

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 10, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Burch on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Baker, 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 OCTOBER 27, 2014:** Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014 as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders absence. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jason Vanderstelt, 1145 Carlisle Hwy., stated that he is in support of Dan Vanderstelt for the council vacancy. Mr. Vanderstelt has been very involved in the community for many years.

**Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,** stated that the county roads will get the benefit of the road millage that was recently passed. He stated that Gale Briggs should take some

responsibility for the condition of Lincoln Street. He does not feel that the sidewalk snow policy is the best solution for neighbors reporting on violations.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Approve low bid of T.H. Eifert in the amount of \$22,420.00 for the installation of Trickle Filter Mast at the WWTP
- b) Approve proposal from Windemuller for programming and installation of meters for Well #6 & #7 in the amount of \$10,950.00
- c) Approve Resolution 2014-20 Fee Schedule
- d) Confirm Mayoral appointment of Lloyd Conway as City Council Liaison to the Planning Commission
- e) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$288,621.74

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE:** Moved by Councilmember Ridge, supported by Baker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**A. PLANTE & MORAN PRESENTATION OF FY 2013/2014 AUDIT:**

William Brickey and Marie Stiegel of Plante and Moran, PLLC presented an overview of the FY 2013/2014 Audit to council. They reported that the city is in compliance with all reporting standards. Every department was under budget for FY 2013/2014. They

reported that there will be a couple of changes coming due to new reporting standards.

**B. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY DISTRICT 2:**

Four candidates gave an overview of why they would like to fill the vacant position for Council seat District 2. The four candidates were Brad Johnston, 311 S. Sheldon, Dan Vanderstelt, 225 VanLieu, James Edward Wysynski, 226 S. Lincoln and Justin Brummette, 340 High.

Each councilmember asked them one question each and then solicited nominations for the open seat.

Nominations were by roll call vote;

**1<sup>st</sup> Call:** Councilmember Baker nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Conway nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Dyer nominated Wyszynski, Councilmember Ridge nominated Johnston, Mayor Burch nominated Vanderstelt. No majority vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Call:** Councilmember Baker nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Conway nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Dyer nominated Wyszynski, Councilmember Ridge nominated Johnston, Mayor Burch nominated Vanderstelt. No majority vote.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Call:** Councilmember Baker nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Conway nominated Johnston, Councilmember Dyer nominated Wyszynski, Councilmember Ridge nominated Johnston and Mayor Burch nominated Brummette. No majority vote.

**4<sup>th</sup> Call:** Councilmember Baker nominated Vanderstelt, Councilmember Conway nominated Johnston, Councilmember Dyer nominated Johnston, Councilmember Ridge nominated Johnston, Mayor Burch nominated Johnston. Majority vote for Johnston.

**Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Ridge to support Brad Johnston as Councilmember District 2 to fill vacancy of Scott Cuttle until election in November 2015. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

Councilmember Johnston was sworn in to office by City Clerk Terpstra. Councilmember Johnston took his seat.

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

**Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Conway to authorize a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) to discuss the acquisition of real property. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow reported that the City Attorney will be present to address the council at the next meeting.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow reported that the Eaton County Road Millage passed on Tuesday. Director Gilson will be preparing a plan after the first of the year for the use of the money that the city will receive from this millage.

The Christmas Kiddies program has started using Crowdrise as a funding site in an effort to boost contributions to this program.

There will be a hearing officer named to assist in the process of dangerous buildings in the near future.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Ridge reported that there will be a meeting of the Recreation Co-op on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,** stated that there needs to be more citizen involvement. He stated that the infrastructure is aging and needs attention. He would like to see more things for kids to do.

**James Wyszynski III, 226 S. Lincoln,** stated that he is thankful that the Police Department is so proactive with meth labs in the area. He suspects a meth lab bust near his home and appreciates there proactive approach to this problem.

**Justin Brummette, 340 High,** thanked council for their consideration to the road issues. He thanked council for their time in the consideration of filling the open vacancy.

**Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio,** thanked the Department of Public Works in the great job that they do in picking up the leaves. He stated that he worked the election on Tuesday and that there was a steady stream of voters. He thanked City Clerk Terpstra for a good election and preparation of the election. He encourages everyone to get out and vote during elections. He wished everyone a good Veteran's Day and thanked the Veterans for their service and giving us the right to vote.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Baker thanked all candidates for applying for the open position on the council and encouraged them all to run next November. She thanked Finance Director Mossner for a good job on the audit.
- Councilmember Dyer thanked all council candidates. He congratulated Brad Johnston. He thanked all Veteran's for their service.
- Councilmember Conway wished everyone a good Veteran's Day and thanked all Veteran's. He thanked all council candidates. He reported that Spartan Motors is bringing back 75 jobs. He stated that with this news and the two new businesses downtown he hopes that the economy is turning around. He will be attending an elected officials training on December 11<sup>th</sup> and they will be talking about road maintenance and management.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked Finance Director Mossner and staff on the work done for the audit. She thanked City Clerk Terpstra for a good election day. She congratulated Brad Johnston on joining the council.
- Councilmember Johnston thanked the other candidates and thanked the council for choosing him to serve and stated that he is looking forward to working with them.
- Mayor Burch thanked all candidates who applied for the open position. She stated that she now has an opening on the Planning Commission and a Library Board opening for anyone who is interested. She wished everyone a good Veteran's Day. She reported that the lights have been on downtown due to some work being done on a switch. She reported that the Christmas lights were already put up

downtown due to scheduling in the Public Works Department. She reminded everyone to give to the Christmas Kiddies program.

**Motion by Dyer, second by Conway to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) at 8:52 P.M. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**Motion by Conway, second by Dyer to approve the closed session minutes of July 29, 2014 with the correction of the title to read Discussion on Pending Litigation. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**Motion by Dyer, Second by Conway to allow Public Works Director Gilson to pursue the purchase of the Armory Building. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**Councilmember Dyer moved to adjourn at 9:12 P.M. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

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Mayor Burch

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Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk