

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

August 10, 2010

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of August 10, 2010, as presented.

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Firefighters Fill the Boot Days for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Proclamation.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved 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.
- ◆ Approved a one-year labor agreement between the City of Portage and the Portage Police Officers Association and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to GTSI for digital recording equipment for Police interview rooms in an amount not to exceed \$28,928.13 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase.
- ◆ Renewed the contract with J.B. Printing Company in the amount not to exceed \$25,390 for the annual production of the *Portager* newsletter and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract.
- ◆ Approved 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 authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Confirmed the appointment of Chris Barnes as the City of Portage Director of Transportation & Utilities.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Downtown Development Authority Annual Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding privately owned pipelines in Portage as information only.

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 Pot Luck 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 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.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGEMI.GOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.