

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

November 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Authorize United Petroleum Equipment, Inc. to sign on behalf of City of Charlotte for purposes relating to

cleaning of fuel tanks at airport relating to Fuel Farm Upgrade

- b) Approve Contract with United Petroleum for Rehabilitation of Airport Fuel Farm, pending Attorney review
- c) Approve funding agreement with MDOT for Airport Fuel Farm Rehabilitation
- d) Approve Resolution authorizing signatures for MDOT Airport Fuel Farm Rehabilitation
- e) Approve engineering contract with Prein & Newhof for Airport Fuel Farm Rehabilitation
- f) Approve proposal Prein & Newhof for update to Water Reliability Study in the amount not to exceed \$10,440.00
- g) Approve low bid in the amount of \$493,532 for Ultraviolet Disinfection Project at WWTP to Davis Construction
- h) Approve Pager Bid for Fire Department from Comsource Inc. for 40 pagers in the amount of \$19,700.00
- i) Appoint Dan Vanderstelt to Planning Commission to fill vacancy of Brad Johnston with term expiring 3/31/2015
- j) Appoint Gloria Wilson to Library Board to fill vacancy of Chad Stanley with term expiring 6/30/2016
- k) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$312,894.97

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Moved by Councilmember Conway, supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BRYAN MYRKLE ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN:

Community Development Director Myrkle gave a presentation on Downtown Development Revitalization Strategy Plan. Two

meetings were held to gather community input on the state of local economy. One community survey was conducted to solicit comments and ideas from residents. Two specific focus areas were identified. One being the Charlotte Public Schools, the other being the downtown Charlotte business district.

The group identified where we are today and where we go tomorrow. The focus will be on short term actions and improvements that are realistic, achievable, effective and able to be supported by the community and local leaders.

Several key issues were identified and the committee intends to start moving quickly to put the actions into place. Some of the issues include working with MDOT on traffic and signalization issues, creating new activities and events downtown, work on incentives for downtown, consider additional revenue sources, renew focus on blight elimination and appearance, consider participation in Michigan's Main Street Program and Michigan's Redevelopment Ready Community program.

New signage for downtown and historic areas are also a focus to try and guide people to our downtown area from the Lansing Street area.

B. CONSIDER CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(e) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION:

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Sanders to authorize a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss pending litigation. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Hitch stated that

he would be discussing two issues with pending litigation in closed session. He also stated that he had reviewed and approved contracts relating to the Farm Fuel project for the airport.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported two local contractors have finalized contracts relating to the sidewalk snow removal policy. AT&T has provided a draft copy of a video service franchise agreement. He expects that this company will be offering a competing cable television service soon. A Twitter account has been created. The account can be followed @CityCharlotteMI. The Police Department also has an account @6001PD. The Twitter account is set up so that all tweets will also post to the City's Facebook page.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were no councilmember committee reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, stated that he is thankful for what Charlotte has. He would like to see Santa Claus removed by January. He stated that business diversity is the key. He would like to see more hang outs for the kids like arcades. He would like to see the theatre marque lit up.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Baker stated that she is excited to see the airport improvements moving forward. She congratulated Dan Vanderstelt on being appointed to the Planning Commission and Gloria Wilson to the Library Board. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Councilmember Dyer wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He thanked Community Development Director Myrkle for the presentation.

- Councilmember Conway thanked the new board members for serving. He reminded residents about the time bank and encouraged residents to use it. He encouraged anyone with concerns over the closing of postal services to contact their congressman.
- Councilmember Ridge is excited that a Twitter account has been created for the City. She thanked Community Development Director Myrkle for looking forward for short term goals for our downtown. She wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that he thinks Community Development Director Myrkle's program is good and wants to see it follow through. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
- Councilmember Johnston stated that he is thankful for the opportunity to serve and thankful for his community and family.
- Mayor Burch stated that Santa is up and painted, along with the third elf. She encouraged everyone to support Christmas Kiddies. She congratulated Councilmember Ridge on recently graduating. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk

Motion by Sanders, second by Conway to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) at 8:15 P.M. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Motion by Conway, second by Baker to approve the closed session minutes of November 10, 2014 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Councilmember Dyer moved to adjourn at 8:42 P.M. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.