

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

March 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Conway, Cuttle, Dyer, Ridge, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Burch, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Burch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2014: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Cuttle to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Morris, 307 Pearl, stated that he is concerned with the storm basins being blocked by snow on some of the streets.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON- MIRANDA STEWARD: Miranda Steward reported that the weather has not cooperated too much with the Spring sports. The first girls soccer game is supposed to be on Wednesday pending the condition of the fields. Both the Jr. High and High School bands received 1st division ratings at the band festival that was hosted in Charlotte last week. Forty band students also competed in the Solo/Ensemble and twenty received first division ratings. The Band Bounce auditions will be held on Thursday, March 27th.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Councilmember Conway, supported by Baker to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11 C to discuss road funding options. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve reappointment of Lyle Robinette to the Planning Commission with term expiring 3/31/17
- B. Approve reappointment of Chris Bahmer to the Planning Commission with term expiring 3/31/17
- C. Appoint James Wyszynski III to the Sustainability Committee with term expiring 12/31/16
- D. Approve proposal from Moore & Bruggink, Inc. for Design and Construction UV Disinfection System WWTP
- E. Approve Biosolids Removal Bid to BioTech Agronomics Inc.
- F. Approve Waiver fo the Purchasing Policy to allow for purchase of Road Salt from State of Michigan MiDeal Contract 2014/2015 Winter Season
- G. Approve Second Amendment to Lease Agreement for Charlotte Jr. Orioles
- H. Approve Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$261,682.37

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Moved by Councilmember Cuttle, supported by Sanders to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE OF TEQUILAS MEXICAN GRILL**

Michael Brown, Attorney, representing Tequilas Mexican Grill, LLC, explained that they have applied for a Resort Class C Liquor License for operation at 430 N. Cochran, Charlotte, MI. They have to have a recommendation from the council before they can apply to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Moved by Councilmember Dyer, supported by Sanders to approve the recommendation that the application be considered by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

B. PRESENTATION OF YEAR END POLICE REPORT BY CHIEF SHERMAN:

Chief Sherman presented the year end police report. She highlighted the retirement of Chief William Callahan and Sgt. Daniel Schneider. Chief Sherman highlighted the number of new officers to the department and the phenomenal work that secretary Deb Kruger does for the department. She recognized Detective James Beal and the workload that he has handled in the past year with four fatalities. She

Chief Sherman reported that Part 1 and Part 2 crimes are down for the year.

C. DISCUSSION OF STREET FUNDING OPTIONS:

Councilmember Conway stated that he would like to discuss different street funding options. The streets need repairing and there needs to be some options discussed for funding whether it be bonds or a street millage. Councilmember Baker said that she is opposed to a bond because the street sometimes fails before the bond is paid for. Discussion was held on the deteriorating condition of the streets. The passer ratings on the

condition of the streets was explained.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reminded Council that he would like them to set some measurable performance goals that can serve as a basis for an evaluation for his employment contract.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge attended the Recreation Co-op meeting and the budget was approved. They are working to develop the property behind Peeble's for a softball field. They are working with ALIVE to develop walking trails.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, addressed the council stating that there is a need for good roads to attract people to the community. He stressed that this has been an ongoing issue and will continue to be. He feels that a bond or millage would fall solely onto the property owners and he is not in favor of this approach. It has to be addressed as it is a city wide problem.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Baker stated that she would encourage Mark Morris to call the Director of Public Works if he has questions for her.
- Councilmember Conway thanked everyone coming and participating in the discussion. He reminded everyone that with the cuts to revenue sharing it has been difficult to find money for streets.
- Councilmember Cuttle is encouraged to see the UV disinfection project approved for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Councilmember Dyer thanked Chief Sherman for her presentation.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked Chief Sherman for her report and Ben Phlegar for discussing the roads.

- Mayor Burch thanked Chief Sherman. She reported that there will be a Community Drug Forum on April 7, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Charlotte Community Library.

Councilmember Conway moved to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk