

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 10, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Smith on Monday, October 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Conway, Cuttle, Kruger, Sanders, Weissenborn, Mayor Pro-Tem Baker, Mayor Smith, City Manager Guetschow and City Clerk King

**ABSENT:** None

The invocation was offered by Councilmember Conway, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26:** Motion by Councilmember Sanders, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2011, as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** Shelby Lamb made the following announcements:

- Charlotte football team won their Homecoming game vs Jackson North West held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- 4TC will hold a Halloween Party at the Eaton/SIREN Shelter on October 24<sup>th</sup>; High School is collecting for the Mid-Michigan Food Drive October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup> boxes are available in each classroom
- Plans are being made for an “Empty Bowl Luncheon” next year

- Charlotte Public Schools lost 195 in the student census conducted on October 5, 2011, which equates to a loss in revenue of \$273,000 over what was already anticipated.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve a waiver of the Cost Reimbursement Policy for the Halloween Parade through downtown Charlotte to be held on Monday, October 24, 2011 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Approve a recommendation from Election Commission to form a permanent Absent Voter Counting Board and set the polling location as City Hall.
- C. Reappoint John Moran to the Utility Board of Appeals, term ending 11/30/2013.
- D. Claims and Accounts \$326,450.61

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss Policy Statement: Housing and Neighborhood Quality**  
Councilmember Weissenborn introduced the policy statement on housing and neighborhood quality. City Manager Guetschow, Charlotte Community Development Director Myrkle, Eaton County Community Development Director Claudine Hannold and Councilmember Weissenborn met to discuss the challenges that the depressed economy continue to make on property owners. Mr. Myrkle and Ms. Hannold collected available data to use as a basis for the policy. After reviewing the data, the group concluded that the first step should be to conduct a market

analysis to determine the housing quality in the area. After the results of the market analysis, which should be done rather quickly using available resources, policies can be formed with the goals of arresting and reversing negative housing trends.

**B. Update Policy Discussion Calendar**

City Manager Guetschow explained that since Council has not indicated guidance on further policy setting discussion, he would like to suggest some discussion surrounding “what if” questions regarding the implications of the stagnant economy becoming more prolonged or even the new normal. The consensus of Council was to move forward with this. Councilmember Cuttle mentioned that he would like to see Council discuss technology; our policies regarding software/hardware upgrades, maintenance, etc.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Cuttle announced the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative will meet Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Eaton Township Hall; the Can-Do Walkability Group will meet October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m., at Bigby Coffee

Councilmember Conway announced the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority will meet October 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Weissenborn wished his daughter, Rachel, a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Sanders announced that the Fire Department is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the West Side Fire Station, 911 West Shepherd Street.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

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Michelle M. King, City Clerk