

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2006

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Muschell in the Council Chambers in the City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The proceedings were as follows:

The Oath of Office was taken by Mayor James E. Muschell, and Councilmen Scott M. McCauslin, Leslie A. Tebo and Vaughn M. Temple for the following terms of Office: Mayor James E. Muschell – 2 years; Councilman Scott M. McCauslin – 4 years; Councilman Leslie A. Tebo – 4 years; and Councilman Vaughn M. Temple – 4 years

Present: Council Members Muschell, Boardman, Tebo, Riddle, McCauslin, Temple and Charboneau

Mayor Muschell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Councilman Temple moved to appoint Councilman McCauslin as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Councilman Charboneau moved to close the nomination. Seconded by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications

Councilman McCauslin moved to approve the agenda as presented and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Councilman Boardman. Motion carried unanimously.

Correction and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Regular City Council Meeting – April 25, 2006**

Councilman Boardman moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Public comment portion of the meeting opened by Mayor Muschell.

- **Michigan Waterways Commission**

Mayor Muschell introduced Mr. Todd Wyatt, Chairman of the Michigan Waterways Commission. Mr. Wyatt mentioned that Cheboygan has many friends on the Waterways Commission, a number of whom live in the area and that the Commission is available for assistance. Mayor Muschell noted appreciation for the offer of assistance.

- **Council Chambers Speaker System**

Ms. Janet Gahn introduced herself and questioned if there is any way to get the speakers working so that everyone can hear the Council proceedings. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski adjusted the volume.

- **Creek Area Clean Up/Pinehill Cemetery**

Ms. Melody Budzinski introduced herself, commenting that she has two issues to address; the first is to inquire on who is responsible for clean up or maintenance of the creek area on Pinehill Avenue extending through the Cemetery and private property. She explained that the creek runs through a portion of her property and that large trees are being lost into the creek. Ms. Budzinski questioned if

the City or the property owner is responsible for the trees, explaining that she is concerned about water back-up and that although her property is built up extensively, if the trees continue falling she foresees a problem. City Manager McNeil stated that if the area is part of the Little Black Watershed, then the City is responsible for maintenance, which would be handled by the Department of Public Works. He recommended that Superintendent LaCross contact Ms. Budzinski and view the area in question. Ms. Budzinski noted that her second concern pertains to the four lots she purchased in Pinehill Cemetery that are adjacent to the Little Black Watershed. She stated that Mr. Olson has made roads where roads should not be made and that he drives over cemetery lots and removes headstones to accommodate any needs he may have. Ms. Budzinski indicated that she has pictures, adding that she has observed many negative occurrences over the past several years and that her primary concern is the four lots she owns and that Mr. Olson put a road through there last year and is driving through there again this year. She commented that she would very much like to see that practice stop as well as the headstones replaced onto the appropriate lots. Ms. Budzinski also stated that the dumping station is not on Cemetery property, adding that her understanding for many years has been that the property is owned by the Little Black Watershed. City Manager McNeil explained that much of the Little Black Watershed property is still owned by the original property owners with easement rights to the City of Cheboygan for flood control. In the case of Pinehill Cemetery, if the storage/dumping area is within the Watershed area then it would still be the property of the City by way of easement rights for flood control. City Manager McNeil also explained that Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski interacts with Mr. Olson who is contracted as Sexton of Pinehill Cemetery and recommended that he contact Ms. Budzinski to address her concerns with Mr. Olson. Council Member Temple requested that Ms. Budzinski advise Council if she does not receive a response within two weeks.

There being no further comments from the public, the Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed by Mayor Muschell.

Communications and Petitions

- **Request from the Cheboygan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary to Hold Annual Tag on Friday, August 4, 2006**

Councilman Charboneau moved to approve the request from the Cheboygan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary to hold its annual Tag Day on Friday, August 4, 2006. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Report from Rowe, Inc. – re: Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement**

Mr. Eric Johnson provided an update on where Rowe, Inc. is at with regards to the Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement project, as well as sketches of what the Bridge will look like once completed. He stated that the plans for the Bridge are complete and that permits have been obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality and Army Corps of Engineers however, there is some difficulty with the permit through the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Johnson commented that UDA is sub-consulting with Rowe, Inc. on this project and trying to work through the permitting and public notice process with the Coast Guard. He explained that with regards to the bidding process, the final plans must be submitted to MDOT approximately two months in advance and all permits must be in place prior to them advertising, which is an additional five week time period. As a result, the project could not be let until possibly August and then an allowance of approximately four months at best would be needed for construction plus additional time for the contractor. Mr. Johnson also explained that one of the critical issues with the Bridge is the final paving and replacing the asphalt because

typically the asphalt plants close by mid-November which does not allow enough time this season to get the asphalt onto the Bridge. He noted that there are some options available for temporary paving and erecting barriers if the City would like to try and move forward with the project; however, those options are costly and not recommended. Mr. Johnson added that the MDEQ originally imposed restrictions regarding protected fish which would have delayed construction until the end of July; however, those restrictions were waived because of the way that construction would be done. With those factors, Rowe, Inc. recommends that construction begin in early Spring 2007 which would allow ample time for the contractor should issues arise during construction such as materials shortages or other issues. Another issue with proceeding with building the Bridge this fall is that a gas line spans the existing Bridge and that gas line must be back in operation by the beginning of October. With an August letting and approximately six weeks following that before a contractor can even begin, would not give the contractor nearly enough time to put the segments up and have the gas line back across the Bridge. Mr. Johnson stated that Rowe, Inc. recommends allowing the contractor and fabricators time throughout the winter to fabricate all the sections of the Bridge and once that is complete, the materials could be moved here to begin construction in early Spring 2007. Councilman McCauslin questioned the time period when there will be total traffic interruption from beginning to end of construction. Mr. Johnson replied that traffic across the Bridge would be stopped for a minimum of four months. He explained that the issue with this type of bridge is that prefabricated semi-arches all have to be placed in a certain order to be structurally sound including all the foundations and then they all have to be back filled. Once the backfill is in place, work on the roadway, curb and gutter, and sidewalk can begin. Also the guardrails must be in place before the Bridge could be opened. Councilman Tebo noted that delaying construction until Spring 2007 may be more advantageous for the general public primarily because of school bus traffic, the beginning of tourist season and snowmobile traffic this winter. Mayor Muschell commented that the City will be faced with a problem regarding school busses before next spring because of the weight restrictions on the Bridge and in fact, signs are currently being prepared restricting truck traffic as well because of the significant deterioration that has occurred in the last several weeks, causing a critical situation. He added that within a month or two, only automobile traffic would be allowed on the Bridge. City Manager McNeil questioned if the City's portion of the funding must be entirely in place before MDOT will allow the bidding process to begin and whether the City would be able to wait and issue bonds after the bids come in. He explained that the City postponed issuing bonds because of the delay involving the permit process. Mr. Johnson noted that decision would be up to the City, adding that MDOT requires that the City sign an agreement stating that the money for construction including the contractor fees would be fronted by MDOT but in return the City's 5% share must be reimbursed to MDOT. City Manager McNeil commented that he sees a possible advantage to the City in issuing the bonds after the bids come in because a closer estimate of costs would be available and the City may not have to tie in as much contingency. Mr. Johnson agreed, stating that typically, bond issue is delayed until after the bids are taken. Councilwoman Riddle questioned if the permits already in place will still be in effect when construction begins should construction be delayed until Spring 2007. Mr. Johnson stated that permits are always set up for two years in the event there are construction or restoration issues; however, if a problem occurs the permits could be amended.

Mr. Johnson then provided illustrations of the façade of the Bridge in its completed form, commenting that last fall concepts were presented on the various options for railing and bridge structures and Council selected the modified arch design. He outlined the modified arch structure which incorporates a blue railing with the City logo and black light poles to match the decorative enhancement lighting through the downtown area. Additionally, the design features include fractured rib walls with one-inch deep rounded groove texturing, and light concrete coloring for the rounded

portion of the piers, main span, arches, sidewalk and railing with gray texturing to offset the light concrete. Mr. Johnson commented that this concept follows the simple and clean project design requested by the City. He added that the height of the new Bridge is approximately two inches higher than the existing Bridge and includes six spans with sixty-foot arches which allows for spanning the main channel. Mr. Johnson explained that typically, forty-eight foot spans are used and that this is the first bridge to have sixty-foot spans. Councilwoman Riddle questioned if the sixty-foot spans are an experimental aspect or a sound aspect. Mr. Johnson explained that this is a sound aspect and that the fabricator has had the capability of doing this for some time but has not done so. Councilwoman Riddle asked if there are any contingencies in that if the Bridge fails, the City would be provided a new bridge. Mr. Johnson replied that the contractor is bonded and would have a contract with the fabrication company, adding that UDA has reviewed the plans in detail to verify that the entire project is sound. He stated that the total cost of the new Bridge is estimated at \$4.2 million with 95% funding from the State and 5% from the City. Mr. Johnson also reviewed the three-lane roadway with five foot sidewalks and five foot sections on each side of the Bridge designed with a hard epoxy surface specifically for snowmobile traffic. Councilwoman Riddle questioned the durability of the hard epoxy surface for snowmobile traffic and timeframe before the surface would need to be redone. Mr. Johnson replied that he is unsure of the resurfacing timeframe but would look into that further. City Manager McNeil explained that many different surfaces were tested and the hard epoxy, which is now just starting to be put into practice, was determined to be the best surface for snowmobile traffic and that the life expectancy of the new surface is hard to determine.

Mr. Johnson commented that the plans for the new Lincoln Avenue Bridge are available for review and illustrate the proposed detour route while the new Bridge is under construction, geotechnical soil borings, the surface of the Bridge, general plan of site, elevation view, general plan of structure, and details on prefabricated arches and piers. Councilwoman Riddle referred to the memorial for Judge Neal that is located next the existing Bridge, asking if construction of the new Bridge will affect that area. Mr. Johnson noted that the guard rail will be in approximately the same location as the current one and will not affect the memorial area. Mr. Ray Lofgren asked Mr. Johnson if Rowe Inc. has a contact person for the Coast Guard. Mr. Johnson noted that Rowe Inc. does have a contact for the Coast Guard although United Design Associates has been handling all the permitting for the project. Mr. Lofgren also asked if the plans and specifications are ready for MDOT. Mr. Johnson indicated that the plans and specifications are ready but that Rowe Inc. is holding off on sending everything to MDOT for advertisement until it is determined there will not be any changes required by the Coast Guard. Mayor Muschell explained that the issue with the Coast Guard involves Homeland Security in that additional authority has been provided and includes the public notice process. Mr. Lofgren questioned if any of the plans are out. Mr. Johnson indicated the plans are not out and that MDOT will bid everything out. Mr. Lofgren stated that his son's company is in contact with one of the potential bidders on the project and that is what made him believe he is somewhat knowledgeable of the project. He added that one of the comments pertained to the expense of the new modified sixty foot arch and asked if Mr. Johnson would elaborate on that. Mr. Johnson explained that in terms of options, the modified sixty-foot arch is expensive because of the prefabricated sections and is definitely more expensive than the box beam bridges but not as expensive as an actual full-arch type bridge. He added that aesthetics plays a part in what the bridge looks like, how it affects the community and where it is being placed and MDOT understands that and will fund additional money for aesthetically pleasing structures if they are set in the right environment. Mr. Lofgren questioned if United Design Associates is bidding this project or is Rowe Incorporated. Mr. Johnson reiterated that United Design Associates is a sub-consultant to Rowe, Inc. that is assisting with the design work. He added that the contractor will have a bond with MDOT and that the contract will be between the

contractor and MDOT. The City will have an agreement between MDOT and themselves for the funding aspect of this project. Mr. Lofgren stated his concern with regard to weight restrictions. Mr. Johnson noted that the modified pre-cast arch bridge is not a new concept and that these bridges are actually being built all over the State but what is new about this particular bridge is that it is slightly longer than what is currently being built. Mr. Lofgren stated that his point is that once the bond is released there is no guarantee on the bridge and there is no extended bond. Mr. Johnson indicated that is correct, explaining that the guarantee is that if the bridge starts to fail, the Critical Bridge Program funding would come back into play. Mr. Lofgren stated his other question pertains to the \$101,636 expense in the bills and disbursements, asking if that is the combined Rowe, Inc. and UDA expenses to date. Mr. Johnson replied that is not, explaining that he does not have the exact design amount. Mayor Muschell expressed appreciation and thanked Mr. Johnson for his report. He added that if Mr. Lofgren is interested in the cost of the engineering portion of the project, based on the proposals that were received and from the short list of those that were interviewed, the proposals submitted through Rowe, Inc. were \$110,000 less than the total cost estimated on the basis of MDOT standard fees for that type of bridge. The suggested fee by MDOT is \$684,000 for construction engineering and design engineering. Mr. Lofgren asked if UDA or Rowe, Inc. is seeking bids for the project. Mr. Johnson reiterated that MDOT will be advertising and receiving bids and everything goes through them including the contract.

Bills and Disbursements

- **Bills and Disbursements for the Month of April 2006**

Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski noted that a late invoice was received from Rivertown Ford in the amount of \$710.10 which should be added to the Invoice Register for a total of \$30,622.90 and with that addition, the bills for the month total \$518,412.50.

Councilman Charboneau moved to approve the bills and disbursements for the month of April 2006 in the amount of \$518,412.50. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Mayor Muschell abstained from voting. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Riddle questioned the invoice from Williams Lawn & Tree Service and the number of trees that were recently removed. She noted that this will likely continue for the next few years because of the poor condition of some of the trees. City Manager McNeil commented that he is unsure of the number of trees that were removed but would ask DPW Superintendent LaCross.

Boards and Commission Reports

- **Regular Human Relations Board Meeting – April 20, 2006**

City Manager McNeil reported that the Human Relations Board continues to look at enhancing and beginning to plan for the 2007 Martin Luther King Day event as well as renewing some general contact and relationships with the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw. Also the Board again tabled review of their responsibilities by Ordinance and their Mission Statement until a full Board is present.

- **Regular Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting – May 2, 2006**

City Manager McNeil stated that the Downtown Development Authority Board continue to discuss how the DDA may be involved with redevelopment of the Woolworth site and the Board has yet to reach a consensus on whether or not the DDA should become involved and if so, to what degree. The DDA Board also approved funding for a Downtown foot patrol officer and Chief Jones is now working on that project. Councilwoman Riddle commented that several individuals have questioned

if a foot patrol officer would be available in the downtown area this summer and were pleased to be told of that likelihood.

Unfinished Business

- **Request from Raymond Lofgren – Council Review of His Concerns of Inner-Governmental Spending for Mr. Hoffman**

Mr. Lofgren commented that as mentioned three meetings ago, he would bring information to Council on what he calls willful misconduct of spending for the City Attorney. He noted that he would not elaborate much further on this but he does want Council to know that he spent approximately two hours reviewing invoices from Mr. Hoffman that were provided by Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski. Mr. Lofgren asked if Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski located the 2003 invoices that he requested. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski replied that the 2003 invoices are available whenever Mr. Lofgren would like to review them. Mr. Lofgren then distributed information to Council requesting that these documents be recorded and filed with the minutes of this meeting. He explained that Mr. Hoffman was not even required to purchase a permit from City Hall and feels it is wrong and hopes that some of Council also feels it is wrong. Mr. Lofgren stated he would like to say that in looking at approximately 18 months of invoices from Mr. Hoffman to the City it was sad to know that Mr. Hoffman was asking the City to perform certain things for his private development and that on many of these invoices Mr. Hoffman was charging thousands of dollars to actually stall other businesses in this community and even put one out of business. Mr. Lofgren noted that Mr. Hoffman's service as the City Attorney for 27 years should not give him any benefits whatsoever. He noted that each Council Member, as well as he and other taxpayers are required to obtain a permit from City Hall, and not even a permit was pulled but yet the City purchased property outside the City Limits. Additionally, the South Western Avenue sewer extension issue was the flag that raised concerns to him and that is what he would like to be known. Mr. Lofgren commented that he simply opened the records and is not accusing anyone of cronyism but that it seems to be a scam. Councilman McCauslin stated that the specific term of cronyism was used two meetings ago by Mr. Lofgren and that he was greatly troubled by that statement. Mr. Lofgren apologized. Councilman McCauslin also commented that what Mr. Lofgren has brought to Council has caused him to do a lot more research. He stated that he has absolutely no business, personal, private or otherwise with Mr. Hoffman other than his acting as City Attorney. Councilman McCauslin explained that the projects the City has going on right now including the right-of-way running across to the back of the high school and the South Western Avenue sewer extension were part and parcel of the City Master Plan of 2003 which were all reviewed, discussed and made public record of almost one year before any of this ever happened. He also explained the circumstances of the proposed 425 agreement between the City and Inverness Township, commenting that both parties walked away from the project because an agreement on taxation could not be reached. Mr. Lofgren referred to the purchase of property from Mr. Reimann on July 5, 2005. City Manager McNeil commented that is a separate issue pertaining to a right-of-way. Councilman McCauslin stated that was a right-of-way issue because of the increased traffic resulting from the new school going into an already congested area. He noted that even the traffic study done in the middle of summer, which he feels was not the opportune time to conduct such a study, suggested that if there was another artery away from that intersection it would benefit all concerned, and that issue is what Council pursued at the time. Mr. Lofgren commented that he has no problem with the roadway if the school, County and City went together on the plan but in reading the FOIA report of Mr. Hoffman's own intentions he said that he would progress if he has access to water and sewer. Councilman McCauslin stated that when the City walked away from the proposed project so did Mr. Hoffman and the whole issue dissolved. It is

not even an issue and there is no project out there anymore and has not been for over a year. Mr. Lofgren commented that he and another individual reviewed the information, which looked like favoritism and intentionally done, and he feels the documents state that.

General Business

- **Consideration of Traffic Control Orders No. 001-06 and 002-06**

Councilman McCauslin moved to approve Traffic Control Orders No. 001-06 and 002-06. Seconded by Councilman Charboneau. Motion Carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Facilitate a Grant Application on Behalf of the Cheboygan Area Public Library**

Ms. Lisa Brisson stated that the Cheboygan Area Public Library is requesting support from the City Council in an application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a capital improvement grant to finish the last two spaces of the Library renovation project. She explained that two rooms are reserved for future growth and the Library Board would like to complete those as an art studio and gallery where art classes and exhibits would be hosted. Ms. Brisson commented that this grant is a very good match with the goals of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Library. She added that because it is a capital improvement grant, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs requires that the application come through the City. Ms. Brisson stated that there are no requirements on the part of the City, and the Library has the matching funds available. Mayor Muschell questioned if Library officials feel they will be successful in obtaining the grant. Ms. Brisson replied there is a good chance for receiving grant funding although a response will not be available until August. She added that there is a contingency if full funding is not obtained and the Library is prepared for whatever funding is received.

Councilman Tebo moved to approve support of the grant application and submission of the same for the Cheboygan Area Public Library. Seconded by Councilman McCauslin. City Manager McNeil added that there should be a signature authorizing himself or Mayor Muschell. Councilman Tebo amended the motion to include authorization for Mayor Muschell and City Manager McNeil to sign on behalf of the City. Councilman McCauslin supported that amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Reappoint David Prieur to the Planning Commission – Term to Expire May 10, 2009**

Councilman Charboneau moved to reappoint David Prieur to the Planning Commission with a term to expire May 10, 2009. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Reappoint Billie Livingston to the Planning Commission – Term to Expire May 10, 2009**

Councilman McCauslin moved to reappoint Billie Livingston to the Planning Commission with a term to expire May 10, 2009. Seconded by Councilman Charboneau. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Reappoint Ray Morrow, Jr. to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals – Term to Expire May 10, 2009**

Councilman Tebo moved to reappoint Ray Morrow, Jr. to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire May 10, 2009. Seconded by Councilman Boardman. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of Fireworks Contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. for July 4, 2006 in the amount of \$7,000.00 per Year – 3 Year Contract**

Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski noted that the contract under consideration is for three years rather than one year. Chief Jones clarified that there are two contracts; an option for a one-year or three-year agreement. City Manager McNeil recommended that Council consider the one year contract as opposed to being committed for three years. Councilwoman Riddle questioned if there are any anticipated drawbacks to having a one-year contract. Chief Jones replied that the City would save 7% per year with a three-year contract. Councilman McCauslin asked when the last time the cost of fireworks increased. City Manager McNeil stated that for quite some time the City allocated \$5,000 toward fireworks and for the last three or four years the budget was increased to \$7,000 and has been at that level. Councilman McCauslin asked if the most cost effective measure would be to lock in the \$7,000 per year rate for the next three years and save 7%. City Manager McNeil commented that with the upcoming budgetary concerns, the City may want some flexibility with regards to that expense and other expenses, and he feels that flexibility is more important than the \$400 savings.

Councilman Tebo moved to approve a one year Fireworks Contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. for July 4, 2006 in the amount of \$7000.00 including the required signatures as needed on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilwoman Riddle. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Appoint Paul Tranquilla to the Planning Commission – Term to Expire May 10, 2008**

Councilman McCauslin moved to approve the appointment of Paul Tranquilla to the Planning Commission with a term to expire May 10, 2008. Seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments

- **City Audit Proposals**

Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski reported that four proposals for the City Audit were received; one from Cheboygan and the others from Kinross, Alpena and Traverse City which resulted in a cost spread between \$57,000 and 67,000 over a three year period and does not include the single audit if one is needed. Additionally, he will provide a recommendation to Council at the next meeting. Councilwoman Riddle asked if the response rate was as anticipated. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski noted the response rate was as anticipated and within the price range. City Manager McNeil added that the intangible portions of the proposals are also considered over and above cost.

City Manager's Report

- **Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Update**

City Manager McNeil reported that another Multi-jurisdictional Planning Committee meeting was held and the Resolution that was adopted by the City was also adopted today by the County and the other municipalities involved which include Cheboygan County, Benton, Beaugrand, and Inverness Townships and the County Road Commission, officially forming the Northern Cheboygan County Intermunicipality Planning Committee. He noted that a facilitator has been secured for the next meeting to assist with identifying areas of concern and from those concerns, identify priorities for discussion and study. City Manager McNeil stated that pursuant to the Resolution, Council will be looking at appointing two members of Council and two members of the Planning Commission to serve on the Northern Cheboygan County Intermunicipality Planning Committee. The Planning Commission will be offering recommendations at their next meeting and Council will have those

recommendations for consideration at the next City Council meeting to make those appointments official.

- **Lafayette Avenue Sanitary Sewer Construction Update**

City Manager McNeil stated that the Lafayette Avenue Sanitary Sewer project is almost complete and went very well during construction. He noted that one \$4,000 change order was approved and pertained to sand backfill, explaining that using the same soil was considered but there was concern regarding the integrity of the road as the project progressed. Other than that, the project went very well and there is only minor clean up and curbing work to do.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members

- **Western Avenue (Formerly Center Tool) Clean-up Site**

Councilwoman Riddle questioned the large trucks in the clean up area on Western Avenue and whether more soil samples are being taken from the site. City Manager McNeil commented that he has not been privy to the progress or if that project has been completed or not but he would look into the matter further. He noted that the property is now owned by Cheboygan County by virtue of tax reversion.

- **Fire Hydrants Near Faith Baptist Church**

Councilman McCauslin asked how soon the hydrants by the Faith Baptist Church will be scheduled for replacement. He commented there is a big concern regarding liability on the City's part if anything were to happen at that Church there is no way to get a hose to the hydrant. City Manager McNeil replied that the Church is responsible for raising the hydrant but there is some valve work to be done on the connection, which has been scheduled and may have already been done by now.

Adjournment

Councilman Charboneau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Temple. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor James Muschell

City Clerk Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

Councilman Scott McCauslin

Councilman Gerald R. Boardman

Councilman Vaughn M. Temple

Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

Councilman Leslie A. Tebo

Councilman Charles Charboneau