

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

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 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lajeunesse.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. DePledge, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio 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 Condron, Service Director Semik, CBO Stigalt, City Engineer Gwydir, Police Chief Ruth and Fire Chief Whittington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 26, 2010. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

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

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Morley

Meetings Scheduled

The next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the Regular Council Meeting being scheduled Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Charter Review Commission meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A communication was received from Finance Director Condron regarding the Agreement with the Village of Timberlake for Fire and/or Rescue Services. This was referred to Safety Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration requesting to advertise for bids for a roof project for the Taft Senior Center. This was referred to Recreation Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration regarding the purchase of the PAL properties on Roberts Road. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration regarding the Fiscal Year 2009 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement. This was referred to Finance Committee.

A communication was received from the Administration proposing an amendment to City Ordinance 1147.15 "Exception for Existing Lots of Record in Business Districts, subsection (g)." Mr. Morley explained that this would be referred to Ordinance Committee and asked Ms. Vaughn to invite the ECDC to attend.

Communications were received from the Administration recommending Conditional Use Permit renewals for Discount Drug Mart, Inc., 34100 Vine Street, Eastlake and ACME Federal Credit Union, 34799 B Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. These were referred to Planning Committee.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse: The Safety Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore there is nothing to report. As an item has been referred to the Safety Committee I will coordinate with the Clerk to schedule a meeting. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Hoefle

Mr. Hoefle: The Recreation Committee has not met since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting. As something has been referred into my Committee I will be scheduling a meeting shortly. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Hoefle.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee met on February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. with me, Mr. Knuchel and Mr. Lajeunesse present from the Committee. Also in attendance from Council were Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Hoefle. Ms. DePledge and Council President Mr. Morley were actually attending a Salmon Club meeting down the hall. My meeting only took seven minutes so they did not make it in time. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Condron, CBO Stigalt and Fire Chief Whittington. There were eight conditional use permit renewals on the agenda. In the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting we discussed All You Can Print which had issues with the Tax Department that needed to be straightened out. We actually sent that one back to the Administration. All the other seven renewals were all okayed by the Building, Tax and Fire Departments and it was agreed by the Committee to move those items forward. I will be making a Motion on those:

Conditional Use Permit Renewals:

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Conditional Use Permit renewal requests for:

Miss Kimberly's II, 34799 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake

Classic Billiards, 34525 Vine Street, Eastlake

Karen Hayes Interiors, 37703 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake

Michael DiCicco, CPA, 456 East Overlook Drive, Eastlake

Fifth Third Bank, 33464 Vine Street, Eastlake

Bokmann's Automotive, 1935 East 337th Street, Eastlake

Jeanne's Joynt, 36091 Vine Street (Jean Kinney), Eastlake

Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Conditional Use Permit renewals for Miss Kimberly's II, 34799 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, Classic Billiards, 34525 Vine Street, Eastlake, Karen Hayes Interiors, 37703 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Michael DiCicco, CPA, 456 East Overlook Drive, Eastlake, Fifth Third Bank, 33464 Vine Street, Eastlake, Bokmann's Automotive, 1935 East 337th Street, Eastlake, and Jeanne's Joynt, 36091 Vine Street (Jean Kinney), Eastlake are approved.

Additional Comments:

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. D'Ambrosio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Knuchel

Mr. Knuchel: The Finance Committee met on February 2nd and the only thing on the agenda that evening was discussion of the 2009 final year-end budget. There were a few surprises. We actually brought in more revenue than we anticipated in quite a few certain areas - which we probably cannot expect to duplicate next year. There were areas where we did exceptionally well – one of which was back taxes. Areas we did a little bit less on were – a settlement with a certain company who has owned us back taxes for a few years back and are not current on their taxes and we will be looking at that very shortly. As far as the revenues went we did fairly well. Expenditures came in pretty much at what we were anticipating. We encumbered \$770,000 for expenses we incurred in 2009 or will incur in 2010. That was up a little bit from last year but we had some big projects we started and were in the middle of. We encumbered money for those expenses. All in all had we not done some one-time infrastructure projects like South Lakeshore Blvd. and Quentin Road pump station we would have come out approximately \$32,000 to the good. We did cut into our surplus a little bit but that was anticipated and agreed upon by all members of Council. These were infrastructure items that needed to be taken care of that were let go for quite a few years. And, as the Mayor reminded me we did get State matching funds for a lot of those projects. This 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 had a meeting and I will of course honor your request when I do have a meeting to discuss the amendment to City Ordinance 1147.15 to invite the ECDC. And I also respectfully request the Chief Building Official - when you refer something to Ordinance Committee if you could look at the entire Chapter 1147 so we do not piecemeal this. One time we will get 1147.15, subsection (g) and six months from now will get 1147.15, subsection (f). When you are looking at this it would make everyone's life a little easier if you could take a look at everything it encompasses if at all possible. I would appreciate it and I will be setting a meeting shortly. 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 and at this time there is no meeting scheduled as there is nothing in Committee. As the Port Authority liaison I was able to attend their meeting on January 14th – we can anticipate a request from the Port Authority for dredging – we should be receiving a letter very soon. And, also South Island – which is a small island on the eastside of the river - has been designated a protective property. There will be no development on that and it is supposed to help the erosion in that area. I would like to apologize for everyone for missing the first meeting. I also wanted to say that I had an opportunity Friday and Saturday to go to the ice skating rink at Classic Park with my niece and nephews – I saw the Mayor there. They skated for about three hour's non-stop and had a ball. It was a great, great time. The skates are incredible – they are brand spanking new – we pulled the paper out of the toes. My sister and my nephew had a few suggestions for the Mayor. It was a very good idea. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. DePledge

Mr. Morley: I received an email today from someone who was just elected Vice President of one of the clubs – I will send you the email so we can coordinate a time to meet with him. He just wants to introduce himself.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Morley, if it is possible – since that is in my Ward I would like to attend as well.

Mr. Morley: No problem.

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 2010-011

Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO.: 02-09-(01)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Drago Babic, dba D B Motors, 34682 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake, OH, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2010-011.

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Requested by: Planning Commission
Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio

ORDINANCE NO.: 02-09-(02)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to A.T. Automotive, LLC, 1601 East 361st Street, Unit B, Eastlake, OH, 44095, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2010-012.

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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: We did finalize the agreement with the company who will be renting the room at the JFK Senior Center. They have contacted Time Warner and AT&T so we will be taping the first programs the end of February – it should work out nice. It will be a nice way for us to communication once again with our residents. Ms. DePledge, I appreciate what you said. I was there a couple of days – I know Mr. Morley and his wife were there and Mr. D'Ambrosio. It is working out well. I spoke with Officer Little who advised that we had 25 skate rentals on Saturday. We appreciate the help of PAL – they have been renting the skates and doing the concession stand. Actually, the skating rink is now in the best shape it has been in all year because of the nice cold weather and the fact that we have been able to put a couple of layers of water on it – it has worked out well so far. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: Mayor, as far as this room situation at JFK Senior Center – are we going to receive a lease from them – are they going to use our equipment? We kind of touched on some of those things during the Finance Committee meeting – can you explain it further?

Mayor Andrzejewski: The lease has been signed. It allows them to use the room – that is it. There is no equipment they will use at JFK. They will just use the room. As far as what are they getting – they are getting the use of a classroom at the Senior Center and they will do computer classes, training, and also training with our seniors. On our side they will use our existing equipment to produce 3 one half hour shows each month and send them in a format to be put on Time Warner and AT&T.

Mr. Knuchel: My follow-up question to that would be – does that have to come to Council for approval?

Mayor Andrzejewski: We did bring it to you.

Mr. Knuchel: We did not see any paperwork on this.

Mayor Andrzejewski: It is less than \$12,500.

Mr. Klammer: It is not an expenditure of money. The provision that would bring it to you would be if it was over \$12,500. We do leases there all the time.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We did bring it to Council and pointed out that the next value per square foot for that classroom would be \$6,000.

Mr. Knuchel: That is the first time I have heard that information.

Mayor Andrzejewski: No, no, no.

Mr. Klammer: I think that is the first time any money was referred to.

Mayor Andrzejewski: We brought it to you and you guys said there was no need to come to you with it.

Mr. Morley: You talked about it at a meeting but we did not see any paperwork on it. I stopped at the Senior Center and spoke with Mr. Doberdruk who told me the same thing you are saying. Will the equipment that is here be moved over to the Senior Center?

Mayor Andrzejewski: No.

Mr. Morley: Will the show on Time Warner and AT&T just be those tapes or will it be like Channel 12 was before? Will there be able to be public announcements – for people to call in? We never talked about any of that.

Mayor Andrzejewski: The agreement is for them to produce 3 one-half hour shows and to put it on our cable network. And, I assume the Cable TV will run it continuously throughout the day. There was no discussion of public service announcements but I am sure – they seem to be nice guys – if we have public service announcements that we can talk to them about putting them in a format to put on there. I have to go back to the first point. When we brought all this to Council – both in the meeting here and through memos- there was nothing from Council – there was no indication whatsoever that you had any objections to this.

Mr. Morley: We are not saying we have any objections – don't get so tensed up.

Mayor Andrzejewski: But, there was never an indication from you. No - Mayor, you need to get us a lease – we need to approve it – we need to do anything like that. Really, Mr. Morley, there was no indication from Council. Rather the indication I got was to go ahead and get it done.

Mr. Klammer: I do not think they are saying that. He was asking whether it needed to be approved – unless it is over \$12, 500 it does not need to be approved. That is per our Ordinance. The \$6 square foot was information provided to me – it may not have been provided to you but it was to me.

Mr. Knuchel: I don't think I received a memo on any of this.

Mr. Andrzejewski: Mrs. Cendroski, you told me you thought it was a great idea.

Mrs. Cendroski: I did.

Mr. Knuchel: We never received any information. The only information we received was a conversation during a Finance Committee meeting where you stated you were looking into the possibility of doing this. I would have never asked for a lease or the possibility of a lease. Unless you were at a point where you were going to close a deal. No one up here – I would assume – is against this. We just want to know what the details are because we feel like we are out in the dark someplace.

Mayor Andrzejewski: No, no, no. All the details were given out. The only details are – 3 one half hour shows in exchange for a classroom. Mr. Klammer put together a one-page document. Our intentions were all good.

Ms. Vaughn: All I want to know is about the equipment – are they going to tape the show here?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Tape them here – right where they are always taped.

Ms. Vaughn: That is where I was confused.

Mr. Klammer: The point is – he has not gotten to that point yet – coordinating with them on the logistics. The lease agreement and their agreeing to do that is all that has been finalized. He needs to find out logistically about the taping.

Mr. Morley: Obviously the computer classes are at the Senior Center.

Ms. Vaughn: And as a trade off they are going to come here to tape?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Yes.

Ms. Vaughn: That is what I was trying to get to.

Mr. Morley: We try to ask you a question and you get all upset because you think we are against you. We are allowed to ask questions Mayor. You don't like it when we ask you questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I heard that you wanted to know why you did not have to approve this.

Mr. Morley: Because it is under \$12,500. We are pretty smart up here the last time I checked. Are we all alright? We all understand. Why not get everything all straightened out regarding the format and send us something so at least we know what is going on?

Mayor Andrzejewski: Did you get a copy of the signed lease?

Mr. Morley: No.

Mrs. Cendroski: We received nothing.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Just let me clarify. I will send you a copy of the lease if you think you really have to have a copy.

Mr. Morley: As a courtesy to us – yes. I send you stuff.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I thought my secretary did – there is no reason for you not to have a copy.

There were no further questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: You will find in your email a rather extensive legal opinion on the Finance Director's bond. I think that issue will come up again when we do the next re-appointment. It is painfully long and detailed but I think it will give you an idea of how it becomes an issue. If you have any questions let me know. I am open for questions.

There were no further questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condrón

Mr. Condrón: Per the last Committee meeting you received some information you wanted for 2007, 2008 and 2009 on compensation levels. We are working on the budget and will have it completed by Friday, February 26th. I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: I would like to thank Mr. Condrón for responding to my questions. As always I find him very easy to work with and I am grateful he is here. There were a couple of questions we left up in the air – one was with a certain entity that is renting out of the JFK Senior Center that seems to be quite a bit behind in rent – did we have any updates on that?

Mr. Condrón: I can check and let you know if we have received any money in the last week or so.

Mr. Knuchel: Also, the Council on Aging rent – is that something we receive annually?

Mr. Condrón: The \$2,400? Yes we got it the last few years – it is a standard boilerplate amount of \$2,400.

Mr. Knuchel: Do you know when that contract is up?

Mr. Condrón: I will have to check with Mr. Doberdruk on that – it has been pretty steady over the last couple of years.

Mr. Knuchel: We requested that when we were having financial problems – I thought there was a term attached. If there is – can you please get back to me on it?

There were no questions of Mr. Condrón.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik: As an update, JTO has started flushing sanitariums and storms in preparation for videoing for the upgrade on the Quentin Road pump station. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Knuchel: As we looked through the December, 2009 financial report one of the questions that came up during the Finance Committee meeting was the fact that we did appreciate that Signal Services or the company who replaced them has reduced in the amount of money that we paid them. The question was as to the training. I was under the impression

that the training had already taken place but the Mayor informed us that was not the case. Could you clarify what we are doing in training our employees to handle the new signal services?

Mr. Semik: One of the employees who started off with the training is no longer with us. Two other employees have expressed an interest in it. This is a long, ongoing process – there is not one class to which we can send them to make them a technician. There are prerequisite classes – like college classes and when they are available we will get them in. If they are available when the repair company comes in I have them meet the rep on the site to see what he is doing. So, they are getting that training. We have updated to the LED's so hopefully we will not have any problems with those. One of the problems we have with the signalization system is that they actually interface with the controllers and they can put the controllers out of sequence if they are not replaced if they go bad. So the repair company's rep said he would be more than happy to show the guys how to replace those. It is a slow process. I am looking into the International Municipal Signal Association, of which I am a member, to see if they have any classes coming up that we could send them to. I strongly recommend that even if we have to send them out of the City that if one is available that we do send them. My goal is to get them trained as quickly as possible so we can depend less and less on the repair companies and do more in-house.

Mr. Knuchel: Mr. Condrón, have we allocated any money in the 2010 budget to do this training?

Mr. Condrón: I can get with Mr. Semik to make sure we incorporate the training in the 2010 budget.

Mr. Morley: Are we going to get to the point where we can be totally independent?

Mr. Semik: I do not want to say that we are going to be completely self-sufficient. We do not do it that frequent. With the new equipment and the signal upgrades the guarantee is approximately 10 years. I do not think we will be totally self sufficient. The manpower and the frequency of repairs are just not that frequent where they are out there every day. We will still have to call someone to assist.

Mr. Hoefle: Last weekend we had some issues with snow. I received an email from a resident which we forwarded on. The memo says to get back to us ASAP – do you have an idea when I can get back to the gentleman? Have you seen it?

Mr. Semik: Yes, I have. Hopefully it will be complete by the end of the week.

Mr. Hoefle: We have had previous conversations about the Park n Ride at the ballpark – that there was someone at night who would clear the sidewalks. I used to try to do it myself every morning because I catch the first bus out. But, LakeTran has changed the locks so I cannot get in so they are not getting shoveled. The first bus is at 6:00 a.m. with the next at 7:00 a.m. I caught the 7:00 a.m. Monday morning and there was a huge drift there.

Mr. Semik: I will bring this up – we do have people on third shift. I will try to get him up there as quickly as possible to get that cleared. Also, LakeTran has now picked up the plowing of the spaces so we will no longer be doing it because LakeTran does do it at the other parking spaces. We will continue to make a pass through there where the bus actually comes and you people come in at.

Mayor Andrzejewski: LakeTran should also clear the sidewalks.

Mr. Semik: I will do it first thing in the morning.

Mr. Hoefle: Could you ask them to drop salt in the parking lot – Monday morning people were slipping and falling.

Mayor Andrzejewski: What we discovered was that the Park n Ride in Wickliffe and Mentor is fully maintained by LakeTran. When talking with the employees about how we could do this the question of why are we plowing for LakeTran when in fact we should not have been all these years. So, to be nice to LakeTran we said we would send our big truck and make one pass around to let the cars get in and out but then LakeTran has to plow their individual parking places and – we did not mention to them but I hope they understood – they would have to maintain their sidewalks also. They were very cooperative. They were not trying to say this is not their responsibility.

