

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

April 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, April 13, 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 MARCH 23, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council and thanked them for putting the council meetings on line.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Sanders to approve the agenda with moving Item 10g to Items of Business number 11c. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve Arbor Day Proclamation 2015-0413
- b) Approve Appointment of Ruthann Clarke to Planning Commission with Term Expiring 3/31/2018.
- c) Approve Lawn Care Bid Contract A, Eric Rogers, LLC, weekly mowing, in the Amount of \$1052.00/week and Contract B, Stoltzfus Family, LLC, Annual Cost of \$1980.00.
- d) Approve 10 year Cash Farm Lease Agreement with Vance & Kristine Buchholz for 7.5 Acres Sec. 8, Eaton Township.
- e) Award Hay Baling Bid for Airport property to Jeremy Droscha in the amount of \$8,000 per year.
- f) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$1,575,334.95
- g) Approve Charlotte Insurance Claim in the amount of \$5,027.00

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL

VOTE: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda as presented excluding Item g. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 82-4 LOT COVERAGE DEFINITION:

Councilmember Conway explained that the Planning Commission had recommended this adoption of the change in lot coverage definition. He explained that this change will exclude porches and decks, when figuring lot coverage. It will make it easier for residents to improve their property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to pass the second reading and adoption of Zoning Text Amendment Definition of Lot Coverage as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNCIL POLICY 2015-01 STORM WATER DRAINAGE:

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Ridge to approve Council Policy 2015-01 Storm Water Drainage as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

C. APPROVE CHARLOTTE INSURANCE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,027.00 BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the Charlotte Insurance Claim in the amount of \$5,027.00. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Abstain (Baker).

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that the proposed budget is online and available for viewing and highlighted the budget message that was provided.

He stated that a table was also provided with the agenda packet with estimated costs for various street segments in the City.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Co-op will be holding a special meeting on April 23rd

regarding a grant. They are in the final stages of developing a web page. The budget has been approved.

- Councilmember Dyer reported that the Sustainability Committee will be presenting their plan after the budget discussions.
- Councilmember Conway reported that the Planning Commission approved a site plan for Murphy's Gas Station in the Walmart Plaza, a site plan for Hope Landing expansion for memory care patients, site plan for CharLanes bowling alley and several firework temporary use permits for Walmart, Meijer and CharLanes. He also attended the Recreation Co-op meeting last week. They are still working on the ballfields.
- Councilmember Baker reported that Eatran now has a connector route from Walmart to Potterville and Marketplace. It runs until 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council to express his concern with the sign at the Plaza. He stated that he would like to see the streets repaired.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer encouraged others to vote Yes on the May 5th Proposal.
- Councilmember Johnston congratulated the Charlotte Robotics Club on their first season. He hopes that there success promotes more programs for the schools.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she attended the MML Capital Conference which was very informative on the May 5th proposal. She has been participating in the Creative Café at Alive. They are working on a community calendar. She stated that there will be Main Street committee training

coming soon. They will be holding a meeting next week at Old Town in Lansing and will also be visiting Portland to get ideas. City of Marshall has been doing the program for the past twelve years.

- Councilmember Conway stated that he has been contacted regarding unleashed dogs at Oak Park. He reminded everyone that dogs need to be on leashes.
- Councilmember Baker stated that she likes that the council meetings are online now.
- Mayor Burch thanked Grace Boehmer and the rest of the Chamber for the work on the Celebrate Charlotte activities. She reminded everyone that the City Council meetings can be viewed online through Vimeo. She reminded everyone to shop Charlotte, shop local.

Councilmember Conway moved, second by Baker to adjourn at 7:42 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk