Home

11/01/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Second Revised Ordinance No. 2023-055

11/01/2023 Email from bza Re: WH BZA Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - NOT CALLED

11/01/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf Re: CRA - Date of approval by DODSA

11/01/2023 Email from Stephanie Kellner Re: Adopted Legislation - Willoughby Hills | October

11/01/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Revised Ordinance No. 2023-058 mcl rev 11.01.23

11/01/2023 Email from Finance Director RE: 2022-068

11/01/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Revised Ordinance No. 2023-056

11/01/2023 Email from Michael C. Lucas Re: Ord No 2023-055 mcl rev 11.01.23

11/01/2023 Email from Stephanie E. Landgraf Fwd: CRA application

10/31/2023 Email from Mike Kline Re: W.H.I.S.P.E.R. Raking Projects

10/31/2023 Email from Adobe Sign Re: ORD 2023-051 PD PATROL CONTRACT - TO SIGN between City of Willoughby Hills and Danielle Chaffin is Signed and Filed!

10/31/2023 Email from Adobe Sign Re: ORD 2023-050 PD DISPATCH AGREEMENT - TO SIGN between City of Willoughby Hills and Danielle Chaffin is Signed and Filed!

10/31/2023 Email from adam.wohlever@dnr.ohio.gov Re: Hach Otis State Nature Preserve Deer Mgmt

10/31/2023 Email from Mayor Gardner Fw: Cody Contract

10/31/2023 Email from Finance Director Re: BUDGET

10/31/2023 Email from Karen Mehollin Re: Shred Day - This Saturday!

10/30/2023 Email from Willoughby Hills Finance Dept.RE: Codification for the City of Willoughby Hills

10/30/2023 Email from Naegele, Matthew FW: Cody Contract

10/27/2023 Email from Gloria Majeski Re: Senior Levy Draft Paperwork

10/27/2023 Email from whdranel@aol.comRe: 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES

10/27/2023 Email from Willoughby Hills Finance Dept. Re: WALTER DRANE

10/27/2023 Email from Pietro DiFranco Re: Legislative Request - Zoning Administration (Jan-Jun 2024)

10/27/2023 Email from Pietro DiFranco Re: Legislative Request - Police HVAC Rehab

10/27/2023 Email from Julie Belich Re: Deer Management

10/27/2023 Email from Julie Belich Re: W.H.I.S.P.E.R. Leaf Raking...Help?

10/27/2023 Email from Finance Director Re: WHISPER CHECK

10/26/2023 Email from whdranel@aol.com2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES

10/25/2023 Email from Todd Hill Re: Legislation Help

10/25/2023 Email from Domain postMaster address[Postmaster] Messages on hold for council@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

10/24/2023 Email from Finance Director RE: MEMO - 2023 Oct 21 - Request for Approval to Accept Ohio BWC Grant

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 2:40)

An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight's agenda.

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:02 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:02 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 3:07)

Mayor Gardner reported:

- Chief Gandee, the new fire engine has been transferred from South Dakota to Johnson Fire Equipment in Ohio and will be mounting equipment, racking and performing final touches. The truck will be transferred to Akron for graphics and then be delivered close to schedule.
- Chief Naegele reported 26 deer permits were issued, and so far, he has received no complaints. Officer Walsh has been happy with how things have been running. There is no total on deer taken, but several have been taken.
- Veteran's Day is Saturday. There is a ceremony at 11AM in the O'Ryan Room. He thanked Commander Broadwater and his team from the VFW 4358. He commended them on another great program. He also announced a light lunch will be provided afterwards at the VFW Post home at 29412 White Road.
- The Photo Contest Reception starts at 7PM on Friday at the Community Center. The Mayor thanked the Recreation Commission for organizing.
- Shred Day was well attended; 110 cars dropped off material to be shredded. The City was also able to take advantage of the service.
- Thanks to all who came out to vote, and congratulations to Council President Hallum, Council Vice President Kline, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Miller and Kathy Sivo on their election.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 6:13)

No report.

Questions/comments following Finance Director's Report:

None.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 6:27)

Finance Director Scott reported:

- The October Financials are completed and were posted to the City website earlier today and Open Checkbook has been posted. He will return his efforts to the budget.

Questions/comments following Finance Director's Report:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked when a preliminary draft of next year's budget would be available?

Finance Director Scott replied that he will provide a draft as soon as he possibly can. He stated he hopes to present the final appropriation at the December 14 meeting.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT (Audio: 7:33)

City Engineer DiFranco encouraged Council to approve Ordinance 2023-056. It is an Ordinance approving the contract to Brewer Garrett to replace the HVAC system in the Police Department. He stated the original system was installed in 1985. It is over 35 years old and has exceeded it’s lifespan and is no longer functioning correctly. A second quote was received from Trane which was significantly higher. Both quotes were obtained through cooperative purchasing programs. He explained the process. (Audio 8:57)

Questions/comments following City Engineer’s Report:

Councilwoman Belich inquired into the demolition and asked if Road Superintendent Grubiss would be involved?

City Engineer DiFranco stated Road Superintendent Grubiss would not be involved in demolition, but would be constructing a new concrete pad for the unit.

Councilwoman Belich asked about the concern of asbestos?

City Engineer DiFranco said he would look into it and follow up.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio 8:22)

PC-ABR reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper

Councilwoman Taylor Draper reported:

- Planning & Zoning Commission Architectural Board of Review met on November 2. During the Architectural Board part of the meeting: a new house is being proposed at 29385 West Miller Road. The design was very favorable, but the plans and drawings were incomplete and did not contain enough information, so the approval was postponed pending a completed plan submission. There was no business for the Planning portion of the meeting.
- Councilwoman Taylor Draper asked again about EIFS. Currently the City does not permit the material, so they are considering amending that Ordinance in light of new businesses wanting to utilize the material. The material has received a new, better rating than it had years ago. She explained further (Audio: 12:22)

Questions/comments following City Engineer’s Report:

Council President Hallum asked if the group could provide a formal opinion of EIFS, and also asked if there was any update on Parking Requirements?

Councilwoman Taylor Draper responded no, that there had not been an update.

Council President Hallum asked for formal opinions on both EIFS and Parking Requirements.

Beautification Committee reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper

No report.

Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz reported:

- The Photo Contest reception is Friday at 7PM.
- The Winter Fest toy drive is Sunday, December 3; from 5:00-6:30PM at the Fire Department.
- Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 9; from 8:30AM-12PM. Call the Recreation Coordinator at (440) 975-3540 for a reservation. Baseball registration will be available at the event.
- The Recreation Commission is still looking for new members.

Questions/comments:

None.

Finance Committee Report by Council Vice President Kline

No report.

WHISPER reported by Councilwoman Miller

Councilwoman Miller reported that there are four to five leaf raking volunteer opportunities coming up on November 12. Volunteers will meet at City Hall at 9:30AM, then divide into three teams. Contact City Hall if you are interested in helping out. Please contact Councilwoman Miller or Karen Mehollin to help out.

Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich

No report.

Business Subcommittee – reported by Council Vice President Kline

No report.

Community Center Task Force – reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated the group met on October 30. A list of issues with the building were identified and divided into categories based on what could be done by volunteers, employees and contractors. She would like to have a comprehensive discussion at the next Working Committee Meeting about next steps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 16:57)

None.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-055 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS REQUIRED FOR A TWO-YEAR ANNUAL LICENSED SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES RATE-LOCK AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY CODY SYSTEMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-055.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated the current CODY System will become obsolete and needs to be updated. These funds will help the Police Department stay current with their software.

Mayor Gardner followed by stating expediting would be favorable.

Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-055.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-055.

Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-055.

ORDINANCE 2023-056 AMENDED – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE BREWER-GARRET COMPANY, THROUGH THE EQUALIS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE HVAC SYSTEM SERVICING THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-056 Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated on the recommendation of the City Engineer and after speaking with the Road Superintendent, he feels the unit is in need of replacement and it would be prudent to move forward with the project.

Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, and Hallum
NAYS: Belich
Vote: 7/1

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-056 Amended.

Motion made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-056 Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Belich stated she feels with the unknown asbestos situation and the possibility of more money needing to be allocated to the project, combined with the fact that a considerable amount of Rescue Plan funds are being used, it would be beneficial to research and investigate further issues and best uses. For the record, the councilwoman would like to see a second reading.

Council President Hallum stated he feels confident the asbestos situation has been remedied, however, if it has not, the project would need to come back before Council before moving forward. He also mentioned it would be good timing to move on the project during the cooler months.

Councilwoman Belich continued with her concerns (Audio: 23:37)

Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, and Hallum
NAYS: Belich
Vote: 7/1

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-056 Amended.

ORDINANCE 2023-057 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-057.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated this Ordinance formalizes the Ordinances and Resolutions Council has already passed.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-057.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-057.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-057.

ORDINANCE 2023-058 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY RICHARD L. BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ZONING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council President Hallum stated this will remain on First Reading.

ORDINANCE 2023-059 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LOW-LETHALITY ELECTRO MUSCULAR DISRUPTION DEVICES (TASERS) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-059.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-059.

Motion made by Council Vice President Kline, seconded by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz to adopt Ordinance 2023-059.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated, after listening to Police Chief Naegele, the tasers need to be replaced for functionality and some monies may be recouped by returning the used equipment for new.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-059.

ORDINANCE 2023-060 – FIRST READING

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, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024; AND REPEALING ALL LEGISLATION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Council President Hallum stated this will remain on First Reading.

ORDINANCE 2023-061 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, TITLED “EARNED INCOME TAX REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016” WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

Council President Hallum stated this will remain on First Reading.

ORDINANCE 2023-062 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TO MODIFY THE PARTIES’ COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND LIMITED TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICER JAMES OURS AND HIS ASSOCIATED DUTIES AS A SWORN PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER.

Motion made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor Draper to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-062.

Discussion on the Motion:

Council Vice President Kline asked the Law Director if there were questions raised regarding this Ordinance?

Law Director Lucas responded that yes, some questions were raised by a resident, and with the help of the Assistant Law Director and the Police Chief, the questions would be addressed. However, these questions do not affect MOU.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-062.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2023-062.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner thanked Police Chief Naegele for his work and diligence on this Ordinance as well as the others on the agenda tonight.

Roll Call: **AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum**
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-062.

ORDINANCE 2023-063 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SERGEANTS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Kline** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-063.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated it would be beneficial to expedite the approval of this Ordinance, so the employees could finally be compensated at the agreed upon wage.

Council Vice President Kline followed by saying Council was supplied with a summary of the revised areas of the contract and feels comfortable moving forward at this time.

Roll Call: **AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum**
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-063.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2023-063.

Roll Call: **AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum**
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-063.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 37:40)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to accept the check in the amount of \$3,364.71 on behalf of the Gulick Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust to be used for the W.H.I.S.P.E.R. program.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion passes to accept the check in the amount of \$3,364.71 on behalf of the Gulick Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust to be used for the W.H.I.S.P.E.R. program.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to forego the November 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion passes to forego the November 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to authorize the Clerk of Council to confirm with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that no objection and need for hearing is requested by the City regarding the Ohio Springs Inc. dba Sheetz #810 Liquor Permit Application under transaction number C TREX 6521509-0101.

**Roll Call: AYES: Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, and Hallum
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0**

Motion passes to authorize the Clerk of Council to confirm with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that no objection and need for hearing is requested by the City regarding the Ohio Springs Inc. dba Sheetz #810 Liquor Permit Application under transaction number C TREX 6521509-0101.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 40:33)

An opportunity for the public to address Council with any comments, issues or concerns.

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:40 p.m.

Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, Ohio congratulated all who won in the election. She stated she would have called Council President Hallum to thank him personally however she did not have his phone number (available on the City website). Ms. Bing stated she had heard from residents, and some concerns were: When will River Road would be repaved again? When will the City address the cell phone tower issues on the east side of the City? She also stated she had heard of residents calling and being told the City was unable to help them and they would have to “deal with it” themselves. Ms. Bing stated she has not had to call City Hall, so she does not know if that’s right or not, but thought she would pass on what she had heard.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:42 p.m.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, responded saying there have been several discussions regarding the cell service and cell tower locations and options. The City is still looking into remedying the situation. It is a complicated and complex issue.

Councilwoman Belich asked for specifics when speaking on residents calling and not receiving answers or help. Please provide specific departments or complaints, so that the City can address and fix any issues or problems.

Council President Hallum, agreed and encouraged residents who have had a poor experience to please inform the Council of concerns. If it is not specifically brought up, the City cannot address and fix it.

Mayor Gardner echoed the sentiments of Council and stated the Finance Department, Communications Coordinator and Council Clerk have gone above and beyond to answer questions and assist residents. He added that the Police and Fire Departments also answer every call. He encouraged residents to contact the City with specific issues, so they may be addressed. He spoke on cell tower issues, the difficulties and road blocks that have come up (Audio: 45:55). Mayor Gardner stated River Road repaving is an ODOT project and is scheduled for 2026.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 47:43)

Councilwoman Taylor Draper thanked all of the poll workers for their hard work and support during the elections.

Councilwoman Belich wanted to extend condolences to the family of long-time resident, Dominick Manfroni.

Mayor Gardner also extended condolences to Assistant Finance Director, Jeff Stergar and his family on the passing of his father, Frank, as well as, the family of Carolyn Patton who passed away earlier in the week. Carolyn was a member of the Civil Service Commission and also Mrs. Claus at many Recreation events for the City. All will be missed.

Councilwoman Miller reminded residents to stop by the Community Center for the Photo Contest Reception or just to view the photos which are displayed in the lobby hallway. She also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 52:47)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, Taylor Draper, Belich, Hallum
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 7/0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED: November 30, 2023
 Date



Christopher Hallum
President of Council

ATTEST: Laura O'Donnell
 Laura O'Donnell
 Clerk of Council