

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**January 17, 2023 - DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Tuesday January 17, 2023, 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

In the audience; Community Development Director Myrkle, Fire Lieutenant Fullerton, Fire Captain Daly, and Police Chief Brentar.

**INVOCATION:**

~~Tom Surdenik, New Faith Church of the Nazarene (absent)~~

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Mayor Armitage

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. January 03, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. January 12, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

**Motion** by Chin supported by Duweck to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

All present

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comment

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Request by Chin to move Consent Agenda d to Business Agenda; request by Rodriguez to move Consent Agenda c to Business Agenda.

**Motion** by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to approve the agenda with requested changes. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$368,396.46
- b. Approval of Fairgrounds Events for 2023
- ~~c. Approval of interlocal agreement for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Regional SCBA Application (business a)~~
- ~~d. Receive and file elected official's salary determination by Local Officers Compensation Commission (business b)~~

**Motion** by Chin supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda items a and b. Carried by roll call vote. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- a. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Schedule

Presentation given by Lieutenant Fullerton providing Council with an outlay of the Charlotte Fire Department vehicle fleet with purposes, station location, ages, and projected

replacement dates. Fullerton also presented the CFD annual report highlights and answered council questions.

**BUSINESS AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of interlocal agreement for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Regional SCBA Application

**Motion** by Dyer supported by Duweck approve the interlocal agreement for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant, regional SCBA application. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- b. Receive and file elected official’s salary determination by Local Officers Compensation Commission.

Council cannot amend the recommendation. The options are they accept and file the recommendation with the City Clerk or Council rejects, by way of resolution requiring 2/3 vote of council to pass (the rejection). If rejected, the existing policy will remain in effect until 2025 when the LOCC meets again.

Duweck opposes the recommendation and after discussion, Dyer requested the discussion to be tabled to the next council meeting but later placed the item back on the table at Armitage’s urging, to avoid the possibility of missing the rejection deadline if delayed.

**Motion** by Duweck, supported by Dyer to reject, by Council Resolution, the 2023 LOCC recommendation. Failed by roll call vote; Yea 1 (Duweck) Nay 6 (Van Langevelde, Dyer, Chin, Rodriguez, Weissenborn, Armitage); Absent 0

- c. Consider award of bid to conduct grit chamber maintenance work.

**Motion** by Dyer, Supported by Van Langevelde to approve the grit chamber maintenance bid to KSB Supply in the amount of \$17,426.00. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- d. Consider approval of well pump repairs by Peerless Midwest, Inc.

**Motion** by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve well pump repairs by Peerless Midwest, Inc. in the amount of 54,546.49 with budgeted funds and the overage of \$40,414.49 to come from the reserves in the Water and Sewer Fund. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- e. Authorize City Manager to sign Letter of Intent for proposed land sale at Combs Industrial Park

**Motion** by Chin supported by Van Langevelde to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Intent for sale of land at Combs Industrial Park. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 1 (Rodriguez); Absent 0

- f. Conduct first reading of Ordinance 2023-01 to amend Section 66-31 of Chapter 66 – Traffic and Vehicle’s – Article II Michigan Vehicle Code

**Motion** by Van Langevelde supported by Dyer to approve a public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 at the February 06, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- g. Discussion on 2023 Council Priorities

Dyer requested discussion on 2023 council priorities to be tabled until the February 15 Workshop meeting and asked for Council members to submit a list of their priorities to City Manager LaPere to compile and distribute back to Council in a report prior to the workshop meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. City Attorney report was received

No additional comments by Gillies.

- b. City Manager report was received

No additional comments by LaPere

- c. Council member Committee Reports

No additional comments by Council

- d. Planning Commission Annual Report was received
- e. 2022 Fire Department Annual Report was received

Comments given earlier by Lt. Fullerton after the special presentation report.

- f. December 2022 Police Department Report

Brentar provided a statistical monthly report and an accompanying report to give context to the statistical report. This report provides highlights on departmental training, operational details and public outreach events occurring within the month. The main highlight presented by Brentar was that Det. Poortvliet obtained a confession resulting in the arrest of an individual who was then charged with 3 counts of criminal sexual conduct with a person under the age of 13. The suspect was residing in Marquette where Poortvliet drove to interview the subject. The subject was transported back to Charlotte, where the crime was committed, and is incarcerated at the Eaton County Jail where he awaits trial.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Chin – Thanked City Manager LaPere for inviting him to attend and witness the Volunteer Firefighter meeting with a candidate for Fire Chief. He expounded on an idea of installing a Public Safety Director and discussion ensued with Council about how that may, or may not work here in Charlotte.

Duweck – No comment

Dyer – Announced Terrance Augustine was elected to Chairman of the EATRAN board

Weissenborn – No comment

Van Langevelde – No comment

Armitage – Appreciated the equipment tour of the Charlotte Fire Department given by Lt. Fullerton and Capt. Daly before the meeting. He thanked (State Rep) Witwer who spearheaded the fire equipment grant funding received by the State and he mentioned meeting Charlotte’s District 7 representative Elissa Slotkin.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Pursuant to 15.268 Sec. 8. (1) (a) to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager

**Motion** by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to take a 10-minute break and recess into closed session beginning at 9:15 p.m. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

**Motion** by Dyer supported by Armitage to reconvene to open session at 10:38 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 1

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion** by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

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Mayor Michael Armitage

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Mary LaRocque, City Clerk