

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

December 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Burch, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Burch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2014: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the minutes of November 24, 2014 as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: Councilmember Baker.

Moved by Councilmember Sanders, supported by Conway to excuse the absence of Councilmember Baker. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shelli Smith, Eaton Barry Health Department, presented council with the monthly Community Outreach Highlights. She advised that there is a Building Healthy Community Grant available along with walking signs for the community.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles w/5 yr./125,000 mile extended warranty and Premium Care Plan for Police Department in the amount of \$61,976.00 utilizing State Bid amount.
- b) Approve Proclamation 2014-1208 honoring the Lansing Concert Band.
- c) Approve Lease agreement for bar screen and washer compactor at WWTP.
- d) Approve First Reading of Rezoning of N. Sheldon & McClure Street properties from I-2 to R1 and set Public Hearing for January 6, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting.
- e) Approve First Reading of Rezoning 221 W. Lovett from OS-1 to RT-2 and set Public Hearing for January 6, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting.
- f) Approve Resolution 2014-21 Annual Meeting Dates for 2015.
- g) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$267,433.15

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Item 10a) and move it to Item 11d). Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS TO YVONNE RIDGE AND SHALYNE HARRIS FOR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL AND COMPENSATION FOR FALL 2014 SCIENCE EXPLORATION PROGRAM AT CAMP FRANCES:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve the payment of \$490.59 to Yvonne Ridge and \$622.80 to Shalyne Harris for the Fall 2014 Science Exploration Program that was held at Camp Frances. Carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Ridge)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OFFER TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY ON S. COCHRAN:

Discussion was held on the intended use of the Armory Building for storage and the Wellhead Protection Program.

Mayor Burch stated that she feels that it is very important to protect the underground water system.

City Manager Guetschow explained the Offer to Purchase Agreement and the 45 day period to assess the building for asbestos. He stated that an initial assessment had been done by staff and it is not expected to have any significant findings of asbestos.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Johnston to authorize the Offer to Purchase agreement for the National Guard Armory on S. Cochran Ave. Carried. 5 Yeas. 1 Nay.

(Sanders)

C. DISCUSSION CONCERNING IMPACT OF CHANGES ON POSTAL DISTRIBUTION:

Councilmember Conway asked if there would be support to draft a resolution supporting keeping the mail distribution from going out of the area and to prevent the closing of mail distribution offices.

D. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLES W/5YR/125,000 MILE WARRANTIES:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that he would like to have local dealerships to be offered a chance to bid on these vehicles.

City Manager Guetschow stated that this bid had been obtained through the State Bid process. Historically, local dealers have not been able to meet the state bid prices and have declined competing with those bids. However, Chief Sherman contacted Candy Ford to see if they could match the price and warranty package and they have agreed to do so.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Sanders to award the bid for two Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles w/5 yr./125,000 mile warranty and Premium Care Plan for the Police Department in the amount of \$61,976.00. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that Community Development Director Myrkle presented the Downtown Revitalization Plan to Rotary last week.

Owens Brockway's sale is nearing completion for a new business there.

The paperwork for AT&T Cable Franchise has been completed and it is expected that they will begin marketing in the area soon.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the next Recreation Co-op Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Conway encouraged anyone concerned about the Postal changes to contact their representative and voice their concerns.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked Shelli Smith for the Health Department report and for encouraging the community to be healthy.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that the Christmas Kiddie wrapping will be taking place on December 20th between 8 and 9 AM and encouraged anyone interested to come to the Downtown Fire Station to help
- Councilmember Johnston stated that he is delighted to see our tax revenue back in our community.

- Mayor Burch encouraged everyone to come out to the Lansing Concert Band performance to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014. She urged everyone to support the Christmas Kiddies program. She thanked Shelli Smith for her report. She encouraged everyone to shop local and to support our community and move Charlotte forward.

**Councilmember Conway moved to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.
Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.**

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk