

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2010

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

PRESENT: Councilmembers Arnold, Cuttle, Kruger, Sanders, Mayor Pro-Tem Baker, Mayor Smith and City Manager Guetschow

ABSENT: Councilmember Weissenborn

The invocation was offered by Dr. Anthony Yeboah followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Cub Scouts Pack 45.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Baker, second by Arnold to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2010, as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Cuttle to excuse Councilmember Weissenborn from the March 8, 2010, Regular Meeting. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Anthony Yeboah, extended his gratitude for the love and companionship he has found in this community.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: No Report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Councilmember Kruger, second by Cuttle to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Resolution affirming Fair Housing Policy pursuant to Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976.

WHEREAS, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color religion, gender, physical or mental disabilities or national origin; and

WHEREAS, under the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, PA 453 of 1976, as amended, it is illegal to deny the opportunity to obtain housing to any person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status;

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS that is the policy of the City of Charlotte to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Therefore, the City of Charlotte does hereby pass the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte shall not discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing, or financing of housing because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weight, familial status or marital status;

The City of Charlotte will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of religion, race, color, gender, physical or mental disabilities, national origin, age, height, weights, familial status or marital status to seek equity

under federal and state laws be providing information to said persons on how to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

The City of Charlotte will, at a minimum, post this policy of the Fair Housing poster or other posters, flyers or other information which will bring to the attention of owners of real estate, developers and builders their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and Michigan Elliot-Larsen Act.

This resolution shall take effect on March 8, 2010.

- B. First Reading of rezoning of 617 W. Seminary Street and set Public Hearing for April 6, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting
- C. Approve Department Head recommendation to enter into contract with BCI Engineers and Scientists for Construction of a new well at a total cost of \$142, 697, contingent upon City Attorney approval.
- D. Claims and Accounts – Total Claims - \$248,778.46

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilmember Sanders, second by Kruger to approve the consent agenda. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. **Consider Invoice from Charlotte Insurance Company for Airport Liability in the amount of \$5,200**

Motion by Councilmember Cuttle, second by Sanders to approve payment to Charlotte Insurance for Airport Liability Insurance in the amount of \$5,200. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Baker).

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reviewed the content of his written report.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Arnold announced that the Recreation Cooperative will be working on the preliminary budget at their next meeting on March 31st at 7 p.m. in the Eaton Township Hall.

Mayor Smith attended the City/Township Focus Group meeting and reported that it was very productive. There were representatives from the City, Townships of Eaton and Carmel, and the Charlotte School District.

Councilmembers recognized and thanked Amy Schoonover for her efforts and acknowledged the awards that were presented to the City by the APWA for the West Side Fire Station and Shepherd Street Reconstruction.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Cuttle had an opportunity to visit the West Side Fire Station. He was impressed with the facility and the many donations that were made to it. He also mentioned that the Walkability Committee will meet March 16th at 7 am at Bigby Coffee.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker encouraged members to look at the new issue of the MML Review, paying special attention to what other communities have been able to do with abandoned buildings.

Councilmember Arnold reminded members of Council and the public that Tuesday, March 9, is the last day to appeal tax assessments at the Board of Review.

Mayor Smith recognized Matt Schneider and the rest of Cub Scouts Pack 45. He announced that the participants in the Winter Warm-up have logged over 45,000 miles, and that Bryan Myrkle, Gregg Guetschow and he went to Ohio to meet with OI Executives to determine if there is anything we can do to keep them here. Although they are moving the Charlotte operations to New York, they have offered to help market the building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Deleski R. Smith, Mayor

Michelle M. King, City Clerk