

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Smith Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Arnold, Cuttle, Kruger, Sanders, Weissenborn, Mayor Pro-Tem Baker, Mayor Smith, Attorney Tom Hitch and City Manager Guetschow

**ABSENT:** None

The invocation was offered by Mayor Smith, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Boy Scouts Troop #3, Chief Okemos Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2010:** Motion by Councilmember Kruger, second by Sanders to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2010, as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Morrison, representing Boy Scouts Troop #3, Chief Okemos Council, announced the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts is February 8<sup>th</sup> and invited Council to attend two events; May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> for the Council-wide Spring Camporee at the former Waverly Golf Course and October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Camporee at the Eaton County Fairgrounds.

Nancy Krupiarz, Executive Director for Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance invited Council to the Regional Visioning Workshop for a greener Michigan on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hannah Community Center.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** Kelsey Mansel reported that the High School Solo and Ensemble Festival was held at CPAC. On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Chorale will travel to the Bach Festival, and the high school play, Rumors, is February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Cuttle to approve the agenda, as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Appoint Connie Miller to the Board of Review for a term expiring 12/31/2011
- B. Appoint to the Camp Frances Board the following:
  - Amanda Pearsall term expiring 5/15/2013
  - William Callahan term expiring 5/15/2011
  - Mary Hall term expiring 5/15/2011
  - Sue Latchaw term expiring 5/15/2012
  - Wayne Ridge term expiring 5/15/2012 (new appointment)
- C. Approve recommendation from the DPW Director for the purchase of one portable topsoil screening plant from Argus Industrial at a cost of \$10,480.
- D. Set Public Hearing on WJG Enterprises Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for February 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm
- E. Approve Proclamation naming the week of February 21, 2010, as Optimists International Youth Appreciation Week

***WHEREAS,** the vast majority of youth are well informed, concerned, kind, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens who are willing and interested in becoming involved in efforts to improve our society; and*

***WHEREAS,** the accomplishments and achievements of these young people deserve the recognition and praise of their elders; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Optimist International has, since 1954, developed and promoted a program entitled, YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the citizens of Charlotte, Michigan have indicated a desire to join the Charlotte Optimist and Optimist International in expressing their appreciation and approval of the contributions of youth.*

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, *Deleski R. Smith, Mayor of the City of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim the week of February 21st as YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK in Charlotte, Michigan. By this action, let it be known that we have faith in the ability of today's youth as they assume responsible roles in the future of mankind.*

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, *that this Resolution be entered into the official proceedings of the Charlotte City Council on the 8th day of February, 2010.*

- F. Approve recommendation from Fire Chief to accept low bid from Rosenbauer Fire Fighting Technology for one Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$173,695.
- G. Claims and Accounts – Total Claims - \$265,220.03

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilmember Cuttle, second by Sanders to approve the consent agenda. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

Councilmember Weissenborn stated that item 11E, should be included with the discussion of item 11C.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- A. **Presentation by Charlotte Disc Golf Association**  
Jeralyn Bohms, 241 S. Oliver, representing the Charlotte Disc Golf Association thanked Council for their ongoing support of the disc golf course. They currently have a winter

league and a summer league and will hold four PDGA sanctioned events. They are also proposing some changes/improvements to the disc golf course. All changes will be made at the expense of the Disc Golf Association through a fundraiser and other income opportunities. In 2010, they propose some minor “tweaks” to existing holes and to install three new holes. Later in 2010 or in 2011, they will add more holes, depending upon the success of fundraising efforts. They have presented this proposal to the City Parks Board and received approval.

**1) Motion by Councilmember Weissenborn, second by Baker to accept the recommendation of the Parks Board for expansion and improvement of the Disc Golf Course. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**2) Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Cuttle to authorize the Disc Golf Association to hold four events on the Disc Golf Course on Saturday, May 1, 2010; Sunday, June 20, 2010; Sunday, September 12, 2010; and Saturday, October 16, 2010. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

Councilmember Kruger left at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Smith presented the Proclamation naming the week of February 21, 2010, Optimists International Youth Appreciation Week to Roger Carr of the Charlotte Optimists Club.

Councilmember Kruger returned at 7:37 p.m.

**B. Consider Council Policy regarding Dogs in Camp Frances**

City Manager Guetschow explained that this policy is in response to discussion at the Council meetings regarding the Leash Ordinance. It prohibits dogs from Camp Frances.

**Motion by Councilmember Kruger, second by Sanders to adopt Council Policy 2010-01 to prohibit dogs on Camp Frances property. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**C. Discussion Regarding Work Plan Development**

City Manager Guetschow indicated that he has compiled a summary of the comments from the January 16<sup>th</sup> Work Session and also provided Council with a list of topics and goal statements from the previous work plan and the entire 2008 – 2010 work plan. The suggestions from the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting are the basis for the new two year work plan which will begin on April 1, 2010. He has presented these documents with the intention of discussing them this evening to gauge the direction Council wishes to take with them from here. Based on this discussion, he will edit the data and bring it back to council for review.

**D. Consider Amendment to City Managers Employment Agreement**

The City Manager advised that this month marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his employment with the City. The amendment presented extends the current contract for an additional two years, freezes his salary where it is now, reduces the city's contribution to his retirement plan from almost 14% to 10%, and deletes the provision related to retirement health insurance coverage.

**Motion by Councilmember Weissenborn, second by Baker to accept the amendment to the City Managers Employment Agreement. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

**E. Discussion Regarding Council Communication Practices/Procedure**

Councilmember Weissenborn stated that he requested this addition to the agenda as a result of a letter addressed to the City Council. He believes it is appropriate that the Mayor officially respond to correspondences on behalf of council, but asked if anything precluded individual members from responding as well. The consensus is that individual Councilmembers may respond to citizens/constituents.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Attorney Hitch reviewed the information in his written report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow highlighted several issues contained in his written report and confirmed that the roof hatch on the house at 345 Horatio has been reattached. There are a couple of weeks left before the deadline for completing the remaining work on the house.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Cuttle announced that CARA met January 26, 2010, and although they are not taking plastics #3 - #7, they will continue to take plastic shopping bags. They are also considering putting the purchase of a baler in the 2010 -2011 budget to increase revenue. Step by Step may be moving their meetings to Tuesdays, but he has not received confirmation of that yet.

Councilmember Arnold announced that the Recreation Cooperative will meet on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, and will hold two meetings – February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>, to work on a tentative budget and appoint officers. Eaton Township has not appointed the at-large member yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Cuttle asked if there was a need to meet regarding the Work Plan more often than bi-annually.

Councilmember Baker commended the DPW on keeping the sidewalks clear.

Councilmember Arnold announced that the Can-Do Leadership Committee is organizing a joint board development opportunity for City Council, Hayes Green Beach, the School Board and the Chamber Board which will include session on how to be more effective and community visioning. It will be either May-ish or in the fall.

Mayor Smith thanked the community - Charlotte is currently leading the Winter Warm-up. He also announced openings on the Board of Review and several other boards and invited interested residents to apply for those positions.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**

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Deleski R. Smith, Mayor

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Michelle M. King, City Clerk