

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

August 11, 2009

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the following Proclamations: Hackett Catholic Central Men's State Champion Golf Team; Hackett Catholic Central Women's State Champion Soccer Team and South Portage Senior State Champion Softball Team.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of August 11, 2009, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 4-09 approving the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Stryker Corporation facility at 6300 Sprinkle Road for six (6) years for real property improvements and nine (9) years on the personal property in the amount of \$4,925,356, excluding the furniture and fixtures, and approved the tax abatement agreement and the affidavit between the City of Portage and the Stryker Corporation; also, the Stryker Corporation shall receive an additional three year certificate on the personal property only if requested within the final year the nine year abatement is effective; the applicant has fulfilled all of the terms of the original tax abatement agreement and exceeds either the number of new jobs promised, the number of jobs retained or the estimated project cost (investment) as indicated in the initial industrial facilities exemption certificate application; finally, if the city disapproves of the application for an additional three year certificate based upon noncompliance with the above stated conditions, there is no right of appeal of that decision.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Confirmed City Manager appointments to the Portage Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.
- ◆ Awarded a two-year contract renewal to Delta Dental Plan of Michigan and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract renewal on behalf of the city.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by J. Allen Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$95,731 for Bicentennial Park Trail and Millennium Trail asphalt improvements and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ In reference to Item F.2, Delta Dental Contract Renewal, Councilmember Reid indicated that as revenues have been going down, costs have been going up double digitally, and expressed praise for the efforts of the Administration to spread these increases over two years.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban issued a report on the recent Governmental Long Lake Board action of turning the pump on to increase the level of the water in the lake.
- ◆ Councilmember Vlieg expressed condolences for the family of retired Police Officer Scott Hurlbert, who recently passed away.
- ◆ City Manager Evans indicated that the roadwork on Centre Avenue is scheduled to be completed by the end of August and is a good use of stimulus dollars from the Federal Government.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Portage in the November 3, 2009 General City Election.

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