

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 14, 2014: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014 as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: Councilmember Cuttle and Councilmember Baker.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to excuse Councilmember Cuttle and Councilmember Baker. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council regarding his position on the street millage. He is opposed to the millage.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: No Report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Dyer to approve the agenda with the change to move Item 10d to Items of Business 11c. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve Frontier Days Resolution #2014-15 to be held September 3 – 7, 2014
- b) Approve Reappointment of William Callahan to the Camp Frances Board with Term expiring 5/15/2017.
- c) Approve Reappointment of Mary Hall to the Camp Frances Board with Term Expiring 5/15/2017.
- d) Approve Appointment of Amanda Lipsey to the Sustainability Committee with Term Expiring 12/31/2015.
- e) Reappoint Chris Burt to the Park Advisory Board with Term Expiring 5/30/2015.
- f) Reappoint Karen Holtz to the Park Advisory Board with Term Expiring 5/30/2016.
- g) Reappoint Doug Hull to the Park Advisory Board with Term Expiring 5/30/2015.
- h) Approve State Bid Purchase Price for Office Furniture in the Police Department from Kentwood Office in the Amount of \$7,900.25.
- i) Approve Proposal from Northern Pump & Well, Inc. in the amount of \$14,680.00 for cleaning of Well #6
- j) Approve purchase of Hose Crimping Machine from Exotic Automation & Supply in the amount of \$5,086.16
- k) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$413,004.16

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, supported by Conway to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A FAMILY FUN DAY & DRIVE-IN MOVIE AT FAIRGROUNDS BY EATON AREA SENIOR CENTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014:

Cindy Miller, representing Eaton Area Senior Center, explained that they would like to show a movie on the back side of the grandstands at the fairgrounds. They plan to have bounce houses and make it a family fun night. There will be no alcohol sales.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Ridge to allow the Eaton Area Senior Center to hold a family fun night at the fairgrounds and show a drive-in movie on August 23, 2014. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COURTHOUSE SQUARE ASSOCIATION REGARDING 1845 COURTHOUSE:

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the Courthouse Square Association agreement as written. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

City Manager Guetschow stated that this is a draft copy for council to decide if this is something that they would like to move forward with in other departments.

Discussion was held among councilmembers and it was decided that they are in favor of moving forward with this type of plan.

D. CONSIDER THE CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(d) TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to authorize a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.258(d) to discuss the acquisition of real property. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Hitch stated that he was requesting to go into closed session regarding the Owens-Brockway case.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow stated that the city is still working with the Recreation Co-op on softball fields. He stated that he is working on a special assessment district for the snow removal along Lansing Street and that it should be ready for the next council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Dyer reported that the Sustainability Committee had Keith Moss, Superintendent of Utilities, at their meeting and he was very informative.
- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Co-op is still working on the softball fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,** stated that he is concerned with the mowing of Lincoln Park for the

disc golf area. He would like the council meetings to be on line for better access to the public.

Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, stated that he urges voters to vote for the road millage. He stated that it is a city wide problem that needs to be addressed.

Cindy Miller, 407 Warren, stated that the roads need to be fixed and she doesn't want to see the services cut that keeps her family safe.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Conway encourages everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday. He is in support of the millage.
- Councilmember Ridge encourages people to vote for the road millage and keep moving in a forward direction.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for coming out and speaking. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote so that their voices can be heard.
- Mayor Burch stated that she appreciates everyone coming out. She reminded residents of the concerts on the Square on Thursdays, the Farmers market on Saturdays from 8 AM to noon. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Motion by Councilmember Conway, second by Dyer to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) at 7:45 P.M. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Motion by Councilmember Conway, second by Dyer to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014, closed session as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Councilmember Conway moved to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk