

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 24, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Burch on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Ridge, Johnston, Conway, 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 AUGUST 10, 2015:** Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Sanders to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Mitchell, 112 N. Oliver, addressed the council with questions on the Armory security system.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

a) Consider approval of Armory Security System

b) Approve Claims & Accounts in the Amount of \$422,173.71

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

**A. DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC STUDY:**

Councilmember Conway stated that he had spoken with Community Development Director Myrkle in the spring regarding truck traffic in the downtown district. Mr. Myrkle advised that he is working with MDOT and he has initial approval to conduct a traffic study.

Councilmember Ridge stated that the Main Street Committee is meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and they have talked of combining with the Traffic Committee to work together on these types of projects. She invited anyone interested to attend.

**B. DISCUSSION ON ADOPTING A RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION ORDINANCE:**

Councilmember Conway stated that rental properties seem to be a problem that he hears from residents frequently. He has looked at Alpena and Zeeland ordinances for rental properties.

City Manager Guetschow stated that we have several ordinances in effect that address this issue. He encouraged councilmembers and residents alike to contact city staff if they have any issues with this type of nuisance so that it can be looked at and addressed.

Councilmember Dyer suggested some type of rental property database.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow stated that the Carrie Bowerman sentencing has been completed and a report to council will be forthcoming. He stated that the repairs have been completed to the Charlotte Plaza parking lot. He stated that the City has been accepted as a pilot community for the Project Rising Tide. This program is an initiative that fits well with other economic development tools.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Conway reported that there has been no Planning Commission meeting since the last council meeting.
- Councilmember Ridge reported that Charlotte Area Recreation Co-op met on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They are reviewing the Master Plan, which needs to be done every five years. She reported that they also met with the LDFA last week regarding a lease agreement for the ballfields.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Bill Mitchell, 112 N. Oliver**, stated that if council had questions about rental property he has lived next to a rental property for years.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Johnston thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Councilmember Dyer encouraged everyone to enjoy Frontier Days.

- Councilmember Ridge thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilmember Conway likes the idea of civic engagement with the community.
- Councilmember Baker stated that she was happy to see several council candidates in attendance.
- Mayor Burch wished everyone a happy Frontier Days. She thanked the Frontier committee for all of their hard work put in to the festival. She wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day. She wished the children well in the new school year. She encouraged everyone to shop local and enjoy Charlotte.

**Councilmember Conway moved, second by Johnston to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

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Mayor Burch

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Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk