
Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023

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

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (0:54)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 1:06-1:21)

SWEARING IN OF NEW FULL-TIME OFFICER SETH BALDWIN. (Audio: 1:50-5:25)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 5:37-7:37)

Members Present: Council President Hallum, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, Councilman Knecht, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, and Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper

Also Present: Mayor Gardner, Law Director Michael C. Lucas, City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., and Police Chief Naegele

Absent: Council Vice President Michael Kline and Councilwoman Julie Belich

Motion made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to excuse **Council Vice President Kline** from tonight's meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

Council President Hallum stated **Council Vice President Kline** followed proper protocol.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to excuse **Council Vice President Kline** from tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to excuse **Councilwoman Belich** from tonight's meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

Council President Hallum stated **Councilwoman Belich** followed proper protocol.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to excuse **Councilwoman Belich** from tonight's meeting.

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 7:40-8:28)

Motion made by Councilwoman Taylor Draper seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 8:30-8:45)

4/10/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 2023-023
4/10/2023 email from Karen Mehollin Re: Agenda & Legislation for Tonight | Working Committee of Council Meeting
4/10/2023 email from Michael Sivo Cleveland Veterinary Rehabilitation
4/10/2023 email from Karen Mehollin Council/Mayoral Retreat Reminder
4/10/2023 email from Pietro DiFranco RE: Bid Tab, Evaluation, & Award Recommendation - 2023 Street Resurfacing - Ronyak Paving
4/10/2023 email from Naegele, Matthew Ordinance / Weapons
4/08/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Fwd: Revised Ordinance No. 2023-017
4/08/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Fwd: Revised Ordinances Nos. 2023-018, 2023-019 and -020
4/08/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Fwd: Revised Ordinance No. 2023-015
4/08/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Automated Speed and Traffic Enforcement Legislation
4/06/2023 email from Nonprofit Center April 6, 2023 – News from the Lakeland Nonprofit and Public Service Center
4/05/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Re: New Legislation | ORD 2023-018, ORD 2023-019 & ORD 2023-020
4/05/2023 email from Naegele, Matthew Next Meeting
4/05/2023 email from Municipal Publishing 2023 Ohio Municipal Guide
4/05/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas RE: New Legislation | ORD 2023-016 SERVICE VEHICLE SURPLUS
4/05/2023 email from Karen Mehollin FW: Bid Tab, Evaluation, & Award Recommendation - 2023 Sewer Rehab - United Survey
4/05/2023 email from Karen Mehollin FW: Bid Tab, Evaluation, & Award Recommendation - 2023 Pavement Markings - JD Striping
4/05/2023 email from Karen Mehollin FW: Bid Tab, Evaluation, & Award Recommendation - 2023 Street Resurfacing - Ronyak Paving
4/04/2023 email from websiteadministrator@omca.us Payment receipt
4/03/2023 email from Brian Ames Public records request
4/03/2023 email from Seamus Callahan Resource for Loved Ones of Alcoholics
3/31/2023 email from Mark Grubiss RE: Truck #2
3/31/2023 email from Willoughby Hills Finance Dept. RE: Adopted Legislation - Willoughby Hills | March
3/31/2023 email from Tanya Taylor Draper Re: Council Retreat
3/31/2023 email from John Bertosa Re: Public Notification for March Meetings
3/30/2023 email from Joe Jarmus Re: Housing Council Meeting 03/20/23 | Minutes
3/29/2023 email from Laurie.Scarmuzzi@dot.ohio.gov RE: PID 112659 LAK-6-0.44; Willoughby Hills; Preliminary Legislation

3/28/2023 email from Karen Mehollin PID 112659 LAK-6-0.44; Willoughby Hills; Preliminary Legislation and LPA Agreement

3/27/2023 email from Pietro DiFranco RE: Liquor Control Permit Renewal | Gaetono's - 2747 SOM Center

3/24/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas Ordinance No. 2023-___ (Service Department CBA)

3/24/2023 email from Michael C. Lucas RE: ORD 2023-005 FD BILLING SERVICES AMENDED | Services Agreement

3/24/2023 email from Karen Mehollin FW: ODOT Salt Participation/Ordinance Submission Receipt

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio 8:48-9:04)

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:08pm

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:08pm

Questions/comments following Public Portion #1:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 9:05-18:48)

Mayor Gardner discussed the news story on Fox 8 News regarding the car theft and swapped license plates. The FLOCK system alerted the police department about a stolen vehicle. The responding officers performed a felony stop. It was determined the license plates on the vehicle had been switched with those from a stolen vehicle. The officers acted in an extremely professional manner. The Mayor also stated he feels with the new plate reader system, there may be more of these types of occurrences happening in the future. He reminded residents to check their license plates from time to time to ensure this does not happen to them.

- The new command car for the fire department is almost complete. Photos of the new fire engine will be in the newsletter (contact newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov to be added). The vehicle should be ready by Touch-A-Truck. The new snow plow is having a salt spreader installed and is also almost ready.
- The Mayor also stated yard waste has resumed. It will run from April-November. Guidelines are on the website. The Block Party program is coming back for 2023. The city will be reaching out to local restaurants to gauge interest in offer deals. Contact the city for a form, and to coordinate appearances from city departments or officials.
- The speed signs are back up. They are on four streets throughout the city.
- The website has moved into the next phase. The design is done, and we are moving into migrating information. Shred Day will be June 3 at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills. The Electronics Recycling Day is May 20 in front of City Hall.
- Josh Siegel will be starting next month as our new, part-time building inspector.
- The weather conditions have been extremely dangerous – grass fires have been reported – and the Fire Department would like to remind residents: no open burning.
- Chief Naegele was appointed to the Lake County Narcotics Executive Board through the end of 2025.

- The Mayor thanked Gary Pratt for diligently attending the Noise Abatement Council meetings and his reporting: From January 1 to March 31 there were over 4,478 flight operations. There were 37 complaints received in 2022. There were no complaints from Willoughby Hills residents.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper asked Chief Naegele how the police were informed of the stolen vehicle?

Chief Naegele stated it was a result of the FLOCK camera. The alerts come in to dispatch, and they relay the information to officers.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked if the new part-time zoning inspector was a replacement or an addition?

Mayor Gardner stated that the position is a replacement.

Council President Hallum relayed information about anti-theft screws for license plates. They are available at a reasonable rate (through Amazon) and easy to install.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 11:04-24:33)

Law Director Lucas had two comments: Ordinance 2023-021 under Chapter 317 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills deals with the stationery speed devices. The prior legislation, which was under Chapter 315 is for the handheld devices. There will be a slight tweaking of this previous legislation for the next Council meeting. Ordinance 2023-023 has an Exhibit A which is the agreement between the City and the Local 436 Teamsters. The Law Director asked that this be passed immediately.

Questions/comments following Law Director's Report:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked if there were any updates on the medical marijuana facility?

Law Director Lucas stated he had tried to contact their legal counsel, but was unsuccessful in speaking directly.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked if there were any updates on short term rental legislation?

Law Director Lucas stated he will have a presentation at the Council Retreat this Saturday.

Council President Hallum stated Council received the Collective Bargaining agreement today, and would like more time to look over but would leave the decision to a vote.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 24:40-26:50)

Finance Director Scott reported that the February financial statements have been posted online and uploaded to Ohio Checkbook. He hopes to move quicker in the future as he is brought up to speed.

Questions/comments following Law Director's Report:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked if there is typically an increase in revenues from RITA taxes around this time?

Finance Director Scott deferred to **Former Finance Director Brichacek**.

Former Finance Director Brichacek stated there is typically a spike in revenue in May and June, and every three months when quarterly estimated tax payments are due.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 26:52-29:33)

City Engineer DiFranco stated he supports passing ordinances 2023-018 for the road striping program, 2023-019 for the sewer rehab program and 2023-020 for the street resurfacing program. We received three bids for the striping program. The lower was approximately \$71,000, which was under our estimate of \$74,000. For the sewer rehab, we received two bids, with United Survey being the lowest and best at approximately \$193,000. This was 9.7% above our estimate of \$180,000. JD Striping and United Survey have both done good work with us in the past, and we recommend. For the street rehab program, we received five bids. Ronyak Paving was the lowest and best at \$277,000. This was 6% over our estimate of \$263,000. They completed the Chardon Road resurfacing last year, and we recommend them as well.

Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report:

Councilwoman Miller asked about the River Road Slope Repair project beginning on April 24. She stated she is concerned about emergency services reaching residents.

City Engineer DiFranco stated all of the emergency responders have been notified, and will have an alternate route in place.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio 29:37-35:15)

PC-ABR reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper

Councilwoman Taylor Draper reported:

- Planning & Zoning Commission Architectural Board of Review met on April 6. During the Architectural portion, a home addition was approved at 32701 Miller Avenue and 35450 Hannah Road, and a shed at 38351 Dodd's Landing and 2801 Trabar. There was no business for the Planning portion of the meeting, however, she stated the Sheetz and convenience store project will be on the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday, April 20. Also discussed at the meeting was having architectural review and design guidelines, which Pete DiFranco has put together based on several other cities. The purpose of these guidelines are to protect and preserve the appearance and character of the community.

Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report:

Councilwoman Miller asked when May Pine Farms will be coming before the board?

City Engineer DiFranco stated that would be happening at the May 9 meeting.

Mayor Gardner added that information for the design guidelines would be in the newsletter.

Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz reported:

- Work has begun on the baseball fields and practices have started. Contact coaches for more information.
- Pickleball courts officially opened on April 15. There are still some repairs that need to be done. We are getting quotes on possibly resurfacing the courts.

Questions/comments following the Recreation Commission Report:

Council President Hallum stated he saw two teams practicing on the Pickleball court tonight.

Finance Committee Report by Council Vice President Kline

Council Vice President Kline reported:

- The Finance Committee held its second budget review on March 15 concentrating on the Police and Administration Departments. **Council Vice President Kline** thanked Chief Naegele and Mayor Gardner for the insight and comments about plans and projections for the year.

Questions/comments following the Finance Committee Report:

None.

Beautification Committee reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper

No report.

WHISPER reported by Councilwoman Miller

No report.

Questions/comments following WHISPER report:

None.

Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich

No report.

Questions/comments following the Deer Management Committee Report:

None.

Business Subcommittee – reported by Council Vice President Kline

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 35:25)

No Unfinished Business to report.

LEGISLATION (35:27-1:10)

ORDINANCE 2023-015 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (ODOT) ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE 5513.0L(B) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-015.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper, stated it would be beneficial to expedite the passing of the ordinance.

Mayor Gardner clarified from the other night: the state takes all the quantities and goes out for the bid. We do not have the price this year, but 2022 and 2023 prices were both approximately \$44 a ton. We have 1,500 tons in stock. That's taking our 90% requirement this year.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-015.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2023-015.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, stated it would be beneficial to expedite the passing of the ordinance.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-015.

ORDINANCE 2023-016 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE ONE (1) CITY VEHICLE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SAID SURPLUS ON THE OPEN MARKET UPON SUCH TERMS AND AT SUCH PRICES AS ARE DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-016.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, feels it would be advantageous to expedite the sale of the vehicle.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper, stated the vehicle has over 117,000 miles of use and would be best if sold at this time.

Mayor Gardner agreed with Councilwoman Taylor Draper.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-016.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-016.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-016.

ORDINANCE 2023-017 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S (ODOT) REQUESTED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO FULLY COMPLETE THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODOT AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, PROJECT NO. 112503, PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF CHARDON ROAD FROM APPROXIMATELY BISHOP ROAD (S.R. 84) TO S.O.M. CENTER ROAD (S.R. 91) AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2023-012, IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-017.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper, stated the ordinance includes required information from a previously passed ordinance and the Law Director has carefully looked over.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-017.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-017.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-017.

ORDINANCE 2023-018 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF JD STRIPING & SERVICES, INC. FOR THE 2023 PAVEMENT MARKINGS PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-018.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Miller, stated with swift approval, we will be able to get on the schedule and get the work done quickly.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-018.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to adopt Ordinance 2023-018.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner stated this ordinance as well as the next two are the results of open bidding. There were multiple bids in each case, and each of the contractors that were the lowest and best bids, have done work for the city in the past and are well qualified.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-018.

ORDINANCE 2023-019 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF UNITED SURVEY, INC. OF 25145 BROADWAY AVENUE, OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO, FOR THE 2023 SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-019.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper, stated she felt comfortable and confident with this company's work in the past.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-019.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-019.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-019.

ORDINANCE 2023-020 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF RONYAK PAVING, INC., 14376 NORTH CHESHIRE STREET, BURTON, OHIO 44021, FOR THE 2023 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-020.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper, stated this is a yearly project with a proven supplier and is comfortable moving forward.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-020.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2023-020.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-020.

ORDINANCE 2023-021 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 3-TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTER 317 CAPTIONED “AUTOMATED SPEED AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police Chief Naegele addressed the Council and explained that passing the automated enforcement ordinance will allow the City to move forward with the speed enforcement project in the school zones. It’s a lengthy, multi-faceted and complicated project. All the stakeholders are on board and everyone has the same end goal. There will be some upcoming meetings with the local court. An important part of the project is confirming the software systems are able to communicate with each other and the process is seamless.

Councilwoman Miller asked what areas would be targeted? In front of Cornerstone and also the School of Innovation?

Police Chief Naegele confirmed those two locations. He stated Jenoptiks is familiar with the Northeast Ohio area and have already contracted with local firms for engineering and construction purposes. There has been a delay in doing the speed study on Chardon Road due to a logistics issue, but the necessary equipment should be up and running in the days to come. He will report back once that has been completed.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper asked if there were any updates with the handheld cameras?

Police Chief Naegele stated they have not been in use yet. The handheld and the mounted are two separate systems with the same software. With regard to software, every community is unique. Some courts use certain software, some police departments use different programs, so essentially they have to build the back office from the ground up. The Chief is anticipating use this summer

Council President Hallum stated that he assumed there would be security protocols that would need to go in place as well as communication with partnering agencies.

Police Chief Naegele agreed and said with these types of projects, there are many considerations.

Council President Hallum asked if the cameras would be mounted to existing structures?

Police Chief Naegele stated there is a whole permitting process, but his understanding is that they will put up dedicated poles. Again, this is enforcement for school zone locations during enforced hours (a two hour window in the morning and afternoon).

Mayor Gardner stated for clarification: the handheld units are operated by the officers at their discretion. These can sometimes receive scrutiny by state government and media. This mounted, automated program is set up to keep the kids safe.

Councilwoman Miller asked if Chief Naegele could speak to some of the challenges the Police have faced in school zones?

Police Chief Naegele stated there are many other duties of the police officers, and they are unable to be everywhere at once. Unfortunately, it is infeasible to assign an officer to one specific spot in the city full-time. It's also important to note, the Police Department has been very transparent with the entire program thus far, and proactively reaching out to the media. There will also be plenty of warning signs to alert drivers.

Council President Hallum added that if a speed study indicated it would be beneficial to have a camera at the School of Innovation, it might be a good idea to put a proper school zone light at that location.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, asked if there would be a warning period before enforcing with tickets?

Police Chief Naegele stated the plan is to do a 30-day period of warnings in conjunction with a media blast.

Council President Hallum added that signs will also warn motorists and the public.

Police Chief Naegele reiterated that the statutory mandate is for proper signage at every entry point to the city warning motorists. There will also be signage at each school zone.

Mayor Gardner clarified that highways and State Routes are under ODOT jurisdiction.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-021.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-021.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2023-021.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-021.

ORDINANCE 2023-022 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE FIREARMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI – LEGISLATION, SECTION 6.01 – GENERAL ORDINANCES, SUBSECTION (e) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-022.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated passing the ordinance would speed up the process of getting new weapons to our officers and reducing cost.

Roll Call: **AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to waive the Three Readings on Ordinance 2023-022.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2023-022.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner stated these are current duty weapons and trading these in would gain approximately \$10,000 in trust funds.

Police Chief Naegele agreed with the Mayor and mentioned discussions for capital plan projects have been ongoing, and this is a way for the Police Department to transition weapons over and upgrade as they age. Sergeant Vachet has done much of the leg work on this and is very experienced with weapons platforms.

Council President Hallum asked if this included holsters? **Police Chief Naegele** responded yes.

Mayor Gardner expressed his appreciation to Chief Naegele for his hard and innovative work.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked what the life expectancy is? **Police Chief Naegele** stated it is hard to gauge based on usage and conditions. Possibly 5-7 years.

Council President Hallum wanted to add that there was no set capital plan in place prior to the current administration, and that is has been and will be a benefit to the City and its residents.

Roll Call: AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

Motion carries to adopt Ordinance 2023-022.

ORDINANCE 2023-023 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 2023-023 remains on First Reading.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 1:11-1:13)

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** 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 Gaetanos Inc, dba Gaetanos Restaurant’s Liquor Permit Application under transaction number C N 2995263-00001.

Roll Call: AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

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 Gaetanos Inc, dba Gaetanos Restaurant’s Liquor Permit Application under transaction number C N 2995263-00001.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt subsidy amounts for Willoughby pool passes at the rates of \$50.00 subsidy for individual passes 59 & under and \$60.00 subsidy for 60 & over passes.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated this subsidy helps offset the costs for our residents who do not have access to a pool.

Roll Call: AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

Motion passes to adopt subsidy amounts for Willoughby pool passes at the rates of \$50.00 subsidy for individual passes 59 & under and \$60.00 subsidy for 60 & over passes.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 1:13-1:15)

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 8:13 p.m.

Public Portion #2 closed at 8:14 p.m.

Questions/comments following Public Portion #2:

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

(Audio: 1:15 – 1:16)

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz wanted to remind residents of the Sprinkler Water Discount. If anyone would like to take advantage of it, paperwork needs to be submitted by the end of April.

Former Finance Director Birchacek added: the deadline is April 30 and there is a \$20.00 one-time fee which registers the property, for as long as the owner owns the property. Applications are available on the City website. For new residents, the discount does not apply until you have lived on your property for one year.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: AYES: Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht, Miller and Taylor Draper

NAYS: None

Vote: 5/0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: 4/27/2023
Date


Chris Hallum
President of Council

ATTEST: 
Laura O'Donnell
Clerk of Council