

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2010

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Strazdas at 7:33 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Strazdas, Councilmember Urban gave the invocation and the City Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk called the roll with the following members present: Councilmembers Elizabeth A. Campbell, Margaret E. O'Brien, Patricia M. Randall, Claudette S. Reid, Terry R. Urban and 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 Firefighters Fill the Boot Days for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Reid, to approve the July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5 to 0 with Councilmember Urban and mayor Strazdas abstaining.

* **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Strazdas asked Councilmember Cambell to read the Consent Agenda. Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Consent Agenda motions as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER OF AUGUST 10, 2010:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Check Register of August 10, 2010. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

* **BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR STORM DAMAGE CLEAN UP:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to approve a budget amendment to the Leaf Pickup Spring Cleanup Fund in the amount of \$36,567 to replenish funds used to clean up storm damage that occurred on July 15, 2010. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **PROPOSED ONE-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTAGE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to approve a one-year labor agreement between the City of Portage and the Portage Police Officers Association and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **PURCHASE OF DIGITAL RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE INTERVIEW ROOMS:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to award a contract to GTSI for digital recording equipment for Police interview rooms in an amount not to exceed \$28,928.13 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **PORTAGER NEWSLETTER PRINTING CONTRACT:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to renew the contract with J.B. Printing Company in the amount not to exceed \$25,390 for the annual production of the *Portager* newsletter and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **MANAGED PRINTER SERVICES PROPOSAL:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to approve a one-year managed printer services agreement with the option to exercise three one-year renewals with Precision Printer Services, Incorporated, for the provision of printer supplies and services and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to confirm the appointment of Chris Barnes as the City of Portage Director of Transportation & Utilities. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0. City Council congratulated Mr. Barnes for his promotion.

* **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT - INFORMATION ONLY:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding the Downtown Development Authority Annual Report as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

* **PRIVATELY OWNED PIPELINES IN PORTAGE - INFORMATION ONLY:** Motion by Reid, seconded by Campbell, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding privately owned pipelines in Portage as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: City Council received the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

Portage Senior Center Advisory Board of June 16, 2010.
Portage Park Board of July 7, 2010.

OTHER CITY MATTERS:

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS: Robert El Henicky, 8126 Valleywood Lane, complimented the responsiveness of Police Officers Kyle Doster and Bryan Taffee with regards to speeding on Valleywood Lane.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER: Councilmember Campbell said she received comments on how fast political signs were retrieved by candidates and congratulated those who won.

Councilmember Reid asked citizens to vote on the WKZO Potluck Pals Program to help determine which of the organizations will get funding.

Councilmember Urban said that, after the last City Council Meeting, a man commented that it sounded as if he had not read the Agenda materials. He explained that there were objections presented at the City Council Meeting that had not been presented at the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings; therefore, City Council had many questions that needed to be answered. He further indicated that City Council comes to meetings without having their minds made up and ask questions to assist in their decision-making. Councilmember Urban also referred to Item F.8, Privately Owned Pipelines in Portage – Information Only, indicated that the flow of any residual from a pipe break to Vicksburg was not entirely acceptable and asked the City Manager for an evaluation of any safety or maintenance issues.

Councilmember Randall praised the volunteers who helped with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Boys Tournament at Kalamazoo College and the Kalamazoo County Fair.

Councilmember O'Brien commented on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly opened Northwest Bikeway as a mode of free transportation that is environmentally friendly and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

City Manager Evans concurred, described the exuberance of former Assistant City Manager Sean McBride when he heard about the completion of the project and mentioned a plaque received from the U.S. Census Bureau for the help received for their effort from city employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Sackley asked for a copy of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan from Wolverine Pipeline Company for his review and input.

Mayor Strazdas echoed Councilmember O'Brien's remarks about the Northwest Bikeway and mentioned the other ribbon-cutting that took place for the Water Treatment Plant on Garden Lane.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

James R. Hudson, City Clerk

***Indicates items included on the Consent Agenda.**