

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

September 8, 2009

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the following Proclamations: "Lest We Forget Our Vets" and Suicide Prevention Week.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of September 8, 2009, as presented.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2 for the West Milham Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project #413-S, setting a public hearing of necessity on September 22, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Extended the audit contract with BDO Seidman for a period of one year at a cost not to exceed \$23,750 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.
- ◆ Approved the lease of 72 Hewlett Packard replacement computers from Capital Advantage Leasing of Grand Rapids, Michigan, at a lease price of \$66,574.20 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.
- ◆ Approved the annual Novell Server maintenance and software licensing fees of \$18,252 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract extension with Quadrant II Marketing to provide advertising sales and publication preparation of the Portage Senior Center newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$14,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Amended the General Appropriations Act (budget) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
- ◆ Established December 11 and 12 as the dates of the 2009 City Council Goal Setting Session.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, beginning at 5:15 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.

COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the communication from the Austin Lake Riparian Association and directed the City Administration to prepare a Resolution consistent with the Austin Lake Riparian Association Board of Directors request to refer the aeration concept request to the Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board for consideration.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved the purchase of deicing salt from North American Salt Company for an early release of 3,000 tons of salt at \$59.78 per ton for a total cost not to exceed \$179,340 and 1,050 tons of salt for seasonal backup on an as-needed basis at \$61.28 per ton for a total cost not to exceed \$64,344 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these purchases.
- ◆ Approved the low bid submitted by Procure Tree Service for sectional tree pruning in the amount of \$14,905 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Shirley Cosgrove, 5548 Roanoke, and Thomas Mann, 5539 Roanoke Drive, issued a complaint that teenagers on their street were engaging in harassment, curfew violations and bullying at all hours of the night with no parental involvement.
- ◆ James Pearson, 3004 East Shore Drive, announced his candidacy for election to City Council in the General City Election, November 3, 2009.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell invited all to attend the pre-game football dinner sponsored by Portage Rotary at the Portage Northern/Portage Central Football Game, Friday, September 11, 2009.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid informed citizens of the low cost health insurance on line at *michigan.gov* that is available for children known as My Health for \$10 per month and Healthy Kids through Medicaid. She also announced that an application can be obtained online at *kzoofootchase.com* for the Kazoo Area Foot Chase, scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009, with 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. Finally, she announced her candidacy for re-election to City Council in the General City Election, November 3, 2009.
- ◆ Councilmember Vlieg indicated that he was impressed with the 12th Street Elementary School and the quality of the construction on Centre Avenue.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley concurred with the quality of Centre Avenue, wished Councilmember O'Brien well, and indicated that State Representative Lorence Wenke and a committee of volunteers are holding a 9/11 Commemoration, Friday, September 11, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Bronson Park, 200 West South Street, Kalamazoo, that will include speakers, music and an opportunity for remembrance.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas also wished Councilmember O'Brien good health and commended her for her involvement in the Soccer Tournament last weekend and her son's victory. He also wished good health for everyone in the community, a healthy school year and healthy choices, especially with drugs, alcohol and cell phone text-messaging and use while driving.

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