

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 26, 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:

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

Councilman Tebo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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 Tebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Correction and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Regular City Council Meeting – December 12, 2006**

Councilman Boardman moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman McCauslin. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Public comment portion of the meeting opened by Mayor Muschell.

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

Communications and Petitions

- **Letter of Recommendation from the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners – Robert Spinella to Represent Cheboygan County on the Recreation Commission**

Councilman Tebo moved to approve the recommendation from the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners of Robert Spinella representing Cheboygan County and appoint Mr. Spinella to the City Recreation Commission with the term to expire on July 1, 2008. Seconded by Councilman McCauslin. Motion carried unanimously.

Boards and Commission Reports

- **Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics – November 2006**

The Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics for November 2006 were received and reviewed.

- **Regular Planning Commission Meeting – December 18, 2006**

City Manager McNeil reported that the Planning Commission reviewed and approved a proposed site plan for complete reconstruction of the Speedway Gas Station, which will be presented at the next regular City Council meeting. Additionally, the Planning Commission continues to work through the Riverfront Planning Process and also discussed the two action items as directed by the Northern Cheboygan County Intermunicipality Planning Committee relative to determining areas for dense development and identification of natural resources. The Planning Commission discussed those two issues and will discuss them again at their next meeting in January before recommendations are presented to the Northern Cheboygan County Intermunicipality Planning Committee.

- **Regular Recreation Commission Meeting – December 20, 2006**

City Manager McNeil reported that the Recreation Commission completed some final reviews of the draft Recreation Plan and adopted a Resolution of Recommendation to the City Council that the Plan be adopted. The Recreation Commission also approved an update of the Trail System Master Plan which now includes a couple other components in differentiating between the two different foot bridges that are on the Major Park Master Plan, and a change in the proposed location of the trail head to the former Center Tool site. Councilwoman Riddle referred to the discussion on a proposed indoor public swimming pool. City Manager McNeil noted that there was an additional Objective added to the Recreation Plan relative to a community-wide indoor swimming pool and upon review of the County survey data that was included in the Plan, it was very clear there is much interest from those that answered the survey that a community swimming pool is a priority in conjunction with a desired new facility. To date, no feedback or concerns have been expressed by the Recreation Commission on how the Objective is worded and at this point, he feels Council can now approve this draft for consideration and allow this to be reviewed by the public in a public hearing as will be discussed later in the meeting.

- **Regular Human Relations Board Meeting – December 21, 2006**

City Manager McNeil reported that the Human Relations Board finalized details of the third annual Martin Luther King Day event that will be held on January 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. He noted that the course of events will include guest speaker Curt Chambers, the Tribal Chairman of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa Indians.

General Business

- **Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) 2006 through 2009**

City Manager McNeil stated that he provided in some detail the changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC), commenting this is the same information presented to Council earlier except for one change which is the removal of language with regard to the use of comp time. He explained that language indicating the ability to disapprove comp time if it required a schedule change was removed; however, Council can see that the cap and buy-out language is still there so the City is avoiding that future cost liability. City Manager McNeil noted that everything else is the same and the only other changes not described in his memo to Council are simply format changes, such as changes to the index and numbering. He stated that there are three pages that require signatures; two letters of agreement attached to the back and the signature page for the contract. City Manager McNeil requested that if Council is considering approval, the approving motion should include authorization for himself, Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski and Mayor Muschell to sign the agreement.

Councilwoman Riddle moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 and to authorize City Manager McNeil, Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski and Mayor Muschell to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Set Public Hearing and Special City Council Meeting for January 30, 2007 for Consideration of Adoption of a New City Recreation Plan**

City Manager McNeil stated that one of the rules that the City must abide by in order to have the Recreation Plan comply with State regulations is to show evidence of a thirty-day public comment

period. He added that he would like to provide that thirty-day public comment period as quickly as possible so that the approved Plan can be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and allow them enough time for review and approval. City Manager McNeil explained that should the DNR have some concerns, the City would then have sufficient time to address those concerns and resubmit the Plan to the DNR for approval before the spring call for grants. City Manager McNeil explained that he would like to set a Special City Council meeting for January 30, 2007 to formally consider the Plan and hold a public hearing, noting that the January 23 Regular City Council meeting does not suffice the thirty-day public comment period and the February 13 meeting would result in a loss of several weeks that the DNR could be reviewing the Plan.

Councilman Tebo moved to set a public hearing and Special City Council meeting for January 30, 2007 for consideration of adoption of a new City Recreation Plan. Seconded by Councilwoman Lepp. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Comments

There were none.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager McNeil noted that he had no report except to advise Council that other than Wednesday morning, he plans to be on vacation for the remainder of the week.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members

There were none.

Adjournment

Councilman Charboneau moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Tebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor James Muschell

City Clerk Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

Councilman Scott McCauslin

Councilman Gerald R. Boardman

Councilwoman Winifred L. Riddle

Councilman Charles Charboneau

Councilman Leslie A. Tebo

Councilwoman Theo Lepp