

**EASTLAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Eastlake City Council was held at Eastlake City Hall, 35150 Lake Shore Boulevard. The Meeting was called to order by Council President Mr. Elshaw 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. D'Ambrosio, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Zontini, Mr. Morley, Ms. Vaughn and Council President Mr. Elshaw. Also attending was Asst. Council Clerk Carolyn Ryans.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Finance Director Mr. Condrón, Law Director Mr. Klammer, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir and Fire Chief Whittington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Lajeunesse moved to approve the minutes of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of September 9, 2008. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Unanimous

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Lajeunesse moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting with adjournment into Executive Session of September 9, 2008. Mr. D'Ambrosio seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Elshaw

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Elshaw: A Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITION

A Liquor License Request was received for Riser Foods Co., Vineyard Center, 34700 Vine Street, Eastlake. Mr. Elshaw explained that due to the time sensitivity of this matter it was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole Committee. Mr. D'Ambrosio will be making a Motion to approve during his report.

A communication was received from the Administration regarding a proposed amendment to City Ordinance Section 1145.13 "Accessory Buildings and Uses: Garages and Parking Facilities." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

A referral was received from the Planning Commission regarding a Conditional Use Permit for Bokmann's Automotive, 1935 B East 337th Street, Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee.

A request was received from the Administration to advertise for bids for Pavement Lane Marking for 2009 & 2010 and Camera and Joint Grouting for 2009. This was referred to Service/Utilities Committee.

A Conditional Use Permit Renewal request was received for Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. This was referred to Planning Committee

A communication from Councilman Mr. Zontini was received regarding a proposed amendment to City Ordinance Section 155.01 "General Administration." This was referred to Ordinance Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lajeunesse

Mr. Lajeunesse The Recreation Committee has not had a meeting since the last regularly scheduled Council meeting, therefore, I have no formal report. However, I have talked to Mr. Matheke and mentioned to Mr. Semik earlier this morning in regards to the renaming of Willow Way Park and he recommended a new sign. I will be sending a memo to our Law Director asking him to give us instructions in how to go about renaming Willow Way Park.

Also, I was able to drive down a few streets this morning and check out how the Dura-Patcher was working and it seems to be saving a lot of time in filling up the big chuckholes. Hopefully, we can get some of the big chuckholes filled and have some happy residents who have had to drive over the holes many, many times.

Also, regarding to Valu King – Mayor, will Valu King hamper the extension of the WalMart regarding the remodeling and future considerations in the future?

Mayor Andrzejewski: I will be discussing Valu King in my report.

Mr. Lajeunesse: That will be fine. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Lajeunesse

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. D'Ambrosio

Mr. D'Ambrosio: The Planning Committee did have a meeting on September 10, 2008 at 6:16 p.m. Members of the Committee that attended were myself, Mr. Knuchel and Mr. Zontini. In attendance from Council were Mr. Lajeunesse and Mr. Elshaw. Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Morley were excused. From the Administration was CBO Mr. Stigalt. There were three Conditional Use Permits and one Conditional Use Permit Renewal and a Liquor License Request. I will be making a motion on the CUP Renewal and the Liquor License Request. Everything will be moving forward.

Liquor Request Recommendation

MOTION: I hereby move to approve and send back to Columbus, Ohio with no objections the Liquor License Request for Riser Foods Co. Vineyard Center, 34700 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Liquor License Request was approved.

Conditional Use Permit Renewal Recommendation

MOTION: I hereby move to approve the Conditional Use Permit Renewal for Regovich's Catering at 35746 Lakeland Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL. Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. The Conditional Use Permit Renewal was approved.

Additional Comments

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Since there are a few items put in my committee I will be scheduling a meeting. Before I close my report I would like to say I think a great job was done by our Police Department, Fire Department and Service Department regarding the storm that we had. I was getting six to eight calls a day regarding the storm damage. You can't please everybody because it took time to respond to some calls, but I think you all did a great job. That 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 did meet on September 10, 2008 at 6:51 p.m. In attendance were myself, Mr. Lajeunesse and Mr. D'Ambrosio. Also, in attendance were Mr. Zontini and Council President Mr. Elshaw. Mr. Morley and Ms. Vaughn were absent and excused. In attendance from Administration was Finance Director Mr. Condon. We had two items on the agenda for that evening. The 2009 Amounts and Rates Acceptance – that was discussed in Council-as-a-Whole by Mr. Condon. The other thing we did was a mid-year Budget Review. Some of the points that stuck out were: we had 2.3% earnings rate on our investment earnings that covers some of our stadium debt; our court costs were down; police comp time was above projections; special legal services came in pretty low; our collections throughout this period for income tax and other collections were good; and, we had lower natural

gas and electricity costs across the board. That concludes my report and I am open for any questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Knuchel.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Vaughn

Ms. Vaughn: The Ordinance Committee was held on September 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Committee in attendance were Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Morley and Mr. D'Ambrosio. Present from Council were Mr. Zontini, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Morley and Council President Mr. Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Mr. Klammer, Finance Director Mr. Condon, CBO Mr. Stigalt and City Engineer Mr. Gwydir.

It was an interesting meeting with a lot of discussion. We discussed Chapter 1163 "Zoning Board of Appeal." There were good points made and a good exchange of ideas but this matter will be held in Committee pending Mr. Stigalt's review as to why the height was set as it was.

We, also, discussed Section 741.20 "Ice Cream Truck; Regulations." Our Councilman Mr. D'Ambrosio stated that several residents showed interest and wondered why we don't have ice cream trucks? There is an Ordinance that says we can have ice cream trucks, but they can't play music. This Ordinance was changed for various reasons so this piece of legislation was taken out of Committee with no action.

We then discussed Chapter 1361 "Fences." We needed to get clarification on 1361.04 before we could move forward with this. This was held in Committee pending Mr. Stigalt's review in order to be able to cover all the fences.

Thank you to Mr. Elshaw for attending many meetings on the "Gas and Oil Wells" situation. He went into great detail as to our proposed legislation for gas and oil wells in Eastlake. There has to be some revisions and verbiage changes to the legislation - so we look forward to adding those changes to the legislation for consideration.

In addition, we put on tonight's agenda Legislation No. 09-23-08, "Resolution Opposition to Existing Law Regulating Exploration and Drilling of Oil & Gas Wells." We feel strongly that there should be safety issues, locations, operations etc.; therefore, we are moving forward with the passage of this resolution at this tonight's meeting.

I would like to thank the Safety Forces - I know in my Ward the firefighters were out helping provide generators to people who did not have power.

This concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Ms. Vaughn.

SERVICE/UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Zontini

Mr. Zontini: The Committee met on September 17, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. In attendance from the Committee were myself, Mr. Morley and Mr. Lajeunesse. In attendance from Council were Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Vaughn and Council President Mr. Elshaw. In attendance from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Mr. Klammer, Service Director Mr.

Semik, Finance Director Mr. Condrón, City Engineer Mr. Gwydir and CBO Mr. Stigalt. We had four items on the agenda that evening with two of them being the pump stations for Quentin Road and the South Lakeshore Blvd. Improvements which Mr. Gwydir explained for us earlier. Also, there is the City Auction for City vehicles that are no longer of use to the City. That's also on this evening's agenda. The fourth item was the Easement Agreement for the City of Eastlake and the Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T. We, initially, decided to move this forward with some changes or some clarifications, but I have since learned that there has been some confusion because of two easements involved and some of the verbiage has been mixed up between the two easements. So we are going to hold this until we get that clarified with the Committee. The Committee was polled and were all in agreement to hold and not move on it. This will not be on this evening's agenda tonight. That concludes my report and I am open to questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: I was just looking at Mr. Zontini's memo regarding a proposed amendment to City Ordinance Section 155.01 "General Administration." I have been on Council for five years and it has been four years since 155 has been reviewed. It has to do with the Directors' salaries and various other things. I think that it is good that we are researching 155 and I appreciate the time Mr. Zontini put into this because I know that took a lot of time.

There were no further questions of Mr. Zontini.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Morley

Mr. Morley: We have not met since the last Council Meeting. We are meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. We are having a gentleman from Nestor Traffic Systems come in to give us a presentation. The Police Chief will be there and I have invited the other Directors and anyone from the Police Department that wanted to be there to talk about the traffic signals system. Also, on a personal note I have not had my e-mail working for about a week. So if anyone is trying to e-mail me that is why I have not responded. I know the City is working on it with AT&T to see what the problem is. I also know Mr. Elshaw is having a major issue with his e-mail. So if anybody is trying to e-mail me it is better if you contact me at the Council office or call me at home. Also, I would like to thank the Safety Forces and the Service Department for all their hard work. The Fire Department was on my street because some trees fell by some houses - so I did have a chance to go out with them for about an hour and a half. And within that hour and a half we probably had ten calls that we went to due to different wires down and trees down and they did a great job communicating with the residents and calming some of the residents that were upset. My hat's off to them as usual. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

Mayor Andrzejewski: I just wanted to clear something up. The Nestor Traffic System doesn't have anything to do with the signals. What the Chief of Police has requested is to look into the camera system and speed control system using little if any manpower.

Mr. Morley: The way it read was the Nestor Traffic Signal on the communication that I received. It is about the red lights and possibly about the speeders. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Morley.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Elshaw 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.

Melanie Hannel – Child Services

Ms. Hannel: I work for Child Services so this a professional meeting. I am here to inform City Council and the residents of Eastlake that the Child Services renewal levy will be on the ballot on November 4, 2008. It is not a tax increase and our funds go to support children that have been abused and neglected in Lake County. And to provide services to the families that need help to protect their children and keep them safe from home harm. We do investigate all kinds of situations, families in crisis, families that are in trouble financially. The funding protects the most vulnerable in our community, which are the children. It is a needed levy and we just want as much support as we could possibly get from the community. And this will ensure that we can provide the services - it is "Issue 19." Thank you.

Mr. Elshaw: Thank you, Melanie.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED - First number will be 2008-070

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 09-23-(01)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Ivan Kristo, agent for Kristo's Grille, 35757 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2008-070.

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 09-23-(02)

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Peter Van Ostrand, agent for Pete's Eastlake Tavern, 33274 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2008-071.

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Requested by: Planning Commission Sponsored by: Mr. D'Ambrosio	<u>ORDINANCE No. : 09-23-(03)</u> An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a of a Conditional Use Permit to Joseph Cappadonna, Agent for Biagio's donut Shop, 35523 Vine Street, Eastlake, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. D'Ambrosio moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Zontini seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Ordinance No. 2008-072.

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Requested by: Finance Director Condron Sponsored by: Mr. Knuchel	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 09-23-(04)</u> A Resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.
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MOTION: Mr. Knuchel moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-073.

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Requested by: Administration Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 09-23-(05)</u> A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local Transportation Improvement Programs(s) and
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to Execute Contracts as Required and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-074.

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Requested by: Administration	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 09-23-(06)</u>
Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini	A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local Transportation Improvement Programs(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-075.

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Requested by: Administration	<u>RESOLUTION NO.: 09-23-(07)</u>
	A Resolution authorizing and directing the
	Sponsored by: Mr. Zontini Director of Public
	Service to advertise for a Public Auction for the sale
	of various vehicles deemed no longer usable by the
	City of Eastlake, and declaring an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Zontini moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-076.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 09-23-(08)

Requested by: Mr. Elshaw
Mr. D'Ambrosio

A Resolution Expressing Opposition with
Existing Law Regulating Exploration and Drilling
of Oil and Gas Wells, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsored by: Ms. Vaughn

MOTION: Ms. Vaughn moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio,
Mr. Morley and Mr. Elshaw.

Abstain: Mr. Zontini

MOTION: Mr. Vaughn moved to adopt. Mr. Lajeunesse seconded.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Lajeunesse, Mr. Knuchel, Mr. D'Ambrosio,
Mr. Morley and Mr. Elshaw.

Abstain: Mr. Zontini

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No. 2008-076.

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LEGISLATION PENDING

There is 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: The first thing I would like to talk about is the tremendous response we received and support from northeast Ohio citizens and every county around us in sending in donations to replace the flags that were ripped apart by the immense storm we had here from the remnants of Ivan. We had the Committee – Mr. Joe Strand, Mr. Jim Strand and Mrs. Lois Sbrocco and a dozen people out there the next day taking the flags down and moving good flags over to where they are all together. The News-Herald did a story about the flags which we received a nice response to. The television station came out and talked with Mr. Jim Strand. Mr. Joe Strand put in our news report and then the next day I had the opportunity to go on WTAM radio with Mr. Bob Franz who started a drive. I just couldn't believe the success of that drive. By noon that day we had enough to replace the flags. I went on the next day and assured the people and let the audience know that if there was any money left over and above the \$5,300 that we needed to replace all the flags that it would go into a fund that would replace flags, poles and plaques. We also received letters and e-mails. We had Girl Scouts and the American Legion

send in donations. Longfellow School brought in \$170 in coins that they collected. We received calls from Akron, Canton, Hudson, and Lorain. The tremendous response to the Boulevard of Flags is a monument to all the Service people, who are not only serving our country today, but who served our country in the past. You need to be here to see the outpouring of support of our veterans. The number of people that have actually visited Eastlake and seen the Boulevard of Flags has been a lot.

