

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2010

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

Present: Council Members Kopernik, Bronson, VanFleet, Lepp, Jewell and Sangster
Absent: Councilman Couture

Councilman Kopernik moved to excuse Councilman Couture from the meeting. Seconded by Councilman VanFleet. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jewell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications

Mayor Sangster noted an addition to the agenda under General Business 10. E. Request from the U.S. Geological Survey to Make Improvements to West Second Street between Water Street and the Cheboygan River, which will be moved on the agenda to Public Comments 6. B.

Councilman Kopernik moved to approve the agenda as amended and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Councilman VanFleet. Motion carried unanimously.

Correction and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- **Special City Council Meeting – February 25, 2010**

Councilman Kopernik moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2010 Special City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Bronson. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Special City Council Meeting – March 2, 2010**

Councilman Jewell moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 Special City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman VanFleet. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Regular City Council Meeting – March 9, 2010**

Councilman Kopernik moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Lepp. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Special City Council Meeting – March 12, 2010**

Councilman Kopernik moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2010 Special City Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Councilman Jewell. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Public comment portion of the meeting opened by Mayor Sangster.

- **Status on Blighted Property**

Ms. Barb Lennon introduced herself, commenting on the cleanup efforts at the LeGault property and requested an update on the structure itself. Chief Jones provided an update of the Court proceedings which includes either repair of the structure to code specifications by June 1, 2010 or demolition if non-compliant. Ms. Lennon asked if Blight Ordinance enforcement is still a priority and whether a

calendar could be established to coordinate identifying blighted properties with hydrant flushing of the various areas of the City. She volunteered to participate on a committee to identify blighted properties. Mayor Sangster noted that discussion regarding blight enforcement is ongoing. Councilman Kopernik commented on plans to hold another Spiff-Up Day. Discussion was held regarding the condition of the structure on the LeGault property and blight enforcement in general.

- **Fallen Heroes Memorial/Moving Wall**

Mr. Richard (Duke) Mayo introduced himself and commented on the Fallen Heroes Memorial and possibly erecting temporary signage that announces the future placement and other information about the Memorial. He noted the signage would inform the community of the project and possibly generate contributions. Mr. Mayo commented that the Memorial will coincide with beautification efforts of Washington Park. Discussion was held on signage and it was noted that more information is needed. It was the consensus of Council to allow the temporary signage once more details are provided. Mr. Mayo also commented on the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall which is coming to Cheboygan in May in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. He provided details on fund raising, the arrival and initial set-up of the Moving Wall, opening ceremonies, visitation schedule, and possible military fly-over on Armed Forces Day.

Public comment portion of the meeting closed by Mayor Sangster.

- **Request from the U.S. Geological Survey to Make Improvements to West Second Street Between Water Street and the Cheboygan River**

Mayor Sangster referred to proposed improvements to the West Second Street right-of-way between Water Street and the Cheboygan River as requested and presented by the USGS.

Councilman Kopernik moved to approve the request from the U.S. Geological Survey to make improvements to West Second Street between Water Street and the Cheboygan River as outlined. Seconded by Councilwoman Lepp. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- **Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Sections 31.15 through 32.19 by Repealing said Sections and Enacting New Sections 32.15 through 32.19, Planning Commission**

Public hearing portion of the meeting opened by Mayor Sangster.

Councilman Bronson provided an overview on the proposed amendment in response to new requirements on Planning Commission organization. Discussion was held on the proposed amendment.

Public hearing portion of the meeting closed by Mayor Sangster.

Councilman VanFleet moved to adopt an Ordinance to amend Sections 31.15 through 32.19 by repealing said Sections and Enacting New Sections 32.15 through 32.19, Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilman Kopernik. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications and Petitions

- **Consideration of a Request from Cheboygan Community Food Bank to hold a Fish Fry Dinner to benefit the Disabled Veterans and the Food Bank of Cheboygan County in Washington Park on May 29, 2010**

Councilwoman Lepp moved to approve the request from the Cheboygan Community Food Bank to hold a Fish Fry Dinner to benefit the Disabled Veterans and the Food Bank of Cheboygan County in Washington Park on May 29, 2010 contingent upon District Health Department approval. Seconded by Councilman Kopernik. Motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards and Commission Reports

- **Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics – February 2010**

The Department of Public Safety Statistics for the month of February 2010 were received and reviewed.

- **Regular Planning Commission Meeting – March 15, 2010**

The minutes of the March 15, 2010 Regular Planning Commission meeting were received and reviewed. Councilman Bronson commented on discussion pertaining to the Riverfront Development Plan.

- **Regular Human Relations Board Meeting – March 18, 2010**

The minutes of the March 18, 2010 Regular Human Relations Board meeting were received and reviewed. Mayor Sangster commented on discussion pertaining to a Native American Pow Wow in June 2010.

General Business

- **Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing for April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to Receive Public Input regarding the City's Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to Demolish the Former F. W. Woolworth Building and Develop the Site as Public Park with a Pavilion that can be Converted into an Ice Rink in the Winter**

Councilman Kopernik moved to schedule a public hearing for April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input regarding the City's application for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to demolish the former F. W. Woolworth building and develop the site as a public park with a pavilion that can be converted into an ice rink in the winter. Seconded by Councilwoman Lepp. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of MDOT Contract for Paving of Western Avenue from South City Limits to Lincoln Avenue to be paid with American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds**

Discussion was held regarding the proposed contract with MDOT to pave Western Avenue from the south City limits to Lincoln Avenue and associated cost to the City.

Councilman Bronson moved to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract for paving of Western Avenue from the south City limits to Lincoln Avenue to be paid with American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds and to authorize the Interim City Manager and Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Cheboygan. Seconded by Councilman Jewell. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration to Accept Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager Position**

Council reviewed and discussed the Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager position.

Councilman Jewell moved to accept the Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager Position and authorize the Mayor to sign the same. Seconded by Councilwoman Lepp. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of Reappointment of Ronald Crandell to the Historic Resources Commission, Term to Expire March 25, 2013**

Councilman Kopernik moved to reappoint Ronald Crandell to the Historic Resources Commission with a term to expire March 25, 2013. Seconded by Councilman Bronson. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's and Treasurer's Comments

There were no comments.

Interim City Manager's Report

- **Cheboygan County Road Commission Millage/MEDC Grant Application**

Chief Jones referred to information pertaining to the a possible millage for the Cheboygan County Road Commission as well as information from Ms. Jan Kellogg regarding the Michigan Economic Development Corporation application for additional grant funding pertaining to Great Lakes Tissue bankruptcy proceedings.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members

- **Trailhead Facility**

Mayor Sangster referred to the DNR Trailhead facility on Western Avenue. Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski commented he would contact Gourdie-Frazier regarding the status of that project.

- **Interim City Manager/Facilitator**

Councilman Bronson provided an update from the Committee regarding City Manager recruitment, noting that the Committee met with Mr. George Korthauer regarding serving as an Interim City Manager and acting as facilitator to recruit a permanent City Manager. He commented that Mr. Korthauer proposed working 24 hours per week at \$50 per hour with \$45 per round trip mileage while serving as Interim City Manager. Council discussed the Interim City Manager position as well as a facilitator in the search process for a permanent City Manager, responsibilities pertaining to the DDA Director, and costs associated with a Search Facilitator. Also discussed were Mr. Korthauer's professional background and qualifications as well as consideration for the Committee to move forward with discussions on a contract with Mr. Korthauer.

Councilwoman Lepp moved to authorize the Committee to proceed with contract negotiations with Mr. Korthauer for the Interim City Manager position. Seconded by Councilman Kopernik. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Lepp moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Seconded by Councilman VanFleet. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard B. Sangster

City Clerk Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

Councilman Nicholas C. Couture

Councilman William K. Jewell

Councilwoman Theo Lepp

Councilman Mark Bronson

Councilman Michael J. VanFleet

Councilman Roger Kopernik