

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2009

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peter J. Strazdas at 7:38 p.m.

The City Clerk called the roll with the following members present: Councilmembers Elizabeth A. Campbell, Margaret E. O'Brien, Claudette S. Reid, Terry R. Urban and Ted W. Vliek, Mayor Pro Tem Edward J. Sackley and Mayor Peter J. Strazdas. Also in attendance were City Manager Maurice S. Evans, City Attorney Randall Brown and City Clerk James R. Hudson.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Strazdas issued a Kyrgyzstan Day Proclamation and welcomed Councilmembers from Kyrgyzstan and their interpreter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Sackley, seconded by O'Brien, to approve the August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Strazdas asked Councilmember Campbell to read the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Reid asked that Item L.1, *Portager* Newsletter Printing Contract, be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the Consent Agenda Motions as amended. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER OF AUGUST 25, 2009:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the Check Register of August 25, 2009. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

* **GARDEN LANE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve a change order in the amount of \$44,737 to Adams Building Contractors, Incorporated, for the necessary replacement of the 16 inch water main on the Garden Lane Water Treatment Plant site and authorize the City Manager to sign the change order on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **NORTHWEST PORTAGE BIKEWAY EXTENSION PROJECT:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the acquisition of the trailway easement for 6780 South Westnedge Avenue in the amount of \$36,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this acquisition on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - OAKLAND DRIVE PARK STORMWATER BASIN:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to award a contract to Paradigm Design, Incorporated, for engineering services related to storm drainage improvements at the Oakland Drive Park stormwater basin in the amount of \$11,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **WEST MILHAM AVENUE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT #413-S:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to adopt Resolution No. 1, accept the City Manager Report and request preparation of Resolution No. 2 for the West Milham Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project #413-S. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **ELECTION POLLING PLACES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to adopt the Resolution Designating Election Polling Places and Rate of Compensation for the November 3, 2009 General Election. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **MILL AND FILL STREET REPAIR - INFORMATION ONLY:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding Mill and Fill Street Repair as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **ANALYSIS OF ZONING CONSISTENCY (FY 2008-2009 UPDATE) – INFORMATION ONLY:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding the Analysis of Zoning Consistency (FY 2008-2009 Update) as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **JULY 2009 SUMMARY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT –**

INFORMATION ONLY: Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding the July 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **MONTHLY REPORTS:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to receive the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** City Council received the minutes of the:
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole and Regular of August 5, 2009, and the Portage Park Board of August 5, 2009.

BID TABULATIONS:

PORTAGER NEWSLETTER PRINTING CONTRACT: Councilmember Reid asked for a clarification since City Council has identified the use of printed material as a discussion item at the annual retreat. City Manager Maurice Evans explained that the contract is for one year with a review after six months. In response to her concern that the handling of information through print media could totally change, Mr. Evans assured her that the contract is negotiable as no one knows what changes will be necessary. Motion by Reid, seconded by Vlieg, to award a one-year contract to J.B. Printing Company in the amount not to exceed \$43,245 for the production of the *Portager* newsletter and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

OTHER CITY MATTERS:

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER: Councilmember Vlieg indicated that he was impressed with the progress on the construction of Centre Avenue; that it appears that it will be completed before school starts; but, he reserved comment on the quality of the work until the work is finished.

Councilmember Reid announced that The Kazoo Area Foot Chase is scheduled, Saturday, September 12, 2009, registration and check-in at 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Race at 9:00 a.m., Celery Flats, 7335 Garden Lane east of South Westnedge Avenue, to benefit MI-COPS, a non-profit organization that aids the survivors of Michigan police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Councilmember Urban announced his candidacy for re-election to City Council in the General City Election, November 3, 2009.

Mayor Strazdas expressed his appreciation for the many accomplishments of the City Council and for a positive transformation during very difficult times.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

James R. Hudson, City Clerk

* Indicates items included on the Consent Agenda.