

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis on Monday, August 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bahmer, Johnston, Mitchell, Russo, Ridge, Sanders, Mayor Lewis, City Clerk Terpstra, City Manager Guetschow and Attorney Hitch.

The invocation was offered by City Manager Guetschow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2016: Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 25, 2016, as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer DeLeeuw, Frontier Days Committee member, stated that the resolution was on the agenda for Charlotte Frontier Days 2016.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None.

EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-91 APPOINTMENT OF MERS OFFICER & DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE MERS ANNUAL MEETING 2016:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte appoints an Officer Delegate and an Employee Delegate to attend the MERS Annual meeting each year; and

WHEREAS, Christine Mossner, Finance Director will be appointed as the Officer Delegate and Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk as the Alternate Officer Delegate; and

WHEREAS, the employees have elected Todd Newman as the Employee Delegate and Jim Saldana, as the Alternate Employee Delegate to attend this year's annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Delegate is unable to attend, the alternate will attend; and

WHEREAS, the meeting will be held on September 28 and 29, 2016 in Acme, MI; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte is required to take official action for the appointment of the delegates and alternates; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed employees be approved for appointment to MERS Annual Meeting for 2016.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution No. 2016-91 for appointment of MERS Officer & Delegate to attend the MERS annual Meeting 2016 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ARTIST CONTRACT:

This agreement, made this ___ day of August, 2016, by and between the CITY OF CHARLOTTE, a Michigan municipal corporation, with its principal office located at 111 East Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, Michigan, 48813 (“Purchaser”) and Frank Balluff, 909 Pinch Highway, Charlotte, Michigan, 48813 (“Artist”);

PRELIMINARY RECITALS:

A. The City of Charlotte seeks to acquire and display a monumental sculpture in downtown Charlotte. This piece will be displayed on property located at 101 W. Lovett Street, for which the City has an easement.

B. The Purchaser issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) seeking proposals from interested individuals or groups of artists to design, fabricate and install a new landmark sculpture at the above-cited location, setting a total budget for the project not to exceed \$15,000.

C. On July 24, 2016, at a meeting of the City of Charlotte Ad Hoc Public Art Committee, the Committee received and considered all qualified proposals for the public art sculpture and selected the proposal submitted by the Artist as the most responsive and acceptable public art sculpture proposal meeting the project goals of the City as set forth in the RFP.

D. The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (“LEAP”) has awarded the City of Charlotte a grant in the amount of \$10,000, the proceeds of which shall be the sole source of funding for the creation of the public art sculpture. The City of Charlotte will provide an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for costs associated with installation.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. The Artist shall design and fabricate a standing sculpture to be installed on property located at 101 West Lovett Street. The sculpture shall be designed and fabricated in a manner

consistent in all respects with the Artist’s proposal to the City, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as a material part of this contract.

2. Installation of the sculpture onto the base is to be coordinated with City and the property owner, and installation costs not to exceed \$5,000 will be borne solely by the city.

3. Installation of the sculpture shall be considered complete at such time as the Artist shall communicate to Purchaser’s agent, in writing or by electronic mail, that the Artist deems the total work completed in accordance with the terms of the Artist’s proposal to the City.

4. The price of the sculpture installed on the base, not including the cost of the base, shall total no more than \$10,000. It is understood that this price shall include all of the Artist’s service and work in connection with the creation of the sculpture design, including diagrams, sketches, materials, metal, fabrication, finishing, freight, shipping and insurance, Artist’s design fee, and all travel-related expenses by the Artist and any assistants.

5. The sale price is inclusive of all sales, use and excise taxes that might be imposed upon this transaction by any taxing jurisdiction. The Purchaser is exempt from the payment of Michigan sales tax on purchases of personal property and will provide its exemption certificate to the Artist upon signing of this contract.

6. Payment of the \$10,000 shall be made as follows:
- a. 50% down upon signing of this agreement,
 - b. 25% when artist demonstrates half-way completion of the sculpture to the satisfaction of the Purchaser’s agent,
 - c. 25% upon successful installation by the Artist of the sculpture in the design location and approval of the final sculpture and installation by the Purchaser, which approval shall be in form of a

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written memorandum to the Artist indicating Purchaser's acceptance of the completed work.

7. Title and risk of loss of the sculpture will remain with the Artist until the sculpture is installed by the Artist and accepted by the Purchaser, after which acceptance title to the work and risk of loss shall be vested in Purchaser.

8. The Artist hereby grants and Purchaser accepts and shall have a purchase money security interest in the sculpture and all of its materials and components immediately upon the Purchaser's payment of its initial deposit pursuant to the provisions of section 9103 of the Michigan Uniform Commercial Code. Artist shall cooperate in the filing of any required UCC filings with the Secretary of State.

9. All expenses of materials, fabrication, and shipping shall be the Artist's responsibility, except as provided elsewhere in this agreement.

10. The Purchaser shall be responsible for any damages or injury caused by or resulting from the sculpture and/or base, or its installation after completion of the installation and shall hold the Artist harmless from same.

11. Upon acceptance of the Art Creation and Purchase Agreement, the Purchaser shall acquire all rights to publish photographs or renderings of the work for all media, marketing and fundraising purposes.

12. Upon acceptance and final payment, the Purchaser shall acquire all rights of the work, including all rights to copy and reproduce the work and to publish photographs or renderings of the work for all media, etc. The Artist shall retain a limited non-transferable license to reproduce images of the completed work for the purposes of use in the Artist's professional portfolio of work.

13. The Artist will provide, upon installation, documentation regarding the maintenance, repair and parts

replacement of the sculpture. Upon acceptance of the completed work by Purchaser, the Artist shall have no obligation hereunder to maintain or repair the completed statue and/or base.

14. The Artist agrees at his sole expense to defend, indemnify, and hold the City and its elected and appointed officers and employees, harmless from all liability for all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs and expenses that may result from any act or omission of the artist or his agents or employees as a result of this agreement.

15. The sole source of funds from which the Purchaser shall be obligated to pay the purchase price under this agreement shall be the funds being made available to the Purchaser by LEAP pursuant to its grant contract agreement dated May 23, 2016. The Purchaser shall be solely responsible for complying with the terms of said grant. The Artist shall timely provide to Purchaser such information regarding the Artist and/or the work as may be reasonably required to ensure compliance with the terms of said grant.

16. This agreement is the entire understanding of the parties hereto and may not be changed except in writing signed by all parties to the agreement.

17. Time is of the essence with respect to performance under this agreement. The deadline date for installation of the art piece can only be extended by a written amendment to this agreement executed by both parties hereto, or based on any other provisions in this paragraph permitting an extension.

18. In addition to any other damages the Purchaser may assert for breach of this agreement, the Purchaser may charge liquidated damages of \$50 per day for completing installation of the sculpture beyond October 30, 2016, provided that this deadline shall be extended in event of delays that may be caused by Purchaser.

19. This agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan, Eaton County.

20. If either party alleges a breach of this agreement, said dispute first shall be submitted to a mediator mutually agreed to by the parties, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld, for resolution of said dispute, prior to the institution of any suit in the matter. The parties shall each be responsible for half (1/2) the costs of the mediator.

Councilmember Bahmer stated that he feels the \$5,000 could be better spent elsewhere.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve the Artist Contract as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. Ridge, Russo, Mitchell, Johnston, Sanders, Lewis) 1 No. (Bahmer)

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-93 FOR DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL- RESOLUTION NO. 1:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte administration has made a recommendation for the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purposes of removing snow and ice from specified downtown sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, based upon this recommendation, the City of Charlotte City Council considers it desirable to provide this public improvement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The matter of making said public improvement is hereby referred to the City Manager, who shall prepare a report thereon, which shall include plans and detailed estimates of the cost thereof and a description of the special assessment district and such other pertinent information as will permit the City Council to decide the cost, extent and necessity of

the public improvement and what proportion of the cost should be paid by the City at large.

2. The City Manager shall present said report to the City Council when the same has been prepared.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve Resolution No. 2016-93 for Downtown Sidewalk Removal – Resolution No. 1 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-94 FOR DOWNTOWN SNOW SIDEWALK REMOVAL – RESOLUTION NO. 2:

WHEREAS, the City Council has ordered the City Manager to prepare a report for a public improvement, more particularly hereinafter described:

Downtown sidewalk snow removal for portions of Harris Street, East Lawrence Avenue, Lovett Street, Seminary Street, Washington Street, Cochran Avenue and Bostwick Street.

And, **WHEREAS**, the City Manager prepared said report and the same has been filed with the City Council as required by the Special Assessment Ordinance of the City of Charlotte and the council has reviewed said report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans and estimate of cost and the report of the City Manager for said public improvement shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be available for public examination.

