

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

August 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Cuttle, Baker, 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 JULY 28, 2014: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council regarding the failure of the street millage.

Cindy Miller, 407 Warren, addressed the council and thanked her fellow citizens for voting to nominate her for County Commissioner District 12.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: No Report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Cuttle moved, supported by Dyer to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 11d – Discuss possible survey to poll voters on why they voted down the road millage. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve Reappointment of David Skidmore to the Park Advisory Board with Term Expiring 5/30/2017.
- b) Approve Appointment of Cindy Miller to the Park Advisory Board with Term Expiring 5/30/2017.
- c) Approve Appointment of Yvonne Ridge to the LDFA/EDAB with Term Expiring 3/15/2015. (Replacing Wayne Kruger).
- d) Approve Appointment of Scott Cuttle as Council Representative to the CARA Board. (Replacing Branden Dyer)
- e) Approve Bid Low bid of Hammersmith Equipment Company in the Amount of \$16,435.00 for a Trailer Mounted Air Compressor.
- f) Approve Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract No. 2014-0294 Naming Amy Gilson as Contract Administrator for the City of Charlotte.

Resolution to approve MDOT Contract No. 2014-0294: A Resolution adopting and approving the following:

Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for the City of Charlotte from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Municipality hereby designates Amy Gilson as Maintenance Superintendent on state trunkline highways, who will supervise all work covered by this Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the members of the City Council of Charlotte, Michigan, that the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, Michigan, are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement in two (2) copies on behalf of the City Council of Charlotte, Michigan.

- g) Approve Firewood Bid in the Amount of \$125.50 to Doug Miller.
- h) Approve Milling & Resurfacing Bid for S. Sheldon St. from Michigan Paving & Materials in the Amount of \$101,103.50.
- i) Approve MERS Annual Meeting Officer Delegate – Ginger Terpstra and Alternate Officer Delegate Christine Mossner. Employee Delegate Todd Newman and Alternate Employee Delegate – Adam Smith.
- j) Set Public Hearing for MSHDA Grant Application for Planning Commission meeting on September 2, 2014.
- k) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$365,552.54.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Moved by Councilmember Baker, supported by Sanders to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

**A. CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1 FOR SIDEWALK SNOW
REMOVAL ALONG LANSING ROAD:**

Discussion was held on starting the Special Assessment procedure for snow removal on Lansing Street.

Councilmember Dyer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte administration has made a recommendation for the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purposes of removing snow and ice from specified sidewalks on Lansing St.; and

WHEREAS, based upon this recommendation, the City of Charlotte City Council considers it desirable to provide this public improvement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The matter of making said public improvement is hereby referred to the City Manager, who shall prepare a report thereon, which shall include plans and detailed estimates of the cost thereof and a description of the special assessment district and such other pertinent information as will permit the City Council to decide the cost, extent and necessity of the public improvement and what proportion of the cost should be paid by the City at large.
2. The City Manager shall present said report to the City Council when the same has been prepared.

Second by Ridge. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays .

B. AUTHORIZE SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONES AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to authorize setting public hearings for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments related to Mixed Use Overlay Zones and Accessory Buildings for September 2, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

C. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR DEMOLITION OF OPEN HANGAR STRUCTURE AT BEACH AIRPORT BY JEREMY DROSCHA:

City Manager Guetschow explained that Jeremy Droscha has offered a proposal to purchase the open walled hangar structure for \$1.00 at the airport to dis-assemble, relocate, and reassemble the structure for hay storage on his farm. The cost for the city to remove this structure could be upwards of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Sanders to authorize the sale of the open walled hangar structure at Beach Airport to Jeremy Droscha for \$1.00 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

D. DISCUSS POSSIBLE SURVEY TO POLL VOTERS ON WHY THEY VOTED DOWN THE ROAD MILLAGE:

Councilmember Conway stated that he would like to survey to find out why people voted “No” on the Road Millage. He stated that there may be several reasons why it was voted down but

would like to have a poll or public forum to discuss this issue and how to move forward from here.

Discussion was held on different locations that may be available to hold such a meeting.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to put Discussion of Survey or Community meeting on next agenda. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow stated the City has closed on the purchase of the former Bank of America parking lot and drive-through locations.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Cuttle stated that there will be a Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. He is looking forward to serving on the CARA Board once again.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that there will be a Recreation Co-op meeting on August 14, 2014.
- Councilmember Baker stated that Eatran is still in need of drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, stated that there should be more cuts on spending.

Cindy Miller, 407 Warren, commended the Mayor and council for the job that they do.

Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, stated that it is an element of our society in the turn out of the road millage being voted down. He said that some people just can't afford any more taxes. He stated that everyone needs to come together to solve the issue and not be divided. Everyone needs to work toward a solution. There is not enough money that can be cut from the budget to solve the road problems.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Cuttle stated that council needs to continue to educate the public on where the money is spent in the City.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that communication is key and that a Town Hall meeting would be a good idea. She is in favor of approaching solutions in a positive manner.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that education is a positive approach and citizens need to come to council to express their concerns.
- Councilmember Conway stated that people need to come to conclusions with mutual respect. He looks forward to moving forward.
- Councilmember Baker stated that the public needs to be educated.
- Mayor Burch stated that this City is very important to her. She sees Charlotte as a beautiful City.

Councilmember Cuttle moved to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk