

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

February 22, 2011

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the 18th Annual Kalamazoo County Walk For Warmth Proclamation and the Portage Community High School Co-ed Volleyball Championship Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of February 22, 2011, as presented.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Ryan Simpson from the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce announced that Chris Barnes received the Public Servant of the Year Award through the Chamber.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted the \$1,600 offer from Mr. Jim Traill and Ms. Patricia O'Rourke to purchase lot 115 and the east 40 feet of lot 114 of the plat of Fairfield No. 1 located at 2125 Bender Road; and placed the purchase offer on file for 28 days and take final action on March 22, 2011.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the January 2011 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved an Ordinance to amend the City of Portage Code of Ordinances by amending Section 50-222, Article 7 of Chapter 50, Providing False Information to Public Officer.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received the Presentation by Councilmember Reid regarding the recent activity of the Business and the City of Portage Committee.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ State Representative Margaret O'Brien outlined three proposals being discussed in the State House of Representatives: the complete repeal of Public Act 312, competitive Health Plan options and the fact that an Urban Cooperation Act that has to make financial sense and control cost.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ City Council, Mayor Strazdas and City manager Evans congratulated the Portage Community High School Co-ed Volleyball Championship Team for winning three consecutive state championships and Chris Barnes for receiving the Public Servant of the Year Award through the Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid discussed Governor Snyder's proposed budget and negative affects on tax assistance and Head Start.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall reminded everyone of the two information sessions on the Assessment Process by Joyce Foondle, Southwest Michigan Governmental Consultants, on the Assessment Process, the Board of Review and the Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeals process, and asked if City Manager Evans could provide information on the Mathieu Gast Home Improvement Act.
- ◆ Mr. Evans discussed the ice storm and branch removal plans and commended staff for a fine storm clean-up effort.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas asked everyone to be careful around downed power lines and expressed sincere gratitude to the Red Cross, the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Portage and area citizens for their acts of kindness during the crisis.

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