

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting
April 04, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday April 04, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members Dyer, Rodriguez, Van Langevelde, Horvath and Lake. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were City Manager LaPere, Attorney Hitch (Via Zoom) and City Clerk LaRocque.

INVOCATION:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to approved the March 21, 2022 & March 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following residents made comment to the council in favor/defense of the Volunteer Firefighters (VFF); Richard Beer; Chris Burt; Rob Williams; Eldora Howe (Eaton County) Fred W.; Justin Brummette; Tony P (via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was agreed to add the following to the business agenda; e. VFF discussion; f. April 14 work session date change; g. Lucas device purchase; h. Arbor day Proclamation (removed from consent agenda). Motion by Dyer supported by Lake to approve the agenda with the noted changes. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of claims and expenditures totaling \$250,978.23
- b. Item moved to business agenda – item h.

Motion by Dyer supported by Lake to approve the Consent agenda item a. Carried by call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Traffic Control Order # 22-01 (tabled from March 21, 2022)

Motion to approve Traffic Control Order # 22-01 with the noted change of “100 to 30 feet south of the stop sign” by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- b. Review and consider acceptance of Purchase Offer for 220 W. Shaw

Motion to approve Purchase offer for 220 W. Shaw by Dyer supported by Weissenborn. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- c. Approval of General Liability and Property insurance renewal with Michigan Municipal League (MML).

Motion to approve renewal of MML L&P insurance by Van Langevelde supported by Dyer. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- d. Approval of Crum & Forster insurance renewal for above ground storage tanks.

Motion to approve renewal of Crum & Forster insurance for above ground storage tanks by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- e. Discussion on Volunteer Firefighters

After much discussion, it was determined that decision regarding the VFF belongs to the Fire Chief. Mark Jordan was selected as the new interim Fire Chief to begin Tuesday. He was in attendance at the meeting and was administered his Oath of Office during the meeting and he reinstated the VFF.

- f. April 14th Work Session discussion

Motion to approve moving the April 14th Council work session to the following week April 21st at 7:00 p.m. by Van Langevelde supported by Dyer. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- g. Lucas Device Emergency Purchase

Motion to approve purchase of Lucas Device by Dyer supported by Weissenborn. Motion to amend to use ARPA funds to pay for the Lucas Device by Van Langevelde, supported by

Weissenborn. 1st motion; Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0. 2nd motion Carried Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

- h. Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion to approve Arbor Day Proclamation by Van Langevelde supported by Lake. Motion to amend to remove language “and Spiritual Renewal” by Dyer supported by Weissenborn. 1st motion Carried; Yea 6; Nay 1 (Horvath); Absent 0. 2nd motion Carried; Yea 6; Nay 1 (Horvath); Absent 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received.
- b. City Manager report was received.
- c. Councilmember Committee Reports, No reports
- d. Draft budget for FY 22-23 was issued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following residents made comment to the council in favor/defense of the VFF; Jody; Justin Brummette; Jeff Rosenbrook; Moyer; Tony P (via Zoom) and two unnamed individuals.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Lake; (in regard to VFF issue) will hold himself and council accountable and is proud of tonight’s results and moving in a positive direction.

Horvath; Thanked all who attended and is glad VFF issue is resolved.

Dyer: Thanked VFF & new Chief Mark Jordan. Encourages public engagement and invites public to come to bi-monthly regular Council meetings to make public comment.

Weissenborn; Thanked Chief Jordan and the VFF, happy to have them back!

Rodriguez; Glad to be moving forward and appreciates the return of the VFF.

Van Langevelde; Is happy VFF has returned and believes Charlotte is a great community and will work together to make it better. She is arranging to meet with State Rep. Witwer to discuss bringing infrastructure funds to Charlotte from the recently passed Senate Bill 565 which allocates 4.7 billion for infrastructure improvement projects within Michigan.

Armitage; A new chapter has begun and with the new Interim Chief, Mark Jordan, hopes to build a bond and trust. Thanked everyone who worked during the meeting break to form the action to bring back the VFF that is in agreement with the Charter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Horvath supported by Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk