

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL 24, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Ken Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Kelly Pavel.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Laura Carpenter, Mike Lents, Frank Lukacs, Julie Miller, Judy Murray, Kelly Pavel; Mayor Ken Brown, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Barbara Seidel, City Attorney John Lengemann.

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by CM Lukacs, support by CM Pavel, to approve the minutes of 04/10/00, as presented. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by CM Murray, support by CM Carpenter, to pay the bills as presented except for voucher #5609 which is a \$400.00 deposit for MML Conference lodging at Grand Hotel which will exceed the budget, in the following funds: General fund \$55,855.89; Payroll fund \$11,902.27; Investment fund \$62,347.67; Sanitary Sewer fund \$10,323.31. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Industrial Park/Economic Development Corporation. City Manager's meeting with the Michigan State Grant Coordinator has been rescheduled.
2. Burnside Township Annexation. Burnside Township Manager, Robert Jager was under the understanding that the Term of Agreement was a mandatory 50 year term and Burnside will stand firm with 50 years. No prints have been produced for the Missionary Church to the Council and there is the question as to whether or not the Church will make a taxable profit on any monies collected for rental of a kitchen or hall within the Church. Motion by CM Lents, support by CM Pavel, to accept the 50 year Term of Agreement for Annexation into the City with the amendment that we are assuming the Church will remain a non-profit organization and comply with Public Act 425. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Consent Agenda: Four Pre-Application Building Permits.

Motion by CM Carpenter, support by CM Lukacs, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds: Carpenter: None.

Personnel: Lukacs: The evaluations of the City Employees were completed by City Mgr. Holmes and are favorable. On Tuesday, April 18, 2000, the Personnel Committee met and completed an employee evaluation of City Mgr. Holmes. Based upon review of surrounding communities' administrative salaries and job performance, it is their recommendation that the City Manager's pay be increased to \$41,500.00. The increase of \$3,228.00 will require an amendment to the budget and will come out of funding reserves. Motion by CM Lukacs, support by CM Miller, to increase the City Manager's salary. Motion Carried.

Police: Miller: Introduced by CM Miller to repeal Ordinance #7700. Public Hearing scheduled for May 8, 2000, at 7:15 PM. Police Committee Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2000, at 1:00 PM.

Sewer and Water: Lents: The City Attorney is waiting for additional information on issue tabled at last regular meeting concerning Mapleview Estates tap-in fees.

Tax and Finance: Murray: None.

Streets and Sidewalks: Pavel: None.

Other: The City Attorney tasked to review Blight Ordinances from surrounding communities to compare with and potentially update Brown City's.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. GEMSTONE ESTATES:** (formerly Softwinds) Updated plans have still not been received by either the City Engineer or City Manager. Once plans have been received and technical details have been approved by the City Engineer and Planning Commission Executive Board, plans will be forwarded to the Council for final review.
- 2. SIDEWALK 2000 PROJECT:** DPW has completed stripping sod. Hinojosa Construction has begun the work and they anticipate being finished before the end of the month.
- 3. STREETS 2000 PROJECT:** Bid requests were released to last year's bidders (less Valley Asphalt) and project was advertised in Michigan Contractor. Bids due May 8th by 4:00 PM. DPW to replace water main beginning next week. City Engineer (and CM Lents) recommended adding a storm water catch basin on Welles Street. DPW to determine costs and complexity of installation of catch basin.
- 4. WELCH V. BROWN CITY:** Received notification today that the trial has been rescheduled to July 20. Depositions will take place prior to that date.
- 5. DPW GARAGE EXPANSION PROJECT:** Received one bid from Superior Walls and one bid from a local contractor. DPW Supervisor is still trying to get a couple of other companies to bid. Information will be provided when available.

CM Pavel asked what the benefits would be of fencing in the DPW area. City Manager expressed that fencing would greatly benefit the City for protection of equipment and liability issues and will collect bids for fencing.

6. **COPS GRANT:** Received a payment from the federal government of \$26,373 toward the grant.
7. **THIRD STREET DRAINAGE:** Inspected the backyards of the houses west of the water tower on Third Street late last Thursday. Apparently there is a low area and they experienced some flooding after the rain. Recommend having the City Engineer inspect this area to determine what courses of action might be available.
8. **SANILAC COUNTY VETERAN'S OFFICE:** I need to be in Sandusky for a meeting tomorrow, starting about 11:00 AM and continuing about an hour. Also, on Friday, we will be conducting job interviews throughout the afternoon, so I will need to be in Sandusky from about noon on.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor invited Council to attend MML Region V Conference in Marlette.
2. Received letter from Sanilac County Health Department regarding flooding in apartment at Hickory Knob. Flooding was caused by a water heater.

Motion by CM Lents, support by CM Pavel, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 PM. Roll Call Vote: Carpenter-yes, Lukacs-yes, Miller-yes, Lents-yes, Murray-yes, Pavel-yes. 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Pavel, support by CM Lukacs, to reconvene City Council Meeting at 9:15 PM. Roll Call Vote: Carpenter-yes, Lukacs-yes, Miller-yes, Lents-yes, Murray-yes, Pavel-yes. 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Lukacs, support by CM Carpenter, to extend beyond the 9:00 hour. Motion Carried.

The City Council is exploring options of purchasing 1/3 interest of a vacant building and City Manager will convey to third party that if purchase is made within City guidelines and purchase price, in accordance to the City's Ordinances, the City is interested in said purchase. No formal decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Motion by CM Pavel, support by CM Murray, to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Seidel
City Clerk