There were no further questions of Mr. Semik.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: The televising and the cleaning of the service areas as part of the Quentin Road pump station project is underway and will be going on for approximately the next few months and will be followed up by a small piece of excavation across Lakeshore Blvd. and that will be followed by work on the pump station. We are currently reviewing shop drawings for the pump station itself and miscellaneous items which are long lead time items. Those shop drawings are checked, corrected and returned to the contractors to order the parts. We anticipate the work on the pump station to start in late May or early June and to proceed on from there. I have also been working this past week with Mr. Semik and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners on making an application for a storm water improvement fund grant. There is approximately \$1.2 million out there through the Ohio EPA that is being given to cities to upgrade their public utilities – like the Service Garage lot. We will turn in an application to see if we can get some of the free money. The slide plans for S.R. 283 by the marina have been submitted to ODOT and we are currently negotiating for easements in that area. Other than that we have been working on a couple of miscellaneous items with the Chief and Mr. Semik. This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mr. Morley: Any progress on Houston Fisher pool?

Mr. Gwydir: No, Sir but there is a preconstruction meeting that has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. this Friday at City Hall. We are waiting for the contracts to get signed. The contractor is anxious to get underway and we are trying to oblige him.

Mayor Andrzejewski: Please explain what the slope project is.

Mr. Gwydir: On Lakeshore Blvd. by the school there is a culvert pipe that comes underneath and heads towards the lake north to south. If you noticed on the north side of the road it is beginning to settle and creep away – that slope is failing. Some years ago an agreement was made with ODOT that they would provide approximately \$383,000 for the slope repair and the City would prepare the plans and obtain the easements. We are coming to the point where all the plans have been completed and sent to ODOT - we are finalizing things and looking forward to corrective reconstruction sometime during the summer.

Mr. Morley: Is that at the location by Hillcrest where every summer there is a water leak?

Mr. Gwydir: No, this is on top of the hill – between Hillcrest and Forest. You can tell when you are headed west after you pass Forest – if you look to the right towards the guardrail you will see where the guardrail has started to ease down the hill. That slope is slowly but surely failing.

Mayor Andrzejewski: A new waterline will be put in – correct.

Mr. Gwydir: No Mayor, that is not correct. Actually a new waterline was placed in that area prior. The only thing we did do was to move the waterline to the south edge of Lakeshore Blvd. away from the slide failure area in anticipation of the project.

Mr. Hoefle: Mr. Gwydir, I spoke with you last week in regards to the liner at Houston Fisher pool. I wanted to make sure everyone on Council was aware – in the paper it said the liner would be sprayed in. I did have Mr. Gwydir provide me a web site and I will provide copies to Council. The liner is not a sprayed in liner. Mr. Gwydir, do you want to give them a brief as to what kind of line will go it?

Mr. Gwydir: It is a 60 mill vinyl liner over 111 mill felt backing and it will all be adhered to the inside of the pool and all heat welded together and clipped into the new stainless steel gutter around the surface of the pool.

There were no further questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth: You probably heard about it – two of our officers were involved in an accident on the freeway last Monday. They were at a traffic stop and were hit from behind by a drunk driver. There was substantial damage to two cars and the civilian vehicle that was stopped at the traffic stop. The officers sustained relatively minor injuries at this particular point. I still have one of the officers out – he will be getting an MRI tomorrow to see if he sustained any additional injury to his back. But, just through fate they were not seriously injured. Had the officer been out of the vehicle approaching the violator's vehicle at the time it probably would have been a tragedy. It is something to make you aware and make you think – this is a very dangerous job our guys do and we need to take that very seriously sometimes and not take them for granted. This is just an example of how fast things can turn south on us. Fortunately, they will probably be fine. We will get the cars fixed. But, it is something we need to be aware with our Safety Forces. Other than that it is business as usual and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Ruth.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: It has been a pretty busy fire season around western Lake County. We had a fire in an apartment building in downtown Willoughby and another house fire in Willoughby Hills that we assisted on. It is an unusually busy season for us. We provided assistance to them as they do to us in our time of need. I also want to reiterate what the Chief is saying. We are very thankful that the officers were no more seriously injured than what they were. We can take a sigh of relief from that. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt: Tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Dollar General will be before the Architectural Review Board – hopefully the weather will not prohibit Mr. Moss from showing up. The Senior Center bus garage has been finalized just in time for them to use to keep the bus dry and free from snow. Walgreens site plan is finalized – we should get the construction drawings in the next two or three weeks. It is pretty much business as usual. I should have a finalized copy of the property maintenance by the end of the month. I am on Chapter 4 so I only have three chapters left. We should get that to you with all the changes and additions highlighted in red. I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Stigalt.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:13 p.m.

DENNIS MORLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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