

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2004

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Gene Navock.

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Carpenter; Councilmembers –Pat Jacobson, Frank Lukacs, Julie Miller, Eugene Navock, Jason Nielsen, JoAnn Potts; City Clerk Christine Lee, City Manager Darcy Long, City Attorney Gerard Garno.

ABSENT: None.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Potts, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2004 as corrected. Motion Carried.

CORRECTIONS:

1. Page 2 of 4 – under Committee Reports – Item #5 – Building and Grounds - Change McKanna to McKenna
2. Page 3 of 4 – Under Attorney's Report – Item # 2 – add the word of – should read – the cost of a camera
3. Page 3 of 4 – Under Attorney's Report – Item # 3 - Change to read – The City hasn't received anything back from Northwood Development and the City is only plowing the snow at this time as a courtesy to the one resident who lives there, and the City has not agree to assume ownership of the road.

PAY BILLS:

Move by CM Jacobson, second by CM Potts, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General -\$15,073.69, Payroll - \$13,814.39, Sanitary Sewer - \$2,060.16, Major St. - \$886.32, Local St. - \$886.32, Investment - \$45,501.78. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LDFA.: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #04-01 = Allowing the Board of Review to Act Upon Written Requests from Taxpayers.

Move by CM Lukacs, second by CM Nielsen, to adopt Resolution # 04-01.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jacobson - Yes, Lukacs - Yes, Miller - Yes, Navock - Yes, Nielsen - Yes, Potts - Yes. 6 - Yeas, 0 - Nays, 0 - Abstain, 0 - Absent. Motion Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Preapplication Building Permits – Requires City & County Permit –

1. Robert Cilk, 4193 Second St. – 18’x24’ Garage. Tabled

B. Contract for Printing Services with Sanilac County Equalization Dept.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Navock, to approve the contract for printing services with the Sanilac County Equalization Dept. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Police (Miller)- None

2. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock)- None

3. Tax and Finance (Jacobson)- None – Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 6:00 P.M.

4. Personnel (Lukacs)- Employee evaluations will be done in June.

5. Building and Grounds (Potts)- Planning Commission Recommendations.

Move by CM Potts, second by CM Miller to change 7046 McMorrان to Estate Residential, so Mr. Raymond Carman can put in a parking lot in if he chooses to in the future. Motion Carried.

6. Water and Sewer (Nielsen)- None – Committee Meeting tonight after City Council Meeting.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT: None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

City Treasurer Carol Walters will be going to Sandusky to clear up the problems with some of the Personal Property Tax bills.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

1. Mapleview Estates vs Brown City Lawsuit. The Supreme Court of Michigan has decided to uphold the ruling in favor of City of Brown City. Move by CM Lukacs, second by CM Miller, to direct City Attorney Garno to write a letter to Mapleview Estates to collect the fees, plus interest. Motion Carried.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Jacobson, to direct City Manager Long to write a letter to the Michigan Municipal League on behalf of the City of Brown City to thank them for all their help with the Mapleview Lawsuit. Motion Carried.

2. Equal Protection Cause: (Corrected 2/23/04 add the word Action at the end - should read Equal Protection Cause Action:)
Was dismiss but they can re-file later if they choose to. (Corrected 2/23/04 - add an ed to the word dismissed) (Corrected 2/23/04 - should read Mapleview Estates may be able to re-file later if they choose to.)
3. E.P.A. Arsenic Contract:
The E.P.A. approved the amended contract and thank the City for working with them. (Corrected 2/23/04 - add an ed to the word thanked)
4. Renaissance Zone:
Mr. Keith Muxlow called and wanted to know why the City was taking so long to buy the rest of the property. City Manager Long explained that the City is working on getting a loan and all the paperwork is in. Mr. Muxlow said that he could wait until the City obtains a loan.
5. Insurance For Brown City Days:
The City hasn't heard back on any of the cost, still waiting for the quotes. City Manager Long will talk with Liebler's Insurance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Long went over his report.

1. Workshop:
Look at the City Financial Projects. Invite the Residents for their input and ideas on what to spend the money on.
2. Adveda Otulakowski and Susan Parrent haven't settled the garage dispute at this time. City Attorney Garno stated that this could be very costly to the City if the City chose to be involved in this issue. At the time the City approved the application for a Building Permit everything was correct. (Corrected 2/23/04 – take out the word correct and change to read – in compliance with our Zoning Law.) City Attorney Garno will write a formal recommendation. (Corrected 2/23/04 – change the period to a comma and add the words – regarding how to proceed.)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Present Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Goals.
2. Adopt Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Goals.

Move by CM Potts, second by CM Lukacs to adopt the Vision and Mission Statements and Goals. Motion Carried.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Potts, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine J. Lee
City Clerk