

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2012

The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sangster in Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00PM.

Roll Call

Present: Bronson, Couture, Lepp, Riddle, Sangster, VanFleet

Absent: Jewell

Councilman Jewell was excused prior to the meeting.

Councilman VanFleet led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda, and Receive and File all Communications:

Mayor Sangster removed 9A – Consideration of Cheboygan County Interlocal Agreement Regarding County Recycling Surcharge from the agenda pending further detail.

Councilman Bronson moved to approve the agenda with the removal of 9A – Consideration of Cheboygan County Interlocal Agreement Regarding County Recycling Surcharge pending further detail, and receive and file all communications; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Lepp. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2011.**

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp moved to approve the regular City Council Meeting minutes of December 13, 2011 as presented; supported by Councilman Bronson. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Disbursements:

- **Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of December 2011.**

Council received clarification on #74 of the prepaid bills and disbursements.

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements in the amount of \$683,180.29 for the month of December 2011; supported by Councilman VanFleet. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

- **Unpaid Bill and Disbursements for the Month of December 2011.**

Council received clarification on #10 of the unpaid bills and disbursements.

Councilman Bronson moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements in the amount of \$23,976.65 for the month of December 2011; supported by Councilman Couture. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Department, Boards, and Commission Reports:

- **The Department of Public Safety Monthly Statistics – November 2011.**

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp asked if this was the final Department of Public Safety report for 2011. Chief Jones responded no; the City still has to report on December 2011.

General Business:

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- **Consideration of Purchase and Installation of Remote Telemetry Units.**

Department of Public Works Director Gall was present to request funding in the amount of \$46,446 for the purchase and installation of a Motorola SCADA System for the waste water treatment plant. Mayor Pro Tem Lepp asked where the City would get the money. City Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski responded that the money was not budgeted due to unforeseen circumstances, but the City does have the money in the fund balance and will have to amend the budget.

Councilman Couture moved to approve the quote from UIS Programmable Service for the purchase and installation of remote telemetry units in the amount of \$46,446; supported by Councilman Bronson. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

- **Consideration of Quotes for the Opera House Foyer Ceiling Repair.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski presented the quotes for the Opera House foyer ceiling repair. He stated that this is the second repair necessary in three years due to periodic roof leakage and the fact that the ceiling consists of plaster and dry wall. The new ceiling will be a drop ceiling, which should minimize future cost if subsequent repairs are needed. In response to Councilwoman Riddle, City Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski stated that the drop ceiling would drop approximately 8 inches. City Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski submitted a claim to the City's insurance company and has received a check in the amount of \$1,805 toward the cost of the repair. The City is recommending the quote from Bob Derris, Handyman Extraordinaire in the amount of \$1,710. Mr. Derris is licensed and fully insured.

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp moved to award the repair of the Opera House foyer ceiling to Bob Derris, Handyman Extraordinaire in the amount of \$1,710; supported by Councilman VanFleet. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

- **Consider a Resolution Imposing Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Land Uses.**

City Manager Stuart stated that the current moratorium on medical marijuana land use is coming to an end. He is recommending that the City extend the moratorium for 180 days. Mayor Pro Tem Lepp asked if anyone had inquired about medical marijuana land uses. City Manager Stuart responded yes, but not to set up a business. He stated that one individual asked to meet with him and he informed them that he would be willing, but only with an attorney present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp moved to adopt the resolution imposing a 180 day extension of the moratorium on medical marijuana land uses; supported by Councilman VanFleet. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried. Councilmen Bronson and Couture were opposed.

Public Comments:

The public comment portion of the meeting was opened by Mayor Sangster.

- Ms. Barb Lennon asked who is responsible for the maintenance and/or restoration of the mural across from the Straits Area Federal Credit Union. City Manager Stuart stated that the Historical Society had hoped to raise funds to restore the mural, but with little success. There was no definitive answer as to who is responsible for the maintenance/restoration.
- Ms. Lennon asked that the City readdress the chipping paint on the Lincoln Avenue Bridge. City Manager Stuart stated that the bridge will be re-evaluated and probably repainted.
- Ms. Lennon asked about the condition of the insulation and trusses at the Opera House due to the leak. City Manager Stuart stated neither seems to be an issue at this time.

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- Mr. George Lennon stated that in the process of repaving after the water main project, Cordes Excavating left a mess near his home at 212 S “E” Street causing water to pool. Mayor Sangster stated that Cordes Excavating will be back in the spring to finish the project and do clean up work; the City has retainage. City Manager Stuart will note Mr. Lennon’s complaint for Cordes Excavating to address in the spring.

City Clerk/Treasurer’s Comments:

- City Clerk/Treasurer Kwiatkowski reminded Council of the upcoming biennial elections. The election date is May 8, 2012. The City will have 3 Council seats open, as well as, Mayor. Councilmen Bronson, Couture, and Jewell’s seats are all open. The deadline for petitions is February 14, 2012. Each petition needs at least 25 signatures from registered voters.

City Managers Report:

- The new Olympia ice resurfacer looks and operates as hoped. A special thanks to Body Shop 23 and Classic Motors LTD for their work to improve the appearance of the equipment.
- Despite low attendance, the Holiday party was well received by those who attended.
- The Police union will meet with a State mediator on Thursday, January 12, 2012.
- The City’s website received 369,605 hits in 2011. Those hits were generated by 22,317 visitors. 154,816 of the hits were generated by non-human devices.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilman VanFleet commented that the new Olympia ice resurfacer has improved the quality of the ice at the Pavilion.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Lepp moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM; supported by Councilman VanFleet. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard B. Sangster

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski

Councilman Nicholas C. Couture

Councilman William K. Jewell

Mayor Pro Tem Theo Lepp

Councilman Mark Bronson

Councilman Michael J. VanFleet

Councilman Winifred Riddle