2. The City Council tentatively determines that the Public Improvement hereinafter set forth is necessary.
3. The City Council hereby approves the estimate of cost of said public improvement to be \$43,200.00, or \$10,800.00 each year for a period of four years, and determines that 100 percent thereof shall be paid by special assessment imposed on the lots and parcels of land more particularly hereinafter set forth, which lots and parcels of land are hereby designated to be all of the lots and parcels of land to be benefited by said improvements and determines that none of the cost thereof shall be paid by the City at large.
4. The City Council hereby determines that the portion of the cost of said public improvement to be specially assessed shall be assessed in accordance with the benefits received.
5. The City Council shall meet at the Charlotte City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons to be affected by the proposed public improvement.
6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of the time and place of the hearing to be published once in The County Journal, the official newspaper of the City of Charlotte, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class

mail to each owner of property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's Office as shown on the general tax roll of the City, at least (10) full days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.

7. The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
CITY OF CHARLOTTE, MICHIGAN**

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
PROPERTY:**

125 S. Bostwick	128 S. Bostwick	134 S. Bostwick
218 S. Bostwick	110 N. Cochran	101 S. Cochran
106 S. Cochran	107 S. Cochran	108 S. Cochran
112 S. Cochran	114 S. Cochran	115 S. Cochran
118 S. Cochran	119 S. Cochran	121 S. Cochran
124 S. Cochran	129 S. Cochran	131 S. Cochran
134 S. Cochran	135 S. Cochran	136 S. Cochran
138 S. Cochran	139 S. Cochran	140 S. Cochran
143 S. Cochran	144 S. Cochran	145 S. Cochran
200 S. Cochran	201 S. Cochran	208 S. Cochran
212 S. Cochran	214 S. Cochran	215 S. Cochran
218 S. Cochran	219 S. Cochran	221 S. Cochran
224 S. Cochran	225 S. Cochran	227 S. Cochran
229 S. Cochran	231 S. Cochran	235 S. Cochran
239 S. Cochran	240 S. Cochran	241 S. Cochran

301 S. Cochran	302 S. Cochran	319 S. Cochran
322 S. Cochran	324 S. Cochran	326 S. Cochran
337 S. Cochran	338 S. Cochran	343 S. Cochran
345 S. Cochran	354 S. Cochran	101 E. Lawrence
109 E. Lawrence	110 E. Lawrence	112 E. Lawrence
118 E. Lawrence	205 E. Lawrence	103 W. Lawrence
111 W. Lawrence	113 W. Lawrence	115 W. Lawrence
121 W. Lawrence	125 W. Lawrence	114 E. Lovett
120 E. Lovett	124 E. Lovett	106 W. Lovett
120 W. Lovett	104 W. Seminary	104 S. Washington
119 S. Washington	141 S. Washington	218 S. Washington
204 S. Bostwick	105. S. Cochran	109 S. Cochran
116 S. Cochran	122 S. Cochran	127 S. Cochran
133 S. Cochran	137 S. Cochran	142 S. Cochran
147 S. Cochran	210 S. Cochran	217 S. Cochran
222 S. Cochran	228 S. Cochran	236 S. Cochran
245 S. Cochran	321 S. Cochran	329 S. Cochran
344 S. Cochran	108 E. Lawrence	114 E. Lawrence
107 W. Lawrence	119 W. Lawrence	116 E. Lovett
117 W. Lovett	108 S. Washington	

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council intends to procure and provide the described public improvement: Downtown Sidewalk Snow Removal. The City Council intends to defray the cost of the above-described public improvement by special assessment against the above described property.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused plans and an estimate of the cost and a report for the above described public improvement to be prepared and made public by the City Manager and the same is on file with the City Clerk and available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Charlotte City Hall Council Chambers, Charlotte, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed public improvement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2016-94 for Downtown Sidewalk Removal – Resolution No. 2 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-89 ETNA SUPPLY INVOICE:

WHEREAS, Section 7.7 (B) of the City Charter requires Council approval for the expenditure of city funds; and

WHEREAS, invoice number S101815798.001 and S101810549.001 from Etna Supply in the amount of \$35,107.73 was included with the claims presented to Council at their June 13, 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this invoice was not approved at that time pending further information; and

WHEREAS, the additional information requested was provided to council as a separate memorandum in the June 27, 2016 council packet;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approve the payment of invoice number S101815798.001 and S101810549.001 from Etna Supply in the amount of \$35,107.73.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution No. 2016-89 Etna Supply Invoice as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. (Johnston, Mitchell, Ridge, Russo, Sanders, Lewis) 1 No. (Bahmer)

