

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Smith Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

The invocation was offered by Mayor Smith followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2010: Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Baker to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2010, as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Sjoquist, 712 E. Henry, representing Friends of Charlotte Library, encouraged support of upcoming programs and events.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: Mayor Smith announced that Kelsey Mansel has a job and will need to be replaced.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Adopt Resolution 2010-06 approving City Auction on May 1, 2010

Whereas, Chapter 2, Division 4, Sec. 2-196 of the Charlotte City Code requires the Chief of Police to notify the City Council of any Lost, Unclaimed or Stolen Property which is unclaimed for six months after recovery and request authority to dispose of it;

Whereas, the City Council on March 22, 2010 gave the Chief of Police authority to sell all Lost, Unclaimed, Recovered, Stolen Property and unneeded City Property that has been in his possession for a period of six months or more, and

Whereas, said sale is to be held on SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works, 301 W. Tirrell Highway, Charlotte, Michigan. Any items listed may be properly identified as to owner and claimed before April 24, 2010

B. Adopt Proclamation 2010-0322a naming May 6, 2010 National Day of Prayer in Charlotte

WHEREAS, the observance of the Annual National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May encourages Americans to affirm the nation's spiritual roots and to enlist prayer for local, state, and national leaders; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Charlotte we have been blessed with a diverse people, who through hard work and intellectual effort, have made cultural, industrial and educational advancements for the enrichment of life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the people of Charlotte observe a day when all in our community may acknowledge our many blessings and express gratitude to their God,

and the need to strengthen our religious and moral values in our city;
and

WHEREAS, this day of prayer allows us the opportunity to be grateful for the gifts of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, to acknowledge the challenges of life, and to rededicate ourselves in obliterating homelessness, poverty, violence, and hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Annual National Day of Prayer service is well attended by approximately 60 citizens, offering prayer in support of elected and appointed leaders at the local, state and national level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deleski R. Smith, Mayor of the City of Charlotte, Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2010, National Day of Prayer in the City of Charlotte, and appeal to the people of Charlotte to reaffirm their dedication to improving the value of life through prayer.

C. Adopt Proclamation 2010-0322b naming April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in Charlotte

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate

the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practices; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Michigan does hereby proclaim April 30, 2010 as ARBOR DAY in the City of Charlotte and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day; and

FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Michigan urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

D. Adopt Proclamation 2010-0322c naming April 22, 2010 as Earth Day in Charlotte

WHEREAS, a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, human activities around the world are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of ways to live in harmony with our environment and methods and technologies to accomplish this end already exist; and

WHEREAS, local communities can do much to reverse environmental degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by promoting energy conservation, sustainable land use policies, and public transit; and

WHEREAS, there are sound economic, environmental, and social reasons for local governments to initiate energy efficiency and renewable energy practices; and

WHEREAS, the environmental realities of our time require humans to make a dramatic shift in our relationship to the earth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Michigan proclaims April 22, 2009 as "Earth Day" and encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable society.

E. Claims and Accounts – Total Claims - \$424,849.42

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. Consider the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative Budget

Councilmember Arnold reviewed the budget and the thought process behind it. He explained that since this is the first budget, they have little data to build from and are making

estimates based upon what they think will happen. Approval of this budget will help CARC to move forward, and after a year or two of experience, they should know better how to budget for the cooperative.

Motion by Councilmember Weissenborn, second by Kruger to approve the proposed Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative Budget. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Arnold).

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Cuttle announced that Step by Step will meet Tuesday, March 23rd, 7 am at Biggby Coffee.

Councilmember Baker indicated that Saturday, March 27th, the Winter Warm-up walking challenge will end. Charlotte is in the lead, but anyone who hasn't logged their time, should do so before this Thursday.

Councilmember Arnold announced that the Recreation Cooperative will meet March 31st at 7 p.m. in the Eaton Township Hall.

Councilmember Kruger announced that there will be a Planning Commission Meeting on April 6th. This will be the first meeting since he was appointed the City Council representative to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Kruger thanked Councilmember Arnold for his work on the Recreation Cooperative.

Councilmember Arnold had the opportunity to attend the Water Infrastructure and Environment Committee of the Michigan Municipal League. He updated Council on some of the legislation currently under consideration that may affect the City.

Councilmember Cuttle announced that on March 22nd, the Charlotte Middle School will hold its first National Junior High Honor Society induction. Congratulations to those inductees.

Mayor Smith attended the 7th and 8th grade band competition; Charlotte's bands are very good. He thanked the Eagles Auxiliary for its donation of a water fountain to Dean Park. On March 28th the VFW will hold a cancer research fundraising dinner. Can-Do will meet Wednesday, March 24th at 7 am in the Charlotte Library's Spartan Room. The subject is Social Networking. Winter Warm-up logging needs to be done by noon on Thursday, March 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Deleski R. Smith, Mayor

Michelle M. King, City Clerk