

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Ridge, Conway, 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on focusing on solutions to problems.

Dale Dodds, 203 W. Seminary, addressed the council on the snow removal policy ordinance.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve the agenda with the

addition of Item 11d, Main Street Program Resolution. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Andrew Fulton
- b) Approve Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Austin D. Smith
- c) Approve UV Project Change Order Bulletin #1 for Davis Construction Company in the amount of \$2264.16 for replacement of electrical panel
- d) Appoint Jessica Templin to the Sustainability Committee with term expiring 12/31/2017
- e) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$2,410,557.07

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. **CONSIDER FIRST READING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT DEFINITION OF LOT COVERAGE AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 7, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

City Manager Guetschow explained that the zoning text amendment had been discussed in a previous Planning Commission meeting and that it would change the definition of lot coverage.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to pass the first reading of Zoning Text Amendment Definition of Lot Coverage and Set a Public Hearing for April 7, 2015. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION:

Councilmember Ridge explained that this was a grant that the Recreation Co-op has been working on. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 P.M. at Eaton Township Hall. No action is needed until after the public hearing has taken place.

C. DISCUSSION ON USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM OWENS-BROCKWAY CASE:

Councilmembers discussed ideas to use the funds received from the Owens-Brockway case. Several ideas were discussed including; paying off bond debt, refurbishing the tennis courts, two new tornado sirens and creating a perpetual trust fund.

D. CONSIDER MAIN STREET PROGRAM RESOLUTION:

Councilmember Ridge explained the Michigan Main Street Program. She stated that the City may still be able to participate in the program even though the deadline is passed if they submit the information at this time. This program is designed to help downtowns learn ways to revitalize.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to adopt the following Resolution 2015-03, Main Street Program. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

A Resolution in support of commitment and cooperation with the Michigan Main Street Program in becoming an Associate Main Street Community

Whereas, Downtown Charlotte is vital to our community's identity and quality of life; and

Whereas, the City Council has established a Downtown Development Authority for the purpose of making public investments in the downtown in support of private initiatives; and

Whereas, It is the City's intent to reverse the historic trend that has led to the loss of population, jobs and businesses in the downtown district and to work on the continued improvement, revitalization and development of the community by improving pedestrian access and enhancing the areas aesthetics; and

Whereas, The Michigan Main Street Center @ MSHDA, formed in 2003, provides consulting services to up to three communities that commit to the Main Street Four Point Approach (Design, Organization, Promotion and Economic Restructuring) to strengthen commercial activity and improve buildings in a community's downtown; and

Whereas, The Main Street Approach to downtown revitalization has generated community-wide interest and support; and

Whereas, the City will apply to become an Associate Main Street community and a local Main Street organization will be formed to stimulate economic development and historic preservation of the downtown, thereby lessening the burden of local government; and

Now, Therefore be it resolved as follows;

1. The Community and its Local Main Street Program agree to these minimum participation standards set forth by the MMSC @ MSHDA including submitting biannual reports to the MS Program and participation at required trainings and services.

2. The Community and its Local Main Street Program agree to participate as an Associate Main Street with the intention of applying to become Select Main Street in 2016.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that disbursements related to the liquidated damages received in the Owens-Brockway case have been made with the exception of the Charlotte Public Schools portion. There is a dispute with the State of Michigan on who is to receive those funds.

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners will be meeting to discuss the distribution formula for the Road millage funding.

The City Council meetings have been put onto the city's Vimeo page. However, the audio is below optimal levels at this time. The videos can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/user14411274>

A tentative agreement has been reached with one of the City's bargaining units.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Co-op held a visioning meeting that was well attended. The Recreation Co-op will be meeting with the LDFA again on March 12th at 7 PM and then holding their regular meeting.
- Councilmember Conway reported that the Planning Commission met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. They

approved a Class A Non-Conforming action for 454 N. Sheldon Street.

- Councilmember Baker reported that Eattran ridership is down somewhat from last year. They feel this is due to Delta Township offering CATA services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on his thoughts for using the Owens-Brockway funds.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer announced that he would be turning 25 tomorrow.
- Councilmember Johnston stated that he would like to invest the money for future projects. He encouraged fellow councilmembers to research this concept.
- Councilmember Ridge explained the Main Street grant and how it works. She stated that there would be a meeting tomorrow with MDOT regarding downtown traffic.
- Councilmember Conway thanked Mr. Dodds for his comments regarding the sidewalk ordinance. He thanked the City Manager and City Attorney for the work they did on getting the Owens-Brockway settlement.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders congratulated Andrew Fulton and Austin D. Smith on completed their rank of Eagle Scout. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that they will continue to work on the sidewalk snow removal ordinance.
- Councilmember Baker thanked Mr. Dodds for his comments. She also thanked Mr. Story for his input and comments..
- Mayor Burch thanked Mr. Story for his positive thoughts. She encouraged everyone to shop local and keep their money local so that the downtown will thrive. She invited everyone

to Pawli's Pub which will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, March 14th starting at 5:30 PM. She congratulated the two Eagle Scouts, Andrew Fulton and Austin D. Smith. She also congratulated all of the students that have been nominated for the Optimist Youth Appreciation Awards. She thanked Mr. Dodds for his comments and stated that she believes that the residents are getting used to the new snow removal ordinance.

Councilmember Conway moved, second by Baker to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk