

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 07, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Monday March 07, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members Dyer, Rodriguez, Van Langevelde, and Horvath. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were City Manager LaPere and City Clerk LaRocque.

**INVOCATION:**

Jack Conklin, Lawrence Ave. Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Mayor Armitage

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to approved the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Councilmember Lake

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to Excuse absence of councilman Lake. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Connie Braden of S. Washington St. requested pothole repair to the crosswalk at the intersection of Seminary and Washington

Streets. Still damage remaining from recent repairs. Also offered suggestions for improving intersection of Packard and Lansing. Mayor to convey suggestion to the Eaton County Road Comm.

Representative Witwer (Zoom, Lansing, Michigan) Status updates given on HB 5260 a bill to amend the Michigan Vehicle Code; HB 4563 amends the parole board review process to allow up to 5-year deferment of yearly parole review intended to help victims of crime and HB 4348 a bill to lower prescription drug costs. Season Inspirations Gift Shop, Charlotte Mi was Awarded as Small Business of the Month. Small business grant relief program due date is tomorrow, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council member Van Langevelde requested Consent Agenda item b be moved to Business Agenda item c. Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda with the noted change. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of claims and expenditures totaling \$226,745.47
- b. Item moved to business agenda – item c.
- c. Resolution 2022-03 Supporting MDARD Grant Application by Fair Board
- d. Approval of Contract for Salt Purchase with State of Michigan (MIDeal)

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to approve the Consent agenda items a, c, and d. Carried by unanimous roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**BUSINESS AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of Utility Pole Replacement Contract with Ranck Electric.

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve the contract with Ranck Electric. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

- b. Resolution 2022-04 Main Street Vibrancy Grant Program.

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve Resolution 2022-04. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

- c. Approval of Contract for Janitorial Services with Capital City Janitorial LLC

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve the contract with Capital City Janitorial LLC. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. City Attorney report was received from Hitch.
- b. City Manager report was received, LaPere noted HB 5054 – Municipal Pension Debt Relief Program grant, Code Enforcement update, City Beat/E-Newsletter online, grant opportunity for local business, State assistance programs and Rave Alerts.
- c. Fire Chief January 2022 report was received

- d. Councilmember Committee Reports, No reports

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Connie Braden returned to podium to thank the city for the actions on the Oliver Street home and wondered about plans for the old High School.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Van Langevelde; Wondered whether a grant from LEAP could be used in regards to the old high school (LaPere and Myrkle in discussion with owner about this and other options). Thanked the firefighters and volunteer firefighters for Wednesday’s meeting and offered sympathy for loss of community member Jeremy Droscha and commended the community on their loving and giving demeanor.

Rodriguez; Is concerned about home owners who don’t live in Charlotte and will gather more information on multi dwelling homes, will speak with Amy about his concerns with the patching and fixing of roads and appeals to residents to reach out to your neighbor, love your neighbor.

Weissenborn; Thanked Fire Dept for dealing with the many issues they faced recently and thanked the Library Board for their programs and enjoyed recently the presentation by author Rod Sadler.

Dyer; No comments

Horvath; Thanked all attendees and inquired on status of RFP for the grant writer. LaPere working on it.

Armitage; No comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Dyer, supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

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Mayor Armitage

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Mary LaRocque, City Clerk