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January 2, 2024

The Council of the City of Willard met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, with the Clerk of Council calling the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Law Director gave the Oath of Office to the three At-Large Council people who will take office at this meeting: Alan Babcock, Charles Danhoff, and Diana Olson. They were elected at the November 7th municipal election for a 4-yr. term.

ROLL CALL: The Clerk called the roll and reported the following councilpersons present: Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig.

Mrs. Olson nominated Michael Elmlinger as President of Council. Moved by Sattig that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Elmlinger. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mr. Elmlinger was elected President, and the Law Director administered the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Olson nominated David Sattig as President of Council Pro Tem. Moved by Elmlinger that the nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Sattig. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mr. Sattig was elected President of Council Pro Tem, and the Law Director administered the Oath of Office

Mrs. Olson nominated Mrs. Brittany Hale as Clerk of Council. Moved by Elmlinger that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mrs. Hale. In a vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson, and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mrs. Hale was elected Clerk of Council, and the Law Director administered the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Olson nominated Bridget Tipton for Clerk of Council Pro Tem. Moved by Elmlinger that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mrs. Tipton. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mrs. Tipton was elected Clerk of Council Pro Tem, Law Director will administer the Oath of Office at a later date.

Mrs. Olson nominated Joseph Daniel as Mayor. Moved by Elmlinger that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Daniel. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson, Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mr. Daniel was elected Mayor, and the Law Director administered the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Olson nominated Alan Babcock for Vice Mayor. Moved by Elmlinger that the nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Babcock. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried. Mr. Babcock was elected Vice Mayor, and the Law Director administered the Oath of Office.

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MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 18, 2023, were presented for approval. In that copies were furnished to each Councilperson prior to the meeting, there was no request they be read. Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that they be approved as received. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

***Mayor Daniel read the Proclamation as follows:**

WHEREAS, We, the Willard City Council, wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Willard Firefighters, EMT's and Willard Police Officers for serving in the most hazardous of occupations; and,

WHEREAS, at a moment's notice, Firefighters, EMT's and Police Office are quick to respond to uncertain situations to mitigate danger and combat the threat of natural disasters in order to protect and minimize loss of life, liabilities and property damage; and,

WHEREAS, the danger of electrocution does exist in certain circumstances and on job sites; and,

WHEREAS, electrocution causes injury and sometimes death to Americans every year; and,

WHEREAS, electrocution hazards are the third highest cause of fatalities among construction workers; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighters, EMT's and Police Officers can, at any time and during any emergency, be called on to put their own lives at risk in the performance of their lifesaving duties; and,

WHEREAS, these Firefighters, EMT's and Police Officers, trained and certified, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of others to keep our communities safe when emergencies strike, and to minimize loss of life, liabilities, and property damage; and,

WHEREAS, these Willard Firefighters, EMT's and Police Officers, did respond to an electrocution at a local skilled nursing facility, on November 18, 2023, and proceeded to rescue two workers in a life-threatening situation while performing work in a JLG lift as safely and quickly as humanly possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Willard City Council, appeal to all of our citizens to join us in expressing appreciation to our Willard Fire and Rescue Department and our Willard Police Department, for their incredible response to the electrocution at Blossom Healthcare Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Set forth by my hand on this date, the 2nd day of January 2024.

Signed by: Joe Daniel, Mayor & Willard City Council

Jake McKenzie, Ward 2

Dave Sattig, Ward 3

Michael Elmlinger, Ward 4

Diana Olson, At-Large

Alan Babcock, At-Large

James Johnson, At-Large

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REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER:**

The next food giveaway is January 23rd, from 3-5 pm. The Second Harvest Food Bank was able to serve a total of 15,882 in 4,693 households through the food giveaway at the Willard Park. We thank Second Harvest and all the community volunteers that helped make this possible.

Announcements and finalizing of plans for the Sesquicentennial Celebration will be shared towards the end of January. The public is encouraged to and invited to join the subcommittees to help plan this celebration. These subcommittees will be meeting at these times:

The Historical Committee met today at 10 a.m.

Parade Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 3 at 9am at the Library Annex

150th Festival Committee will meet on Monday, January 8 at 3pm at the City Hall

Fundraising Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 3:15 at the City Hall

Core Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at 3:15 at the City Hall

Community Pride and the Gala/Ball committee meetings are TBD.

The fire department has been staying busy. They responded to a train derailment near Townline Road 12 and Section Line 30. The derailment knocked two large propane tanks off their pad. Fortunately, they did not combust. There was also a shooting yesterday that the EMS and Fire and Police Department responded to along with the Huron County Sherriff and Ohio State Patrol. We would also like to thank the Plymouth Fire and EMS that looked over us while we were responding to that situation.

Two of our firefighters participated in a two-day confined space training at the Stanley Black & Decker factory.

The police department has finally received a replacement vehicle for the Chevy Silverado. A Police Pursuit Tahoe was purchased back in April and finally delivered. A 2023 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit vehicle was ordered in August and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

The maintenance department has begun working on a catch basin clean out program, filling potholes in alleys, repaired four traffic signs along with a fire hydrant that was damaged.

Just a friendly reminder that public sidewalks shall be clear of snow, ice, or any other debris within 24 hours after such deposit.

ANEW in conjunction with the Willard Park hosted their Merry and Bright Christmas Light Contest. A total of thirteen applicants were nominated throughout the Willard School District. The winners were:

Griswold Award- 2227 Skinner Road
Hallmark Award- 606 Myrtle Avenue
People's Choice Award- 542 Easy Street
Hometown Proud Award- Harwood and Niedermeier Law Office

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Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion adopted.

ORD. NO. 5963-24: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 198.094, 198.10, AND 198.72 OF CHAPTER 198 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, OHIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was presented by Council President for its final reading by title only. This was done by the Council Clerk.

Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that the Ordinance be declared an emergency measure and the rule requiring it to lay over for 7 days be waived. In a called vote, Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Olson seconded by Danhoff that the Ordinance be adopted. In a called vote Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion adopted.

COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Daniel stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve as Mayor and congratulated everyone on their elected seats.

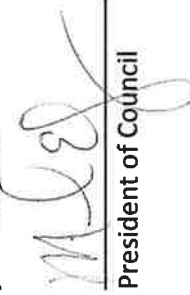
Olson congratulated everyone and Happy New Year!

Danhoff thanked everyone for his campaign and re-election!

McKenzie congratulated everyone and Happy New Year!

Elmlinger welcomed back Chuck Danhoff and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Moved by Olson, seconded by Danhoff that Council adjourn. In a called vote therein Babcock, Danhoff, Daniel, Elmlinger, McKenzie, Olson and Sattig voted yea. Motion carried.



President of Council



Clerk of Council