F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-90 REGARDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

WHEREAS, Section 7.7 (B) of the City Charter requires Council approval for the expenditure of city funds; and
WHEREAS, the August 5, 2016 payroll totaled \$136,759.56; and
WHEREAS, the August 8, 2016 claims total \$672,696.14;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves claims and accounts for August 8, 2016 in the amount of \$809,455.70.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Sanders to approve Resolution 2016-90 for expenditures of the City for August 8, 2016 as amended. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES –
None.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES –

A. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-92 CHARLOTTE FRONTIER DAYS RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Frontier Days Festival is a community based, organized event that is to be held September 9 through the 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Frontier Days Festival Committee is responsible for organizing events that contribute to community wide fellowship, benevolence, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in conjunction with the Chief of Police and DPW Director, have planned the Charlotte Frontier Days Parade and other events that require use and closure of certain public streets and right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has requested that the Charlotte City Council approve the following requests and conditions:

CLOSURE OF STREETS

1. Closure to through traffic from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016:

West Lovett from Cochran to Bostwick
East Lovett from Cochran to Pleasant
Seminary from Cochran to Pleasant
Krebs Ct. from Cochran to Horatio
Henry from Cochran to Pleasant
Warren from Cochran to Pleasant
Shaw from Cochran to Pleasant
Oliver from Lawrence to Horatio
Horatio from Oliver to Shepherd
Washington from Lawrence to Seminary

With one side of above-mentioned street remaining open for emergency vehicle access.

2. The Committee will provide for street closure signing as per the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices for the above streets, except for Horatio. The city will supply closing signs for Horatio at Shepherd and Lawrence.

3. The Committee requests W. Lovett from Cochran to Bostwick closed on Saturday, September 10, after 6:00 am to 6:00 p.m. for special events.
4. The Committee requests E. Lovett from Cochran to Washington closed on Friday, September 9, after 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. for placement of a “Reviewing Stand” east of the Cochran intersection and for special events.
5. The Committee requests Cochran from Lawrence south to Fourth Street be closed from 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 10, until 1 p.m. Saturday, September 10 for a parade and as approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation Permit.

PARADE – SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

1. The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for placement of the required “NO PARKING” signs at 5:00 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2016, along the parade assembly area as well as Third Street, Fourth Street and the 100 Block of W. Stoddard Street or as designated by the Charlotte Police Department.
2. The Committee will provide parade marshals near the street closure locations to assist with traffic.
3. The Committee requests that the Charlotte Police Department provide assistance for the parade on September 10, and further assistance will be provided by parade marshals, with the route and detour of the parade and time being provided to the Charlotte Police at the earliest opportunity.

4. The Committee will rope the parade route and display “No Parking” signs on the morning of the parade between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. and remove them immediately after the parade.
5. Due to the parade route no parking will be allowed on Third Street, both on the East and West side of the fairgrounds.

OTHER REQUESTS

1. Council gives special approval for the use of Eatran Trolley pickup signs placed in the right-of-way where necessary.
2. The Committee will provide “No Parking” signs for the above streets except for Horatio, which the city will provide the “No Parking” signs.
3. The Committee will provide, for approval, to the Chief of Police, a completed liquor license application for the saloon.
4. Hayes Green Beech Hospital in cooperation with the Committee will organize and hold a “5k Race” on Saturday morning, September 10, 2016. The race will begin in the 200 Block of N. Oliver Street, follow the parade route, circle through Bennett Park and return to finish on Lawrence Avenue near Pleasant Street.
5. That the City Department of Public Works install event signs to be placed in the right of way on S. Cochran South bound, North of Third Street (60” x 18”), North bound South of Third Street (48” x 6”), and North bound, South of tennis court/fairgrounds entrance (60” x 18”).

6. Grant the entire use of Bennett Park, south of the river, for the 18th Century Living Encampment as in the past years and in front of footbridge to history camp. Also include the Battle Creek River for a Rotary Duck Drop and to request use of the pavilion, which was rented for event weekend.
7. The Committee will provide several kids' activities and a petting zoo, at the Eaton County Fairgrounds from September 8 through September 11, 2016.
8. Grant the use of the back entrance into the fairgrounds camping area located adjacent to the waste water treatment plant, for the entrance and exit of campers and their vehicles and for access on and off the grounds Saturday, September 10, during the 5k race and the parade (9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
9. That the following area be designated as "No Parking": All four sides of the 1885 Courthouse block which includes East bound Harris, South bound Cochran, West bound Lawrence, and North bound Bostwick and the North side of 100 and 200 blocks of West Harris, with a portion of N. Bostwick Avenue reserved for handicapped parking. The "No Parking" signs will be placed around the square as coordinated by the Charlotte Police Department and the Arts and Craft Chairman with signing to be provided by the Arts and Crafts Committee.
10. Permission to place arts and crafts in the parkway around Courthouse square boarded by Cochran, Lawrence, Bostwick, and Harris streets under the direction of the

Charlotte Police Department in accordance with a layout map provided.

11. A license will be granted to Charlotte Frontier Days, Inc. to be the designated agent for all solicitor licenses in the City of Charlotte during the Frontier Days Celebration from September 8 through September 11, 2016, per City Code, Chapter 46, and Section 2.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte determine these temporary street closings and other requests are in the best interest of the City.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte may require payment for in kind services to cover the costs of overtime labor and equipment charges used in conjunction with this special event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that these street closures at the specified times and the other requests be granted.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works will provide the requested barricades and signs for street closings and parking.

Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2016-92 Charlotte Frontier Days Resolution as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Hitch stated that he has received a motion to dismiss our lawsuit from counsel for CNI Plastics. He has been working with Bryan Myrkle on the contract

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regarding the artist creation and installation of the sculpture on Lovett Street.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that he has prepared an alternative cash flow scenario as requested by Councilmember Bahmer. He expects to present a list of streets proposed for mill-and-resurface projects at the next meeting. He reported that CARA is working on a couple of different ideas concerning the projected deficit. He had received word from the company that has been in litigation with Owens-Illinois and it appears they are reaching an agreement. He reported that the north stairwell project is near completion as well as the security enhancements in the main office area. Closing for the 108 & 110 E. Lawrence property is set for August 10, 2016. Camp Frances has planned an open house for Saturday, August 27th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that there will be a Recreation Co-op meeting on August 11, 2016, 7 PM at Carmel Township.
- Councilmember Bahmer reported there will be a Planning Commission meeting August 9, 2016 to discuss Food Trucks.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders reported that there was an Airport Advisory meeting on July 26th. He stated that they are working on a lot of projects. The old hangar has been removed and cleaned up. There were 791 people who attended the Fly-In. There are a couple of vacancies for city residents on the airport board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, thanked the public for passing the library millage which shows the importance of this institution in our community. He thanked City Clerk Terpstra and staff for the work on the election and mentioned how well the election went. He stated that the Clerk had made some changes at the West Side Fire Station precincts in an attempt to help accommodate voters in the November election.

Don Sovey, 106 Kensington Ct., stated that the council should take advantage of training for new members. He encouraged use of the MML Handbook for reference.

Joe Pray, 316 W. Seminary, thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders for his report on the airport. He stated that the Airport Advisory committee will be working on their update for 2017. He encouraged everyone interested in the airport to ask questions and get involved. He applauded councilmembers for their zeal to solve problems. He cautioned not to become over zealous and not work within their confines. He encouraged councilmembers to take advantage of the MML training available.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for coming out.
- Councilmember Bahmer explained that the council training fund budgeted amount is the same as last fiscal year. He explained that the budget amendments were discussed in the beginning of the budget process and that they went through two readings before being passed.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she has learned a lot over the past few years on city council. She stated that she relies on city staff to answer questions. She does not feel that it is appropriate to bring employee issues to the council as they

have a right to privacy. She stated that policies can always be improved. She encouraged everyone to support Charlotte Rising and see what they are doing. She encouraged everyone to become a positive force for the City. She stated that negativity on the council is an embarrassment.

- Councilmember Russo stated that he feels that last meetings special presentation was a character assassination. He asked that an item be placed on the next agenda to discuss council's involvement in hiring and firing of employees. He announced the Eaton County Humane Society Annual Golf outing to be held on Saturday, August 20 at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, MI.
- Mayor Lewis stated that he had placed Mr. Sovey on the previous agenda as Mr. Sovey had requested. He thanked Councilmember Sanders for his report on the Airport. He commented on the smooth election as it is a long day for all workers and it went very smoothly.

Councilmember Ridge moved, second by Mitchell to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No

Mayor Tim Lewis

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC