

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Mr. Morley at approximately 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. D'Ambrosio.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. DePledge, Mr. Hoefle and Council President Mr. Morley. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, Service Director Semik, City Engineer Gwydir and Police Lt. Gonzales. Police Chief Reik was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 27, 2011. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Hoefle,
Mr. Morley.
Abstain: Ms. DePledge

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Morley: The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

Also, we still have tickets available for the Blvd. of 500 Flags maintenance dance. It is at the American Legion Post 678 in Willowick on October 22, 2011. Those tickets are at the Mayor's office or any Council member or members of the American Legion or VFW.

Also, the Police Department and Fire Department open house is October 22, 2011 at both stations.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from Council President Morley requesting an amendment to City Ordinance Section 111.10 "Committees." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration requesting an amendment to City Ordinance Section 181.02 “Tax Levied, subsection (f).” This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A late communication was received from Finance Director Slocum regarding the purchase under State Contract of radios for the Police and Fire Departments. This was referred to Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D’Ambrosio

Mr. D’Ambrosio: The Planning Committee has not had a meeting since our last Council meeting so I do not have a formal report. There is nothing pending in my Committee so I will not be scheduling anything. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D’Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee has not met since our last regularly scheduled Council meeting. I will be scheduling a meeting for Tuesday, October 18th immediately following the Ordinance Committee meeting as the radios State Contract has been referred into Committee. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee has not met since our last Council meeting but I am scheduling an Ordinance Committee to deal with the items placed in my Committee. It will be Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE - Ms. DePledge

Ms. DePledge: The Service/Utilities Committee has not met since our last meeting. Therefore, I have no formal report. In regards to the lease agreement – Mr. Klammer, I know there was an issue with the road access. I saw some emails on that. Has that issue been addressed?

Mr. Klammer: Yes, we added that to the agreement.

Ms. DePledge: So, I have that? I trust that it is I just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Klammer: Without changing the description I made reference to it.

Ms. DePledge: There is a clause in there?

Ms. Cendroski: It is in the legislation provided.

Ms. DePledge: Great. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. DePledge.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – vacant

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 with me, Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Knuchel present from the Committee. Also in attendance from Council were Mr. D’Ambrosio, Ms. DePledge and Council President Morley. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski and Law Director Klammer. Port Authority Chairman Mr. Sima was also in attendance. We discussed the lease agreement discussed previously between the City of Eastlake, City of Willoughby and the Port Authority. It looks like everything should be moving forward with some minor, final changes. I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Klammer, do we have any idea of the time frame for Willoughby to look at this?

Mr. Klammer: Mrs. Cendroski has been on top of that. I assume they will address it at their next regular Council meeting.

Mrs. Cendroski: The last communication I had with the Clerk was that she had not seen the legislation at all. Usually if it is going to appear on an agenda she sees it as it is sent by the Law Department. I will be calling them tomorrow to advise them of the revision and the change of the term date and I will ask when it will be going forward.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Morley recognized the public input at this time; he reminded the speakers that there is a 3-minute limit for their comments; all comments are to be directed to the Chair and not include any personalities or individuals.

There was no one who wished to speak.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2011-130

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Mr. Hoefle

RESOLUTION NO.: 10-11-(01)

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an Indenture of Lease Agreement between the City of Eastlake, the City of Willoughby and the Eastlake Port Authority, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Hoefle moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Hoefle moved to adopt. Mr. Knuchel seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2011-130.

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LEGISLATION PENDING

There was no Legislation Pending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR – Ted Andrzejewski

Mayor Andrzejewski: I sincerely hope that Willoughby's Council looks at the lease agreement and approve it. That is the final step of a long, long process. Tomorrow Mr. Slocum and I will meet with the County Commissioners in a final attempt to try to figure out what they are doing with the maintenance charges on the telecommunications system – to see if we can reason with them a little bit. The Police and Fire Chiefs met with us and the Service Director and we have it pretty well straightened out for the radios – how many we are going to get. Council should have received a request to put that in Committee. The important thing is we did set aside the money. The Fire Department has the money in the Fire Department equipment levy. For the Police Department we set aside a lot of money from the NOPEC grant we received and the rest we had set aside in this year's budget. The good news is all those radios will be paid for. Channels 12 and 99 have the levy presentation on them if anyone cares to watch it. It is the presentation we did the other night for the people who came to the meeting. It shows all the details as to why we need the levy and where the money is going and coming from. Next week we will meet with the Captains on a lot of stadium issues. One of the most pressing in my mind – I am sure Council got the email I sent – it was very disturbing to see the Captains gave away free 5,600 tickets to the last concert. That helps them tremendously because those 5,600 people or whoever show up out of the 5,600 will buy concessions and will probably park at the Captains lot. But it does the City absolutely no good since we do not get admissions tax on free tickets. I will press that issue with them. The point is all those free tickets generate wear and tear on the stadium - whether it is on the field or in the seats or the bathrooms. We end up paying for that but we get no income and that is not right. So, we will meet with them next week on that and a couple of other issues. The other thing I wanted to bring to Council's attention is the Captains now want us to do every little bit of maintenance. I am exaggerating now but if the floor needs swept they expect us to do it – if a light bulb needs to be changed they expect us to do it – and, that is not right either. Even when you lease an apartment or home to someone they do routine maintenance. Ever since the Captains got rid of their maintenance person 5 or 6 years

ago they have just been demanding and demanding and demanding that all these little issues be taken care of by the City. As you know we are short Service Department people too. So, we are going to meet with them next week. The Fire Department and Police Department will be having an open house on Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, games and prizes. You can find the information on line. I went a couple of years ago – the kids like the fire engines and you can tour the stations.

Mr. Morley: I went back and forth with you and Mr. Seymour and from reading the last email they will offer to do maintenance with us paying them back. I doubt we would do something like that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I told Mr. Slocum this afternoon that we are going to this meeting and they can just scrap the word negotiate. We are not going to negotiate. We are going there to talk about these issues and we are not going to trade this for that.

Mr. Morley: As I told you if there is anything we need to do just let us know.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The important thing is and you and Council have been very supportive in not allowing them to bypass the Administration and run to Council to complain because that was their tactic a few years ago. Everyone is standing strong – especially when we know we are right. You have seen the emails. To give away 5,600 tickets is absurd.

Mr. Hoefle: Any updates on WalMart?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I spoke with the store manager today. I call the WalMart engineer every other week or so. It is inching along. They have all their agreements in place and are looking for an opening next Christmas. They are planning on breaking ground by the end of the year. Forget all the rumors you hear. It is just that WalMart takes a long time. As I email residents – WalMart will start building when WalMart decides to do it not when the City of Eastlake wants them to. They get all their t's crossed and i's dotted – they are very thorough.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: You also overlooked some of the discussions about the Captains wanting the City to pay for replacement of the field.

Mr. Morley: I knew but I did not bring it up.

Mr. Klammer: Just so you are aware of it and you, Mr. President, and the Mayor pushed back real hard on that for obvious reasons. You overlooked that and I wanted to make sure it was mentioned as well. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mike Slocum

Mr. Slocum: I am working with Mr. Sudsina on hopefully refinancing not just the one issue we were going for earlier but possibly the 2002 issues which if we are able to be successful should have a significant impact on going forward in the future. Second of all we had Fire Union conciliation today. Right now the negotiations are done with the Fire Union –all we have to do is to wait for the conciliator’s report which she indicated would be issued on November 7th. I have nothing further to report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Slocum.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: The only thing I have to report is Norfolk Southern showed up and they are ripping apart the crossing at East 361st Street and rebuilding it in its entirety. I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Where are we on Edwards?

Mr. Gwydir: It looks like we are about two weeks out. The contractor got a little bit backed up. We found out we had to have a waterline lowering on East 330th. We did a test dig about a week and one half ago and we do have a conflict. So, we are going to petition Lake County with a new drawing and have the contractor lower the waterline under the contingency.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: I just have three quick items. I spoke with Mr. Warfield this afternoon in regards to our new truck. That should be ready by the second week of November. It is in the shop and they are working on it. The new sewer vac truck will be in on Thursday. We sent it back because there was a problem with it – that has been corrected. Thursday and Friday will be training for all people in the Sewer Department so everyone will know how that truck operates. Last but not least all the leaf machines have been serviced except for one and that should be completed this week. We hopefully will not have any breakdowns with those. This concludes my report and I am open for questions

Mayor Andrzejewski: Just so Council knows I have talked with Mr. Semik about selling the old sewer vac. There is no use for us to keep it because the reason we bought a new one was because the old one kept breaking. He is going to look into putting it on e-Bay or somewhere to try to sell it. If we get \$25,000 - \$30,000 for it that could be another leaf machine or lawn mowers or whatever we need. Why keep that old piece of junk around. Because it will hopefully be over \$12,500 we will need legislation.

There were no questions of Mr. Semik.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt
Mr. Stigalt was absent and excused.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik (Lt. Gonzalez was present to represent Chief Reik)
Lt. Gonzalez: I have nothing to report.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington
Fire Chief Whittington was absent and excused.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. CENDROSKI, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL