

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER 18, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Kelly Pavel.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman

PRESENT: Mayor Kelly Pavel, Councilmembers Laura Carpenter, Patricia Jacobson, Frank Lukacs, Julie Miller*, Judy Murray, Michael Stain; City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Denise Hoff, Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman.
*CM Julie Miller arrived at 7:05 PM.

ABSENT: None

CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by CM Lukacs, support by CM Carpenter, to approve minutes of December 11, 2000. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS: Motion by CM Murray, supported by CM Jacobson, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General-\$5403.86, Payroll-\$11,259.24, Sanitary Sewer-\$772.20, Investment \$28,443.01. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Ordinance Chapter 5 Work Session Scheduling - Tabled pending additional research by the City Manager.
2. Preapplication Building Permit-Mapleview Estates 7179 Silver Maple Lane. Tabled pending final review by the Planning Commission.
3. Rezoning Request-Keith Muxlow. No action taken.
4. City Museum: No action taken.
5. M-90 Railroad Crossing: Following a short discussion, Council decided to have the issue reviewed by the Streets and Sidewalks Committee. S&S meeting will be scheduled during the next Council meeting. Public Hearing to allow public comment and input on this issue is scheduled for January 22, 2001, at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Maple Valley Estates/Suburban Homes: Received a request on December 6th to build an additional model home at Maple Valley Estates. Request was forwarded to the Planning Commission. Commission tabled the request pending receipt by the City of assurance that repairs to the VFW and constructing a fence for the

safety of residents are completed in a timely fashion by the owners and operators of Maple Valley Estates. Discussion with representatives from Suburban Homes and MVE on December 8th revealed that they would provide a cashier's check in the amount of \$6,000, to serve as a bond for the completion of these two projects. Cashiers check received on Wednesday December 13, 2000 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Attorney Marilyn Zimmerman suggested written conditions for easement, if job is not completed in the stated time, and City is required to erect the fence. Motion by CM Stain, supported by CM Carpenter, to accept the bond check subject to the conditions in the attached memo from project owner Stanley R. van Reken. Motion Carried.

2. Preapplication Building Permits:

- a) Maple Valley Estates/Suburban Homes: Manufactured Home Installation on Lot #46. Motion by CM Carpenter, supported by CM Miller to approve the pre-application building permit. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds (Carpenter) - None.
2. Streets and Sidewalks (Lukacs) - None.
3. Police (Miller) - None.
4. Water and Sewer (Stain) - None.
5. Tax and Finance (Murray) - None.
6. Personnel (Jacobson) - None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. Maplevue Estates Lawsuit (12/14 Meeting): City Manager Holmes, Engineer from Jones & Henry Tom Hoogerhyde, and Attorney M. Zimmerman met to discuss details associated with the report produced by Jones & Henry concerning water and sewer tap-in fees. Trial scheduled for early March 2001.
2. Marilyn Zimmerman plans to retire from the practice of law as of March 1, 2001. John Lengeman to fill-in following her retirement until a replacement can be found.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **PLANNING AND ZONING WORKSHOP:** Scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 6:00-9:30 PM, at the Sanilac Career Center. Mayor Pavel, Councilmembers

Carpenter, Murray and Stain, City Manager and Planning Commission Chairman Berry to attend.

- 2. EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** I need a decision concerning:
- a) Providing City employees with either a gift certificate or cash (\$25); **or**
 - b) Closing the City offices at noon on Friday December 22nd and/or Friday December 29th; **or**
 - c) Other Option; **or**
 - d) None of the above.

Motion by CM Lukacs, supported by CM Murray to close City Hall at noon on December 22nd and 29th and give employees the afternoon off with pay. Motion carried.

- 3. SNOW REMOVAL:** DPW is doing an excellent job. Additionally, Gene Burgess, Officer Shane McKibben, and Jim Groat also provided equipment or manpower to aid in snow removal. Costs are still well within budget.
- 4. MICHIGAN CITY MANAGER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:** Winter Conference is scheduled for January 30 through February 2, 2001 in Ypsilanti. There was no objection by the Council to the City Manager attending.
- 5. POLICE GRANT WORKSHOP:** Scheduled for January 11, 2001 in Lansing. Sponsored by the Office of Drug Control and will highlight federal money available for future grants. (NOTE: Police Chief to attend with City Manager.)

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

Motion by CM Lukacs, supported by CM Stain, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Hoff
City Clerk