

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 10, 2000

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Frank Lukacs.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Laura Carpenter, Mike Lents, Frank Lukacs, Julie Miller, Judy Murray, Kelly Pavel; Mayor Ken Brown, City Manager Clint Holmes, Deputy Clerk David R. Van Cura, Attorney Sally Miller.

ABSENT: City Clerk Barb Seidel, City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY CM Pavel, supported by CM Miller, to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2000 as written. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

MOVED BY CM Murray, supported by CM Lukacs, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General - \$17,468.02, Payroll - \$15,091.71, Sanitary Sewer - \$404.34, Water Recreation - \$8,089.50, Investment – \$52,155.28. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pre-application Bldg. Permit – Matt Firmingham, 6813 Cade Road – Fence/Move Hydrant. Fire hydrant move is still pending.
2. Christmas Decorations. Building to be used for storage is still not completed.
3. City Ordinance Chapter 5 Work Session Scheduling. No date set for work session.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: NONE.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: NONE.

RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Three Pre-application Building Permits.

1. Larry Bullock, 4084 Third St. – Addition to House.
2. Rod Cummings-Hughes, 6920 St. Marys St. – New House.
3. Mike Chase, 7054 McMorran St. – 12' x 14' Shed.

MOVED BY CM Carpenter, supported by CM Lukacs, to approve all three pre-application building permits. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

ORDINANCES: Dangerous Building Ordinance Section 4106.5A – John Marsh, 4115 Main Street. Discussion concerning the status of this structure. Mr. Marsh was informed that the Council would allow him to continue work in the house but a certificate of occupancy must be issued by September 25 or the City would order the house demolished. Mr. Marsh attended the

meeting and stated that he understood the City Council's requirements. City Manager to send follow-up letter.

MOVED BY CM Lents, supported by CM Pavel, that John Marsh must obtain a "certificate of occupancy" for his house at 4115 Main Street in the City of Brown City before the Council Meeting of September 25, 2000 or the Council will comply with Ordinance 4106.5A and order the structure demolished. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CM Pavel asked City Manager Holmes about several items, including Hillside Subdivision and the James Street Water Main Project.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **MAPLE VALLEY ROAD LIFT STATION:** Apparently lightning fried one of the two master control panels. Cost of replacement is \$6,856.78. Insurance company contacted, and a claim is being submitted.
2. **JAMES STREET WATER MAIN:** DPW is still working to get the main installed as soon as possible.
3. **WATER QUALITY:** I attended the DEQ meeting on arsenic in drinking water on July 5 in Lansing. The EPA has published its ruling. Comments to EPA can be submitted up to September 20, 2000. Anticipate the final rule to go into effect on January 1, 2001. Since the City of Brown City has a population of less than 10,000, we have until January 2006 to comply. Recommend developing a formal response from the City to EPA soon. Does the Council wish to schedule a Public Meeting on this issue?
4. **BURGER BUILDING:** Anticipate closing on the property on July 28. Survey was completed yesterday and final report should be available soon. Ellis' attorney to coordinate paperwork with City Attorney.
5. **STUMP REMOVAL:** A resident requested that the four tree stumps located in front of his house (between the street and sidewalk) be removed. The individual has offered to split the cost with the City as with the sidewalk program. Council needs to set a policy. Council indicated that cost sharing would be acceptable.
6. **SEWER TO EMMIE COMPANY:** I have contacted the Department of the Treasury to determine the procedures for creating a Tax Increment Financing Zone to run a sewer extension to Emmie Die & Engineering. Additionally, I have contacted a couple of engineering firms to determine feasibility and estimated cost of a gravity sewer to this property. Rowe Engineering inspected the area with me and determined that a gravity line could be built up to the county drain. Beyond that would require pumping (lift station, grinder pump, etc.). Cost would be \$50K to ditch and possibly an additional \$20K to continue beyond that point. The Treasury stated TIF is not an option.

7. **ALMONT SCREW PRODUCTS:** I have contacted the Department of the Treasury to determine the procedures for granting a tax abatement on \$80,000 in additional equipment. With passage of a formal Resolution by the Council, this could be completed relatively easily.
8. **EES INTERNET:** GTE to installed 200 additional phone lines in the Library on Thursday (July 6). EES to install servers soon.
9. **CLOCK PURCHASE:** Still no word on street enhancement grant. However, a clock company is selling \$15,000 street clock for \$2,500. Recommend we purchase one. Council recommended the clock be purchased.
10. **HYDRODYNAMICS:** Received the bid for the lift station overhaul at Main and Thelman. Cost is \$60,432.40.
11. **XPLORER WATER BILL:** Immediately preceding the replacement of the water meter at Xplorer, their water bill jumped significantly. A review of their water bills over the past two years indicated they pay around \$135 per quarter. Their last bill was \$471.53, and then their current bill dropped back to \$134.87. Recommend the City refund Xploer \$336.66.
12. **FREY HOME:** A clog in the sewer line resulted in the owners calling a plumber to clean the line. Investigation revealed the clog (due to tree roots) was on the City side of the line. The City plans to reimburse them \$207.61 for the cost of this service.
13. **LIBRARY CLOSURE:** The Council needs to close the City Library for the Primary Election on August 8, 2000.

MOVED BY CM Carpenter, supported by CM Miller, to close the City Library for the Primary Election on August 8, 2000. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. The Mayor inquired about the status of work to be done by MDOT (cutting trees, flashing warning lights for fire vehicles).

MOVED BY CM Lukacs, supported by CM Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Van Cura
Deputy Clerk