The Committee has decided not to put up the flags since we only have a month to go before they would be all taken down. And next spring when we put them up around Memorial weekend we will be sending out postcards because we have kept track of all those people and business that have sent in donations inviting them to come out to the unveiling of the flags. I know there are a couple of businesses who want to remain somewhat in the background. People would call in and say if you raise \$4,000 and you need a \$1,000 we'll give you a \$1,000 - four groups did that. It was nice to see the support and I know the Committee works hard to replace the flags so this will be a nice little nest egg for the future.

The second thing I would like to talk about is the grocery store. It has been the accumulation of about two years work. There were two of three possibilities that could come out of this whole thing. Finally, the result is we are going to get a Valu King grocery store opening at the end of November. They are looking for a start date of November 30th. It will be the first of its kind in the county. It is a subsidiary of Giant Eagle but they want to be known and they are going to be marketing everything as Valu King. The best way I can describe it to you is that it is a no frills grocery store – something we need in this City. By no thrills I mean no pharmacy, no video rentals, no in-store bakery but they will have a meat department and a butcher. It will be a union store; hopefully, they need to work out the negotiations. They will have groceries, a meat section, fruits, etc. They will have two or three store brands and they will have name brands. They will have pop, beer and wine.

Mr. Lajeunesse, this will answer your question. Valu King has assumed the lease from Centro who owns the Vineyards and when they assumed the lease - the restriction of WalMart was fruits, vegetables and meats into a Super WalMart - which has to be put on hold because the grocery store has that deed restriction on there.

So we are pleased to announce we will have a grocery store and the people of Eastlake will like this grocery store because as they have pointed out we did a market study on Eastlake and the surrounding communities and our residents in the surrounding communities need more value for their grocery money. The audience here is the same age as I am and you can remember back when you were kids and teenagers you had a grocery store which did not have all the fancy stuff. That's what the market study shows that's what the people want. We announced it to Council the same day we worked out the final arrangements. I hope the word got out in the community because they haven't made an announcement yet but they will shortly.

The other thing here that we have been working on for three years is the removal of the deed restriction on the old Senior Center. The Transportation Bill passed through Congress the other day so now we are waiting for word on this from the Senate to vote on the bill that when they pass the bill that the deed restriction will be removed. We have sent a memo to Council about a month ago that there has to be a price tag put on it and the price tag is \$30,000. That still could go up or it could come down – we don't know. They would not attach it to the bill without a

price tag on it. That would be a tremendous bargain for us to get that out of the way and be able to use those 19 acres which would be something that could benefit Eastlake. We have one more hurdle to pass. I have been talking to Congressman LaTourette's office, Senator Voinovich, Senator Brown and they are all behind this and they are trying to get this done for us. So we should know when they vote on that particular bill.

The next thing I would like to mention is that there will be a Halloween car cruise Sunday, October 26, 2008 behind City Hall.

Lastly, there is a special thank you to WalMart. WalMart worked with us and the Kiwanis to distribute \$25 gift cards to the residents in the apartment building on E. 337th St. who were without electricity for a week. We had to arrange this where WalMart couldn't give the gift cards directly to the people so they donated the money to the Kiwanis. The Kiwanis went with me to WalMart and bought gift cards and then we went to the apartments to distribute the gift cards and the people were very happy to receive them. So my thanks to WalMart and the Kiwanis. That concludes my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mayor Andrzejewski.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer: The price tag is not \$30,000 but \$300,000.

Mayor Andrzejewski: That's correct the price tag is \$300,000.

Mr. Klammer: Mr. Zontini, regarding AT&T, we clarified the easements - one on Waverly, which was the one you were considering; they have agreed to pay \$2,500. They, also, wanted one for the cell tower which they have agreed to pay \$2,500. I have forwarded that information to you.

Mr. Lajeunesse, I received your memo regarding the nuisance animals and I just sent you an e-mail and an e-mail to Chief Ruth to use Ordinance 521.08 as it would be considered littering.

Mr. Lajeunesse, as to the name change of Willow Way Park - that would just be changed by a resolution through Council to re-name the park. You would have to get a new sign and that should just be considered expenditure. You will have to get with the Mayor and Council on this.

That concludes my report and I will be open for questions.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Thanks for your quick response to my memo I just sent you.

Mr. Klammer: Ms. Vaughn, regarding the fence on Waverly Rd. - they are talking about taking down that fence.

There were no questions of Mr. Klammer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Brian Condrón

Mr. Condrón: I mentioned that the last Council meeting in September 9th, the City's 2006-2007 audit began on the 18th – it is moving on a little faster now – they have committed a couple more

auditors. The audit is progressing well. I am continuing working on the Five-Year Forecast and should provide it to Council by the end of the month. This concludes my report and I will be open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Condron.

TAX ADMINISTRATOR – Angela Keneven-Zanella

Mrs. Keneven-Zanella was absent and excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mike Semik

Mr. Semik was absent and excused.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – John Stigalt

Mr. Stigalt was absent and excused.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: I am working on Issue 1 - we are working on the final form and other issues as they arise. I have nothing new to report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions of Mr. Gwydir.

POLICE CHIEF – John Ruth

Chief Ruth was absent and excused.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: The Fire Department would like to thank Council for the kind words regarding Sunday night. We started the evening out rescuing several teens on the lake and we ended with several trees down on Waverly. We had about fifty calls. We quadrupled our runs. As far as the emergency calls go we were prioritizing our calls. The problem was getting service returned to the residents. There were several days the residents were without power. My recommendation to the residents is to go on the FEMA web sight. It tells the people how to prepare for a storm. It is called “Citizen Preparedness” and tells the citizens how to prepare their home and what they should have in their home such as food, water and batteries. The Fire Department has a handout book “Preparing for Emergencies” that I will give to Council. This is a good handout so you can make a checklist of what you should have on hand in an emergency. On Monday morning the Fire Marshall and I did follow-up runs to make sure the residents were better than the night before. I do have copies of the run log that we did in your Ward. If you would like a copy of this please let me know I will make you a copy of it. Just to let you know - when we put calls into the Electric Company they give us a time frame of when they will come out to repair the problem. They were so busy with calls after the storm they wouldn’t even field our calls – we had to fax the problem areas to them. Our main priority was E. 337th St. because they had some poles down.

On September 18, 2008 we had an intentional fire set on E. 331st. Through the work of the Police Department they did get the suspect identified. Not much damage was done, but the suspect was caught due to the aggressiveness of the Police and Fire Department. That’s all I have and, again, thanks for the kinds words.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Chief Whittington I want to complement you on your Department as well as the Police Department and the Service Department for their efforts. I noticed this memo here dated September 18, 2008. You certainly are a visionary and I think you are going to be very good for the future of this community with your progressive thinking. Could you please explain briefly what you are looking for out of this memo in regards to the old Senior Center?

Fire Chief Whittington: I spoke with the Mayor, today, regarding the Senior Center. We have that property in mind. In my mind we would like to have an area where we can develop a training facility and it doesn't have to be at the Senior Center. That was just a suggestion to use the Senior Center. It would be a training facility where we could build it up to a point where we would go for a grant to build a burn tower. It would be for Lake County and Geauga County. The training facility would incorporate the west-end and the partners could train there. Then we could have an affiliation with a college where we could start holding classes in there. We could start drawing some revenues from the training facility. This is just a thought and some ideas because there is nothing like that in Lake County and maybe the taxpayers could benefit from it. The colleges have some training facilities such as - Tri-C has a paramedic program. I know that Auburn Career Center has some fire training facilities. There is nothing like that in the area so it would be a benefit to the City if we had a compound where we could have those kinds of classes and those types of things. Again, this was just a thought with the Senior Center seeing that the building was in Eastlake because we could have the building somewhere else.

Mr. Lajeunesse: Wherever it is I just think it is progressive – I think that it's good.

There were no questions of Chief Whittington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

DEREK W. ELSHAW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____

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

