

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY
JUNE 11, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

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. Meyers at approximately 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDEES

Members of Council in attendance were, Mr. Kasunick, Mr. Spotton, Mr. Evers, Mr. Overstreet, Mr. Zuren, and Council President Mr. Meyers. Also in attendance was Council Clerk Mrs. Simons. Mr. Hoefle was absent and excused.

Those attending from the Administration were Mayor Morley, Fire Chief Whittington, City Engineer Gwydir, and Law Director Klammer. Police Chief Reik, CBO Menn, Service Director Rubertino and Finance Director Schindel were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – June 11, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Zuren moved to approve the Agenda for June 11, 2019. Mr. Spotton second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes- May 14, 2019 & May 28, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Zuren moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2019. Mr. Overstreet second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

MOTION: Mr. Zuren moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2019. Mr. Overstreet second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meetings Scheduled

Mr. Meyers stated that the next Council-as-a-Whole Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Council meeting will be convened immediately following the adjournment of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee meeting.

There were no questions for Mr. Meyers.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Meyers: No Committee Meetings were held since our last Regular Council Meeting. Is there anyone who wishes to address Council?

Mr. Zuren: Thank you Mr. President. There is a Banquet Facility Congregation Meeting that is open to the public this Thursday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Harvest Bible Chapel. It is right next to Four Points and the purpose of the meeting is to promote local events for the community. Thank you.

There were no questions for Mr. Zuren.

MOTION:

MOTION: Mr. Zuren moved to approve, in accordance with Article V, Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Eastlake the suspension of the last meeting in July, 2019 and the first meeting in August, 2019 for the summer break. Mr. Evers second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: 1/2 hour, 3-minutes per person

Mr. Meyers 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 wishing to speak at this time.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED: First number will be 2019-074

06-11-(01) RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration

Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 0.5-Mill Tax Levy for the purpose of providing fire apparatus, capital improvements and equipment for the Fire Department and requesting the Lake County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the city and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy, pursuant to Section 5705.03 and 5705.19 of the Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Evers moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Evers moved to adopt. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

Motion carried. Legislation is adopted as Resolution No.: 2019-074.

06-11-(02) RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Requested by: Administration
Sponsored by: Council

A Resolution submitting to the electors of the city the question of whether the City of Eastlake enact ordinances that permit the controlled hunting of white tail deer so long as the hunting is conducted with a declared hunting season by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; with a permit issued by the City of Eastlake upon proof of a hunter's proficiency with a longbow, compound bow or crossbow; and only in locations determined safe and with the express permission of the property owner, and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Evers moved to suspend the rules requiring separate readings and reading in full. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Yeas unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Evers moved to adopt. Mr. Kasunick second.

ROLL CALL: Two Yeas and Four Nays.

Motion denied. Legislation was not adopted.

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 – Dennis Morley

Mayor Morley: Thank you Mr. President and welcome everyone to this evenings meeting. First of all I would like to thank all of our safety forces, especially dispatch with the earthquake yesterday. It was amazing to go to dispatch and we had about 351 calls to 9-1-1 asking if there was an earthquake. Once I talked to the chief and we did a few things I did post on our Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook pages about calling unless it's an emergency. I've heard some of the calls where they were just asking. Our dispatchers have to go through if you have any damage and all that, and people wanted to continue to talk. It wasn't that our dispatchers were short but they needed to get to the next call, because they were so overwhelmed. The Fire Chief actually went over there and talked to them. I went over and talked to dispatch, but again they were bomb barded within that hour...at least in the first hour of when it happened. I would just emphasize especially Council and anyone on social media is do not call in unless something happened to your house, something happened to a structure of the road, or something like that. Again it was just overwhelming for them. I applaud our dispatch and our safety forces for what they do during these incidences. If there was something major we might not be able to get to the call or the call can't wait, while we're talking to the other ones. We just need to be more diligent on there. I talked to the City of Mentor also and they posted the same thing that I had put up about them getting overwhelmed with phone calls. I get that when people hear "boom" or something like that, but it was on the news right away. I've been getting calls again on the Timberlake Police pulling over our residents or any other resident...we sent a letter to them. I emailed the mayor today and Chief Reik is going to talk to the chief in Timberlake. My last discussion with the chief was they make a lot of pull over's, but they really have not been giving any tickets out. I think out of 123 pull over's they only gave out like 20 tickets. It's still aggravating for people to get pulled over, and we are going to work on that. We are looking at a grant possibly through FEMA for the river. It has to be in by July 10th. I was going to sit down with the engineer and Ms. Schindel and take a look at that again to see if we want to apply for that. I also met with JAKPrints and RCG Premier last week to go over a game plan for the Vine Yards...there is some interest right now in the old Blockbuster. I can't really say who that is and there are two more people interested in the old BP. Then we talked about some signage with JAKPrints and they are actually going to fix the front doors and start parking everyone in the front, so it looks like there are some people in there. Instead of us just saying that there are people in there, but if you go there they all park in the back right now. Mr. Westerfield from the Ohio Wildlife is going to come in and meet with me tomorrow about the deer again, to try and get some more information from him. Actually had another meeting today on the Watershed and Mayor Fiala is going to announce it in the meeting tomorrow and Danny from Painesville is also concerned with all the issues that they have been having in Painesville. They want to look at some sort of legislation if we end up having legislation. That concludes my report and I am open for questions. One other thing I got this email today with the local government fund and in the new budget possibly it's going to go from \$1.66 to \$1.68 maybe, so they are giving back. Mr.

Spotton and I were just talking about all the things that we are going to buy as soon as we get that .2. That does conclude my report and I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Mayor Morley.

FIRE CHIEF – Ted Whittington

Chief Whittington: Thank you Mr. President. I want to thank Council for passing to put that on the levy. It definitely helps the Fire Department and I definitely appreciate the support and putting it out there. Just a couple of things...we did complete Safety Town again. I believe it's the sixth year that we've done that and it's actually a pretty amazing thing. Because being able to be a part of that we touch a lot of our young people in this community. Young kids and the messages get out there very clearly. I know that we give them a lot or they are given a lot during that week, but the hope is that where there is some kind of memory recall when it does happen and it's presented in a manner where you can get through to a six year old. I think that we can relate to each other, but I definitely appreciate it. All the credit goes to and I know that she's here and probably isn't looking for it but Ms. Hardy the Police Secretary, and Ms. Snider who is one of the dispatchers. They plan it and even though it's a weeklong...I know the planning, the sponsorships, getting the things done for the kids, is probably a year round project. I really thing...I know I'm proud as one of the safety people down there when all of our residents are down there with their children, and you talk to them and you get the feedback from the parents and the grandparents. It's actually a good thing and it is another thing that we should be proud of. As far as the earthquake goes I think that the hip afterwards is probably more impressive than that actual event. But it was a good reminder for us especially on the safety side to go through our checklist. When we do our training and we talk about things usually that is probably the last thing on our list. I was reading something and they said about every ten years we usually experience some level of an earthquake. This was one of those ones and it was classified where it was enough to wake you up. To let you know it was there but it didn't do a lot of structural damage and that type of thing. I was on the phone right away with the Mayor and actually Mr. Menn from the Building Department wanted to know about structural manage. We briefed each other and I went over to dispatch and it really was overwhelming. I think that the natural reaction that most people have is to report it. Most certainly for a lot of events...if we had a fire on the street we will get a lot of 9-1-1 calls, but it's usually those people on that street. So I think it's manageable, but when it affects the entire community everybody in the community felt it, so it really did overwhelm dispatch. The only thing...I was talking to some of the media personnel is to say that we encourage people that when something like that happens go on your social media, because you are on your phone all the time anyway. Go on your social media accounts, turn on a radio if you have one, or turn on your television and reports will start coming in and that is where you should be getting your information. Unless you need the Police or the Fire Department...and that is what we were really trying to weed out. There are four phones in dispatch and there were four people, myself, records clerk, and one of the dispatchers went on patrol and as soon as you were picking up and when you hung up the phone was ringing again. I found myself already anticipating that somebody was just calling to let me know and the caution there is if I picked it up I had to make sure I was listening to what they were saying, because if they had a problem I just didn't want to hang up on them. We got through it and I think it worked out okay, but again as a reminder for any of these natural disasters and these emergencies have a good home plan,

make sure you have flash lights. Maybe educate yourself on where to be and what to do during an earthquake. We are concerned about is when you have houses that shift and gas lines that might shift and things along those line. But we had no damage and actually had zero injuries, which was a blessing. I could probably talk longer about that but I won't but anyway I am open for questions.

Mr. Meyers: Mr. Zuren?

Mr. Zuren: How many kids were at Safety Town this year?

Ms. Hardy: Thirty-five or thirty-six I believe.

Mr. Zuren: That was for the full week?

Ms. Hardy: For the full week yes.

Mr. Zuren: That's awesome.

Mayor Morley: There were two different classes and all of the graduation was all at one time. Like the Chief said afterwards the parents were coming and talking with us and the grandparents. We saw the graduates from the other years there being there for their brothers and sisters. It's a really cool event and the kids on those little tikes are pretty funny to watch.

Mr. Zuren: Congratulations on another successful Safety Town that's great.

There were no questions for Chief Whittington.

POLICE CHIEF – Larry Reik

Chief Reik was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Chief Reik.

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – David Menn

Mr. Menn was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Mr. Menn.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Nick Rubertino

Mr. Rubertino was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Mr. Rubertino.

CITY ENGINEER – Tom Gwydir

Mr. Gwydir: Thank you Mr. President, Members of Council, and Mr. Mayor. Just a couple of brief things the Galalina Pump Station is moving right along and Waverly is as well. They are

probably popping about 100 feet a day of pipe in there, which is phenomenal. Considering its 25 feet deep. There will be queing up on Lakeshore Boulevard until they get to Parkland Drive and route the trucks through there then they will pull those temporary signals off. They are flying along, so if you've had any complaints please let me know. I've answered some but other than that I am open for questions.

There were no questions for Mr. Gwydir.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Carol-Ann Schindel

Ms. Schindel was absent and excused.

There were no questions for Ms. Schindel.

LAW DIRECTOR – Randy Klammer

Mr. Klammer had nothing to report.


There were no questions for Mr. Klammer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.


JOHN MEYERS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: 6-25-19

ATTEST: 
TRACY M. SIMONS, CLERK OF COUNCIL