

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

March 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Ridge, Conway, Johnston, 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 9, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council and thanked the Charlotte Fire Department and Rural Fire Association for all the work that they do.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Reappoint Julia Johnson to the Planning Commission with a Term Expiring 3/31/2018.
- b) Approve Waiver of the Purchasing Policy to Allow for Purchase of Road Salt from the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract for the 2015/2016 Winter Season.
- c) Approve Water Softening System Bid for City Hall from Besco Water Treatment in the amount of \$2,633.55.
- d) Approve Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$247,600.28

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR COUNCILMEMBER RIDGE TO ATTEND THE MML PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP “HOW TO CONSTRUCTIVELY BRING THE PUBLIC INTO DECISION-MAKING” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00:**

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Conway to approve Councilmember Ridge to attend the MML Pre-Conference Workshop “How to Constructively Bring the Public into Decision-Making by Roll Call Vote. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Abstain. (Ridge)

- B. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HAYES GREEN BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:**

City Manager Guetschow explained that this agreement is up for renewal every three years. He recommended that council concur with this agreement.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve an Ambulance Service Agreement with Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital by Roll Call Vote. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, MDNR requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the application, acknowledging the required match, and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the application; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2015 a public meeting was held to provide citizens the opportunity to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is applying for a Grant to fund an Outdoor Recreation Facility to include one ball fields, parking lot and signage estimated to cost \$150,000 per the breakdown:

MDNR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
Total Project Costs – \$150,000

MDNR Grant: \$75,000
C.A.R.C. MATCH FUNDING: \$75,000

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City through the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative, of which it is a member, will be providing the required match in fiscal year 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte, hereby, approves the submittal of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the grant is awarded, the City of Charlotte, Michigan will accept the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Johnston to approve a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application Resolution 2015-04 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, MDNR requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the application,

acknowledging the required match, and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the application; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2015 a public meeting was held to provide citizens the opportunity to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is applying for a Grant to fund an Outdoor Recreation Facility to include a parking lot and signage estimated to cost \$50,000 per the breakdown:

MDNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT
Total Project Cost – \$50,000

MDNR Grant: \$45,000
C.A.R.C. MATCH FUNDING: \$5,000
2xSEV MATCH (Does not contribute to covering actual project costs): \$236,184

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City through the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative, of which it is a member, will be providing the required match in fiscal year 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte, hereby, approves the submittal of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the grant is awarded, the City of Charlotte, Michigan will accept the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Johnston to approve a Recreation Passport Grant Application Resolution No. 2015-05 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, MDNR requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the application, acknowledging the required match, and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the application; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2015 a public meeting was held to provide citizens the opportunity to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is applying for a Grant to fund an Outdoor Recreation Facility to include two ball fields, parking lot and signage estimated to cost \$300,000.00 per the breakdown:

MDNR NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
Total Project Costs – \$300,000

MDNR Grant: \$225,000
C.A.R.C. MATCH FUNDING: \$75,000

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City through the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative, of which it is a member, will be providing the required match in fiscal year 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte, hereby, approves the submittal of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the grant is awarded, the City of Charlotte, Michigan will accept the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Johnston to approve a Trust Fund Grant Application Resolution No. 2015-06 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

F. CONSIDER CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268 (c) TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

Councilmember Sanders moved, supported by Baker to authorize a Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) to discuss collective bargaining. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that the funds from the Owens Brockway settlement have been released to the Charlotte Public Schools.

He stated that himself and Director of Public Works Gilson met

with Blair Ballou to arrive at an agreement for the distribution of road funding money.

He stated that he is continuing to work on options and rates for return on investments of municipal funds for the Owens-Brockway settlement money.

He stated that the sale of bonds to refinance debt associated with the waste water treatment plant is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24.

He stated that they are continuing to work on the audio relating to the online videos of the council meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported the Recreation Co-op is currently working on three grant proposals.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on the upcoming November election.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer stated that he would like to use some of the Owens Brockway money for upgrading audio equipment.
- Councilmember Conway stated that he would like to see that public comment not be used for campaigning.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that all of the committees are beginning to meet for the Downtown Revitalization. She stated that there is a lot going on and urged anyone interested to attend. She thanked Bryan Myrkle for all of his work on this project.

- Mayor Burch wished everyone a happy Spring. She thanked everyone who came out to Pawli's Pub and the Pub Crawl on March 14th.

Motion by Conway, second by Dyer to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) at 7:30 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Motion by Dyer, second by Sanders to approve the closed session minutes of January 26, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk