

## **COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 8, 2004**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Councilmember Jason Nielson.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers –Pat Jacobson, and Eugene Navock.

### **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Lukacs, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2004 as presented. Motion Carried.

### **CORRECTIONS:**

1. Page 1 of 3 – Under Police Chief's Report – change E to F.
2. Page 2 of 3 – Under Old Business – change the last sentence to read, Talked to Keith Muxlow about Economical Development in the old Travco Building.
3. Page 3 of 3 – Under Attorney's Report, Item #2 - put a comma after the word issue and take out the word if, add Mrs. Otulakowski alleges Ms. Parrent

### **PAY BILLS:**

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Lukacs, to pay the bills as presented in the following funds: General -\$49,955.85, Payroll - \$13,614.02, Sanitary Sewer - \$6,178.42, Major St. - \$1,268.03, Local St. - \$634.02, Investment - \$64,761.76. Motion Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. LDFA.: Dale Benish will be coming to the next Council meeting or the first one in April to talk about a couple of areas that may be included and what path the City should take.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

1. Dollar General, Ben's Plaza, 4448 Main St., - Building Sign.

Move by CM Potts, second by CM Lukacs, to approve the preapplication building permit for Dollar General for a building sign at 4448 Main Street, contingent upon proper information in application regarding compliance with the sign ordinance.  
Motion Carried.

2. Robert Cilk, 4193 Second St. – 18'x24' Garage. **\*\*ON HOLD\*\***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Police (Miller)- None.
2. Tax and Finance (Jacobson)- March 1, 2004 – None.
3. Personnel (Lukacs)- None.
4. Water and Sewer (Nielsen)- March 7, 2004 need to reschedule this meeting after CM Jacobson returns to town.
5. Streets and Sidewalks (Navock)- None.
6. Building and Grounds (Potts)- None.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Nielsen to approve to purchase a garage door opener for the police garage for around \$350.00. Motion Carried

CM Lukacs noted that in back of the Veterans Park in the northeast corner the railroad ties need to be put back down.

Also the Railroad Crossing on Main Street needs to be repair (big holes).

(Corrected 3/22/04 – add an ed to the word repaired.)

Arsenic problem what are the other towns doing. (Corrected 3/22/04 – put a comma after the word problem and put a question mark at the end of the sentence)  
City Manager Long stated that Marlette and Peck don't have a problem and the other towns have until 2006 to complete the project and they may be able to get an extension to 2008.

Streets that are broken up is there enough funds to handle the repairs. (Corrected 3/22/04 – put a comma after the word up and put a question mark at the end of the sentence) City Manager Long stated that there was.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: None.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: None**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

1. Mapleview vs Brown City: This is still pending. The City will move forward to collect the fees. City Attorney Garno will send a demand letter to Mapleview about collecting the fees.
2. Otulakowski vs Parrent: This ia (Corrected – 3/22/04 – change ia to is) a private dispute and until a judge rules where the boundary line is the City will take no further action in this dispute. City Manager will forward a letter that was drafted up by City Attorney Garno stating this.
3. Library: Check (Corrected 3/22/04 – add an ed to the word check) with the Register of Deeds and found no deed restrictions on the property that the Library and City Hall is located on. The Building Authority can go the Wendt family and see if the City can use the Library for City use. (Corrected – 3/22/04 – change the last sentence to read – The Building Authority may want to go to the Wendt family and see if they have any objections to the City using the current Library for City use.)

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Need to name the new street in Industrial Park. The name Commerce Drive was recommended. The City will vote on this at the next City Council meeting.
2. The Budget will be done by the end of the week (Thursday).
3. Fire Department: The Fire Authority approved the purchase of a new tanker truck, to replace the old one.
4. Arsenic Project: The equipment is being installed and should be ready for startup. City Manager Long would like to make time to give the City Council a tour of the new facility.
5. Great Lakes Internet: The negotiating process continues with the tower lease. The City is getting closer to having high speed Internet in Brown City.

CM Nielsen wanted to know if there was any more communication with Lynn Manogue about her subdivision. Her engineer contacted our engineer about where the water lines need to go.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The following public hearings need to be set for the next City Council meeting:

1. Setting Tax Rate
2. Water Rate Increase
3. Adopting the Budget

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Nielsen to set the following public hearings for March 22,2004; Setting Tax Rate at 7:15 P.M., Water Rate Increase at 7:30 P.M. and Adopting the Budget at 8:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

CM Miller questioned the bill for \$350.00 for a heater. City Manager Long informed the City Council that Dave Kinney was using his own heater from home the last 2 years.

CM Miller questioned the bill for \$63.00 for hand towels. City Manager told her that was for shop towels.

CM Miller questioned the bill for payment to City Manager Long credit card. He stated that the charge was for a binder machine to make the budget booklets. CM Miller didn't think that paying directly to some ones personal credit card was good practice for the City. She also stated that if you need to purchase something to call ahead and get the total so a check could be written. City Manager Long stated that other Cities have credit cards for this purpose. This matter will be discus at the next City Council meeting and how the City wishes to proceed.

Move by CM Miller, second by CM Potts, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine J. Lee  
City Clerk