

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Ken Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by CM Kelly Pavel.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Laura Carpenter, Frank Lukacs, Judy Murray, Kelly Pavel; Mayor Ken Brown, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman, City Clerk Julie Miller. **ABSENT:** Marvin Ford, Mike Lents.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Lukacs, to approve the Minutes of October 25, 1999 as written. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Moved by CM Murray, supported by CM Carpenter, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General fund \$19,224.11; Payroll fund \$11,324.34; Sanitary Sewer fund \$4,053.27; Water Recreation fund: \$30.39; Investment fund \$16,808.37. Note: Invoice to Larry Nason to be paid out of General Fund (Sidewalk Fund) Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Lukacs to approve the pre-application building permit for Laura Carpenter, 4073 2nd Street, to build a 6ft stockade fence around back yard. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds: Carpenter: None.

Personnel: Lukacs: Set meeting for Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

Police: Ford: Absent.

Sewer and Water: Lents: Absent. Lukacs reported that the committee met on Monday, November 1, 1999, concerning burm for the Park.

Tax and Finance: Murray: Set meeting for Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 8:15 PM.

Streets and Sidewalks: Pavel: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

Council directed Attorney to start revisions on Chapter 5 of Ordinances.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **DPW GARAGE DOOR:** Request replacement of a garage door for the DPW. Bids were requested, and the best price is \$1,700. This is part of the overall upgrade of the DPW garage. **Council agreed that this is already approved in budget.**
2. **CRUSTY'S SIGNS:** Bill Grace requested permission to post signs in his new parking lot. Specifically, 'No U Turn,' 'No Loitering,' and 'No Through Traffic.' Mr. Grace will pay for the signs and install them, but a resolution allowing this is required so the City Police can ticket any violators.
Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Lukacs, to grant permission to Mr. Grace to post signs as requested in new parking lot. Motion Carried.
3. **HYDRANT FLUSHING:** DPW proposes to flush fire hydrants 17-19 November if weather cooperates. If too cold, will try for 22-24 November. Plan to flush hydrants in the evening. Will advertise dates in the Banner and on Channel 6.
Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter, to flush fire hydrants on 17-19 of November, with alternate dates of 22-24 of November. Motion Carried.
4. **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Plan to put up decorations on or about December 1st.
5. **MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION:** Application due December 8. Recommend scheduling a Public Hearing for November 22 to receive citizen input concerning scope of project.
Moved by CM Pavel, supported by CM Carpenter, to hold a Public Hearing regarding Enhancement program on November 22, 1999 at 7:15 PM.
6. **SCHOOL BOND MEETING:** The School Board has scheduled a meeting for November 30 to discuss a new bond issue. The Superintendent has requested Manager give the attendees a five-minute update on proposed growth in the City. Plan to discuss the two subdivisions and two Mobile Home Parks, if the Council has no objections. **None raised.**
7. **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES IN MICHIGAN:** One day class offered in Kalamazo on December 3. Topics include construction bidding and contracts.
8. **WATER WELL:** Overhaul of Well #4 is essentially complete. Auxiliary motor has been installed. Initial water sample pulled and sent to Lansing for analysis. If that sample comes back clear, a second sample will be pulled, if OK, well can be put back on line.
9. **LIFT STATIONS:** Overhaul of pump #1 is complete. It will be reinstalled when final components of VSM control panel are installed. Once #1 is on-line, #2 will be pulled and repaired. Final contract for installation of 3-phase electric power for the Thelman Avenue station has been received from Detroit Edison. Anticipate this work will commence soon.
10. **SNOW REMOVAL REQUIREMENT:** Surrounding cities (Imlay City, Sandusky, Crosswell, Lapeer) have incorporated snow removal requirements into their city ordinances.

Do we want to 1) update Ordinances or 2) pass a resolution. What time limits should be adopted and what charges levied if property is not cleared?

Council agreed to just clear Main and John Street Sidewalks without passing new resolution.

11. **CITY ASSESSOR SOFTWARE:** Plan to purchase new software for total of \$1,740.00, to make City assessments program compatible with County. \$1,800 already approved.

12. **CARLISLE PLASTICS:** Have started operations in Brown City in BC Wire building. Currently running a single day shift.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Cass City Renaissance Zone Meeting: Mayor reported on this meeting, and stated that the presentation for an area Renaissance Zone designation went very well. Anticipate a final decision in early December.

2. City Council appointment: Mayor Brown recommended that the Council appoint Jim Carson to fill Marvin Ford's remaining term on the Council, due to Mr. Ford's resignation. Moved by CM Lukacs, supported by CM Carpenter to appoint Jim Carson to the Council to replace Marvin Ford for his remaining term. Roll Call Vote: Pavel-no, Murray-no, Lukacs-yes, Carpenter-yes. 2-yes, 2-no, 2-absent. Motion not carried.

Mayor Brown recommended that the Council appoint Todd Vandewarker to the DDA. Moved by CM Lukacs, supported by CM Murray to appoint Todd Vandewarker to the DDA. Roll Call Vote: Pavel-yes, Murray-yes, Lukacs-yes, Carpenter-yes. 4-yes, 0-no, 2-absent. Motion Carried.

NOTE: Planning Commission member can not serve on City Council and Planning Commission together.

3. Council Committee Realignment: CM Carpenter to temporarily fill in on Personnel Committee.

CM Murray asked a question concerning the purchase of new Christmas decorations. Manager to check on cost and availability.

Moved by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Lukacs, to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie P. Miller
City Clerk